

FROM THE DIARY

SUNDAY 12th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6pm Sat	<i>Ivy Fernandes (RIP)</i>
	7.45am	<i>Brian Ellis (Ann)</i>
	9am	<i>Peter Maguire (Ann)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Thomas Kenny (RIP)</i>
	12noon	<i>Caterina & Ignazio Di Maria (Ann)</i>
Monday 13th July Feria	9.30am	<i>Isabel Almeida (RIP)</i>
	7.30pm	Bible Course 7 (Large Hall)
Tuesday 14th July Feria	9.30am	<i>Carmen Merola (Ann)</i>
Wednesday 15th July SAINT BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	9.30am	<i>Norah Kelly (Ann)</i>
	5-7pm	FHC Registration
	7.30-8.30pm	Confirmation Registration
Thursday 16th July Feria	9.30am	<i>António Simões Ferreira (Ann)</i>
	3.10pm	Legion of Mary (Newman Room)
Friday 17th July Feria	9.30am	<i>Camillo Rato (Ann)</i>
	11.30am	Funeral of Caterina Tossut RIP
Saturday 18th July Feria	9.30am	<i>Kathleen Lynchehan (Ann)</i>
SUNDAY 19th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6pm Sat	<i>Elizabeth & Matthew Reynolds (Ann)</i>
	7.45am	<i>Roy Leonard Ellis (Ann)</i>
	9am	<i>KSC Mass for Sick & Deceased Brothers</i>
	10.30am	<i>Judy Linnane (RIP)</i>
	12noon	<i>Deceased members of the Abrami & Oragano Families</i>

MASS TIMES

Sunday (Sat 6pm), 7.45am, 9am, 10.30am, 12noon. Mon-Sat : 9.30am

Morning Prayer: Weekdays 9.10 am Rosary: Weekdays after Mass & Sat 9.10am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Mon-Fri 2-3pm (except Bank Hol)

Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays after 9.30am Mass until 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 10.15-10.45am 5.15pm- 5.45pm

St Monica's Church, Palmers Green

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

Readings	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	12th July,
<i>Parish Mass Bk</i>	'A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW.'	2026
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Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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PARISH NOTICES

We pray for all those who have died recently: Christine McHugh, Krystyna Szajewicz, Vera Murtagh, Finnuala Quinlan– Bennett, Frances Lucy Kelly, Dr Raphael Irechukwu, Caterina Tossut, Eileen Thomas, Christina Joseph and **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Johanna Molloy, Celia Tippings, Patricia Coomber, Francis Bradley, Isabel Mitchell, Giovanni Filippi, Carmen Merola, Patrick Purcell, Giovanna Ferdenzi and Kathleen Lynchehan. **We also pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners especially:** John Kennedy, Victor Neculai, Theresa O’Rielly, Sylvia, Richard Pople, Lydia Meniano, Doreen Matthew, Marie Herry, Ronnie Lynch, Ronald Walner, Jim Ball, Sandy Philbin and **those in our care homes:** Anastasia Lodge, The Beaumont, Brookwater House, The Conifers, The Hollies, Queen Ann Care Home, Amberley House and The Woodlands **and hospitals:** North Middlesex and Chase Farm.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 55: 10-11, Rom 8: 18-23,
Matt 13: 1-23

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Wis 12: 13, 16-19, Rom 8: 26-27,
Matt 13: 24-43

TODAY

Retiring collection today is for **Stella Maris**, the largest ship-visiting Mission network in the world, working to improve the lives of sea workers. Envelopes at the back of the church, you can also scan the QR code on the poster in the porch. Thank you for your generosity.

SUMMER BREAK

We wish all our parishioners, children, teenagers, university students and teaching staff in our Schools and at St Monica’s a restful and peaceful summer. To all who are travelling this summer we pray for your safe passage.

Refreshments in the Newman Room after 9am & 10.30am Masses provided by the Scouts. Thank you for your support.

Coffee Mornings After Mass During August/September would you like to serve tea, coffee and cake after 9am and 10.30am Masses to raise funds for charity. Contact the office for more information and dates.

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to Lauren and Michael who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage here yesterday.

Baptism Preparation Course: Our next course is in September. Please speak to one of the priests if you are seeking baptism for your child.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE SACRAMENTS

For parishioners registered and attending St Monica’s Church, come and meet Fr Mehall in the Newman Room on Wednesday 15th July (**last date**). Booking links are below or scan the QR Code in the church porch.

Children not at Catholic Primary School* and currently in year 1 or above are to register for Saturday Catechism.

First Holy Communion in 2027* for children at a Catholic Primary School currently in year 2 or above, or who have completed the Saturday Catechism course this year.

*Book between 5-7pm
[First Holy Communion / Catechism applications : appointment with Fr Mehall – Fill in form](#)

Confirmation in 2027. Young people currently in Year 9 or above to come and meet Fr Mehall (groups of 5 max.). Book between 7.30-8.30pm using [Confirmation applications : appointment with Fr Mehall – Fill in form.](#)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Bible Course Session 7. Monday 13th July at 7.30pm to 9pm in the large hall.

Prayer Petitions for Lourdes. Will be taken by Anna and Jeff to the Grotto during the

Diocesan pilgrimage. Post your petitions into the office by 14th July. Please do NOT include any money.

NEXT WEEKEND

St Joseph’s Saturday Club: scheduled for 18th July has been cancelled because Caritas St Joseph’s have a BBQ. The next meet up will be Saturday 19th September. The Club is for people with disabilities, and their families. All are welcome. Please contact the office if you would like to find out more/volunteer.

The Children’s Choir next sings at the 6pm Mass on Saturday 18th July. They will then break for the summer holidays and return in September.

PARISH GROUPS

St Monica’s Walking Group. Muswell Hill railway walk to Alexandra Palace. Meet: Wednesday 15th July OUTSIDE Wood Green tube station at 10:30. We will walk along the span of the seventeen-arch viaduct over St. James’s Lane leading into Alexandra Park, where we visit Alexandra Palace Garden Centre.

HOLY WATER FONT

We have acquired a new Holy Water Font. The cost for this was £1,362.40. Any donations towards the cost are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

OTHER

Come and See. Meeting on **Tuesday 21st July at 7.30pm** for any adults who are considering seeking baptism, confirmation or full communion with the Catholic Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) runs from September through to Easter, and this meeting is an introduction for anyone who might be interested in participating in that course in the autumn. Please speak to Fr Mehall, Fr Sean, or contact the office if you’d like to attend.

CAFOD Venezuela Earthquake Appeal. We can help our neighbours affected by the 24th June earthquakes with emergency shelter, water and food. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal: cafod.org.uk/

[Venezuela](#). Please keep our neighbours in your prayers.

Walsingham Pilgrimage. The 10th Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine at Walsingham will take place on Saturday 19th September. More information to follow.

CAFOD Campaign - Debt Crisis. Building on the support generated by the campaign *Cancel The Debt* in 2025, the UK government is urged to use its presidency of the G20 next year to ensure private lenders can’t make huge profits from countries in debt crisis, and to fix the debt system. See poster & letter from Cardinal Stephen of South Sudan in the porch. You can sign the Petition online at <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign> or via the QR code on the poster, or after the Sunday Masses on 19th July.

The St John Bosco Children’s Camp, Brentwood. This is a activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs for two weeks each summer for boys and girls. Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. Week One 25th July – 1st August or Week Two 1st – 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, Aqua Park visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>.

FINANCE

75% of weekly offerings are now by standing order. **January to March 2026 quarterly income/expenditure summary** is displayed in the porch. Thank you for your continued generosity. **To Donate Bank Transfer please use the following HSBC bank details:** Sort Code: **40-05-20;** A/c no: **41096176;** A/c name:



WRCDT Palmers Green. If you pay income tax, click on the [gift aid form](#) to complete & return. Thank you.

FINANCE

DONACONTACTLESS MACHINES. (Contactless Giving) If you would like to donate by card we have two DONA machines and the **QR Code** on the newsletter. Machines are located in the church porch and in the parish office. For example: donations can be made for: **Sunday Collection; Votive Candles; Repository** purchases; and for **Mass Offerings**. Please select the option you want and then the amount you wish to donate. If you require assistance using the machine or the QR code then please ask any member of the parish team who will be happy to help you. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

MARRIAGE

Marriage Care. Volunteer Relationship Counsellors. Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation offering relationship support. We are looking for empathetic individuals committed to supporting adult relationships to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and to volunteer with us to make a real difference to couples and families. There are costs associated with training on our CRC, but no one is excluded on the basis of their ability to pay. Find out more by visiting: www.marriagecare.org.uk or emailing: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

Marriage Care provides a relationship counselling service for couples when life gets tough and it is hard to find a positive solution. www.marriagecare.org.uk/

TEL: 0800 389 3801 <https://rcdow.org.uk/marriage-and-family-life/news/sea-glass---beauty-from-brokenness-1/>

CHARITY

St. Monica's Church Foodbank. Since the beginning of the year we have seen a 45% increase in the number of households we are helping. Add to this the current cost of living crisis and it is proving increasingly difficult to keep up with demand. We have had to restrict who we can help to those who live in the borough of Enfield or within 3 miles of the church hall. **More than ever we need your help to support neighbours who are struggling. You can do this by making a financial donation to parish bank account (see bank details below) using reference "food distribution". Or you could donate food to us directly on a Monday morning at the church hall.** Items like cheese; eggs; tins of corn beef; ham; long life milk; tea; coffee; cooking oil; washing up liquid; and toiletries would be most welcome.

RETREATS and PILGRIMAGES

Banneux ND GB Pilgrimages 2026. Banneux ND GB Pilgrimages invite you to join our pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Banneux, Belgium, a major Catholic Marian pilgrimage site. It marks the spot where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared eight times between 15th January and 2nd March, 1933, to an 11-year-old girl, Mariette Beco, calling herself the "Virgin of the Poor". During the visions, Mary indicated a stream, stating, "This spring is reserved for all nations to relieve the sick". The shrine was officially approved by the Roman Catholic Church in 1949 and was famously visited by Pope John Paul II in 1985. We will be travelling by luxury coach on the 12th August and returning on the 18th August. A full program of daily Holy Mass, Rosary, Talks, Divine Mercy devotions is available and a day trip to

Beauraing, another Marian apparition site is included in the price. Hotel and full board included. Pls call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information.

Pilgrimage to Italy. 1st September to 10th September 2026, closing date 23rd June 2026. Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome. Fr Sean is planning a Parish Pilgrimage to Rome 9th to 13th November. There are still some places available. Please email parish office on palmersgreen@rcdow.org.uk

SCHOOLS

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School: Vacancy for Administrative Assistant applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk. Closing date Monday 6th July 9am.

VACANCIES

Diocese Vacancies, for further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>.

OTHER

New Website. We have recently gone live with a new website. We would welcome your comments and if you have any difficulties please let us know.

Knights of St Columba. Are you interested in joining the Knights of St Columba? If you are male, over the age of 16 and a practising Catholic you are eligible to join. Please contact Kevin Donnelly on 0208 364 1721/07484 134848 or see our website: <https://www.ksc.org.uk>

MISSIO Red Box: If you are interested in having a Red Box at home then please collect one from the porch. Every little penny helps. Thank you.

Dads Hub. A brand new fathers' weekly group. A place for men to come and help with their mental, physical health and create a community. For more information contact: dadshub@northsideyouth.co.uk. See poster in porch.

Caritas Westminster is offering free online training for parishioners who want to volunteer and support people in their local community facing unemployment or financial hardship. More details here <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/financial-resilience-training-for-volunteers/>. Make a real difference in someone's life.

Musicians Summer Conference. 'One heart, one voice'. National Network of Pastoral Musicians Conference 24th-26th July. Highgate House Northamptonshire NN6 8NN. For more information from: jburrige@me.com. To book please see link: https://nnpm.org/NNPM_%28current%29/2026_Conference.html

N14 Tutoring Services. Retired headteacher and former class teacher with thirty years' experience. Having worked in primary schools across Enfield, Barnet, Haringey and Hertfordshire mainly across Key Stage 2. I have also successfully prepared children for KS 2 SATS and 11+ Entrance Exam and hold an enhanced DBS certificate. Please make an enquiry by contacting Charlie via email at: charlie@n14tutoring.co.uk or visit the website at www.n14tutoringservices.co.uk. Please also see poster in porch. *(authenticity and clarification rest with those who engage these services, not the responsibility of St Monica's parish)*