

FROM THE DIARY

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>
Monday 20th July Feria	9.30am	<i>Sister Joyce (Int)</i>
	11.00 am	<i>Xavier Fernandes (Ann)</i>
	7.30pm	<i>Bible Course 8 (Large Hall)</i>
	8.00pm	<i>KSC Meeting (Small Hall)</i>
Tuesday 21st July Feria	9.30am	<i>Mary Power (RIP)</i>
	11.30am	Funeral of Vera (Brigid) Murtagh RIP
	7.30pm-	<i>Come & See Meeting (Newman Room)</i>
	8.30pm	
Wednesday 22nd July SAINT MARY MAGDALENE	9.30am	<i>Gillian Kilkenny (RIP)</i>
	11.30am	Funeral of Frances Lucy Kelly RIP
Thursday 23rd July SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	9.30am	<i>Judy Linnane (RIP)</i>
	11.30am	Funeral of Christine McHugh RIP
	3.10pm	<i>Legion of Mary (Newman Room)</i>
Friday 24th July Feria	9.30am	<i>Patrick Joseph Bell (RIP)</i>
Saturday 25th July SAINT JAMES, Apostle	9.30am	<i>Laura O'Mahen (RIP)</i>
		<i>Hans Jorg Sidon (RIP)</i>
SUNDAY 26th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>*Young Adults (18-35 after 10.30am Mass (Small Hall))</i>	6pm Sat	<i>Mary & Tim O'Connor (Ann)</i>
	7.45am	<i>Cecilia & John Cawston (Ann)</i>
	9am	<i>Judy Linnane (RIP)</i>
	10.30am*	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	12noon	<i>Agnes & Aiden Fitzsimons (Ann)</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	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	19th July,
<i>Parish Mass Bk Pg. 105</i>	'LET BOTH GROW TOGETHER UNTIL THE HARVEST.'	2026

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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PARISH NOTICES

We pray for all those who have died recently: Frank Abrami, Christine McHugh, Krystyna Szajewicz, Vera Murtagh, Finnuala Quinlan– Bennett, Frances Lucy Kelly, Eileen Thomas, Christina Joseph and **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Patrick Purcell, Giovanna Ferdenzi, Kathleen Lynchehan, Neville Clarke, Anna Beschizza, Alfredo Gloria, Xavier Fernandes, Terence Gueizelar, Jacqueline Reeks, Kathleen Cronley, Pino Repetti, Elizabeth Haughey, Dino Stratta, Teresa Bernardone, Hugh McGhie, Thomas Noone, Rita Ferdenzi, Louis Appiah, Aiden Fitzsimons and Tony Hawes. **We also pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners especially:** Paul Whitfield, Philomena Cole, 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

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1 Kings 3: 5-6a, 7-12, Rom 8: 28-30,
Matt 13: 44-52

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.

TODAY

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 Masses today.

Thank you to the Children's Choir who sang at the Saturday evening Mass. This will be their last one until September.

Would you like to sing with the Children's Choir? For those in Year 4 or above.

The Choir rehearse and sing once a month at Saturday evening Mass. There are registration forms at the back of the Church or please contact the parish office.

Refreshments in the Newman Room after 9am & 10.30am Masses provided by the Knights of St Columba. 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

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

THANK YOU

Thank you for your support with our Stella Maris collection last weekend, £937.69 was raised.

A huge thank you for all the love and support from St. Monica's congregation for supporting the Scouts refreshments last weekend. £113.00 was raised towards 20th Southgate Scouts sailing trip to Ireland! They are sailing for one week across the Irish Sea!

For more information to join Scouts please email: 20thsouthgatescouts@gmail.com

DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

The 10th Diocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham will take place on Saturday 19th September. Tickets are now available from Sister Joyce at £35.00 per passenger on the St Monica's coach. Please feel welcome to come, pray and enjoy.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Bible Course Session 8. Monday 20th July at 7.30pm to 9pm in the large hall. This is the last session.

Come and See. 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.

NEXT WEEKEND

Young Adults (18-35) meeting up after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 26th July (Small Hall). If you are aged 18-35 then please come and join us.

6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 26th July. The theme chosen by Pope Leo "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15) – reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age. Since its creation in 2021, this day for Grandparents and the Elderly has grown into a cherished tradition that teaches our communities to truly value the elderly, not through occasional gestures, but as a permanent, central part of our lives.

OTHER

'Reduce Food Waste' Competition. Skylar Johnstone from St Monica's school has won the Children's competition. Congratulations Skylar!

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.

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>.

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.

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 and Family Ministry Coordinator. Please see the links below which provide a simple format for couples to feed their relationship, and to sign-post movements that support the journey.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/chair-marriage-care-on-the-ingredients-for-a-strong-relationship/>

Marriage: the grace of the present moment <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/marriage-the-grace-of-the-present-moment/>

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

Bannneux ND GB Pilgrimages 2026. Bannneux 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 palmergreen@rcdow.org.uk

VACANCIES

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

SCHOOLS

Bishop Douglass Open Evening. Families with children looking ahead to secondary school are warmly invited to attend the Open Evening taking place at Bishop Douglass on Wednesday 16th September, from 5-7.30pm. Please visit their website for more information and to sign up.

OTHER

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.

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)*