

FROM THE DIARY

SUNDAY 5th July FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6pm Sat 7.45am 9am 10.30am 12noon 3-5pm	<i>Ranee & George Canjemanaden (Ann)</i> <i>Nellie Harrington & Eileen Cronin (Ann)</i> <i>Maria & Lido Zuccolini (RIP)</i> <i>Pat Lynch & Family Members (Ann)</i> <i>Padraic Campbell (Ann)</i> Baptism Preparation Course (Newman Room)
Monday 6th July Feria	9.30am 7.30pm	<i>Ritinha Henriques (RIP)</i> Bible Course (6) (Large Hall)
Tuesday 7th July Feria	9.30am	<i>Judy Linnane (RIP)</i>
Wednesday 8th July Feria	9.30am	<i>Tony McCarthy (Ann)</i>
Thursday 9th July Feria	9.30am 11.30am 3.10pm	<i>David Ahern (Ann)</i> <i>Elizabeth Driscoll (Ann)</i> Funeral of John Fergus RIP Legion of Mary (Newman Room)
Friday 10th July Feria	9.30am 7.30-9.30pm	<i>Dante Sidoli (RIP)</i> Enfield Deanery Young Adults Adoration (Newman Room)
Saturday 11th July SAINT BENEDICT, Abbot, Patron of Europe	9.30am 1.00pm	<i>Jerry Keane (Ann)</i> Wedding of Lauren Chamberlain & Michael Wilson
SUNDAY 12th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6pm Sat 7.45am 9am 10.30am 12noon	<i>Ivy Fernandes (RIP)</i> <i>Brian Ellis (Ann)</i> <i>Peter Maguire (Ann)</i> <i>Thomas Kenny (RIP)</i> <i>Caterina & Ignazio Di Maria (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

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'I AM GENTLE AND LOWLY IN HEART.'		

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

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PARISH NOTICES

We pray for all those who have died recently: Krystyna Szajewicz, Vera Murtagh, Finnuala Quinlan– Bennett, Frances Lucy Kelly, Dr Raphael Irechukwu, John Fergus, Caterina Tossut, Eileen Thomas, Christina Joseph and **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Dorothy Molinari, Annunziata Cuomo, Oreste Ranaldi, Christina Ryan, Bridget (Agnes) Fitzsimons, Padraic Campbell, Clara Daly, Merna Brissett, Pauline Lynch, Guy Berichon, Erika Stansfield, Patrick O’Riordan, Lidia Kocel, Eileen Witcombe, Antonio Parente, Maureen Marteau, Jerry Keane, Luigi Gatto, Caetano Saldanha, Yvonne Kelly, Johanna Molloy, Celia Tippings and Patricia Coomber. **We also pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners especially:** Victor Neulai, 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

Zech 9: 9-10, Rom 8: 9, 11-13,
Matt 11: 25-30

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

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

TODAY

CAFOD Venezuela Earthquake Appeal.

We can help our neighbours affected by the 24th June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.

Baptism Preparation Course: 3-5pm today in the Newman Room. Please speak to one of the priests if you are seeking baptism for your child.

Refreshments in the Newman Room after 9am & 10.30am Masses.

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.

Congratulations to Francis, Luca, Giorgio, Gabriela, Ciaran, Godwin, Wivina, Elsie and Orrin who were baptised yesterday. We welcome them into God’s family and our parish community.

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.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE SACRAMENTS

For parishioners registered and attending St Monica’s Church, come and meet Fr Mehall in the Newman Room. 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](#).

Extra date added for Wednesday 15th July.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Bible Course Session 6. Monday 6th July at 7.30pm to 9pm in the large hall.

Enfield Deanery Young Adults Adoration & Social (18-35) Friday 10th July, 7.30-9.30pm at St Monica’s, Palmers Green. For more info email annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk

NEXT WEEKEND

The retiring collection next weekend will be for **Stella Maris**, the largest ship-visiting network in the world who work to improve the lives of seafarers and fishers.

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. The trail leads into Alexandra Park, where we visit Alexandra Palace Garden Centre.

Competition Time! The Common Home Group are organising a Children’s Competition for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Could you compose a prayer, write a poem or draw a picture with a message to "Reduce Food Waste". Hand in your entry to Anna McMullan. Closing date 10th July. Winners announced at the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 12th July.

THANK YOU

Thank you, £841.84 was raised last weekend for Day For Life.

OTHER

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Fr Stephen Wang as the new Bishop of the

Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. Ordained to the priesthood on 3rd January 1998, Fr Wang has spent the last five years as Rector of the Venerable English College, one of two English and Welsh seminaries in Rome training men for the priesthood.

Come and See. There will be 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 come.

Diocese of Westminster, Agency for Evangelisation. Continuing the Journey. Supporting new adult Catholics along the way. They have a series of events coming up. Email: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

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

Prayers Petitions to 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.

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

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)*

SCHOOLS

St Monica's Catholic Primary School is in the unusual position of having one or two spaces in Reception and Year 4. If you think you may be interested in visiting the school with a view to applying for a place, please contact the school office.

St Monica's 6th Palmers Green Guides and Brownies. Brownies are girls between the ages of 7 and 10 years old. **Meet:** St Monica's Scout/Guide HQ, Cannon Road N14 7HE. Wednesdays 6.30pm till 8pm term time only. There is a waiting list so it is important to register your daughter as early as possible. Please register at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child>, select 6th Palmers Green Brownies. Once registered a leader will be in contact with you.

Piano and Violin Tutor. Open to all ages and abilities. Message 07583574818 or via email oliveraston1@gmail.com to start/continue your musical journey!