

FROM THE DIARY

SUNDAY 9TH August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6pm Sat	<i>Tom Kilcommons (Ann)</i>
	7.45am	<i>Juliet Salva (Int)</i>
	9am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	10.30am	<i>Noel Rowan (Int)</i>
	12noon	<i>Judy Linnane (RIP)</i>
Monday 10th August SAINT LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr	9.30am	<i>Ranee & George Canjemanaden (RIP)</i> <i>Edmund & Charlotte Burke (RIP)</i>
Tuesday 11th August Saint Clare, Virgin	9.30am	<i>Agostino Torre (RIP)</i>
Wednesday 12th August Feria	9.30am	<i>Joe Griffin (RIP)</i>
Thursday 13th August Feria	9.30am 3.10pm	<i>Dulcie Soares (Ann)</i> Legion of Mary (Newman Room)
Friday 14th August Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr	9.30am	<i>Rose Cooper, May Shaw, Angela Whittaker (Ann)</i>
Saturday 15th August Feria	9.30am	<i>Nora Clancy (Ann)</i>
SUNDAY 16TH August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	6pm Sat	<i>Mary Coughlan (Int)</i>
	7.45am	<i>Mary Landucci (Int)</i>
	9am	<i>Ritinha, Sidonio & Brian Henriques (RIP)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Michael Tzouvanni (Ann)</i>
	12noon	<i>Luigi Azzali (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	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9th
<i>Parish Mass Bk</i>	'COMMAND ME TO COME TO YOU ON THE WATER.'	August,
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History of The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham - Beginnings. The Lady Richeldis was a holy woman with a great love of the Mother of God. She asked Our Lady for a way to honour her, and it was from this desire in her heart that the events of Walsingham unfolded. Richeldis was not a visionary like the children in Lourdes and Fatima. She was a woman of faith, she pondered, meditated and prayed. In answer to her prayer, the Virgin Mary led her in spirit to Nazareth, showed her the House of the Annunciation where the Angel greeted Mary, and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham as a perpetual memorial of the Annunciation. The Holy House was built and a religious community took charge of the foundation. Although we have very little historical material from this period, we know that with papal approval the Augustinian Canons built a Priory (c 1150). Walsingham became one of the greatest Shrines in Medieval Christendom. Walsingham is therefore a Marian Shrine of the Incarnation, a place of pilgrimage for all who would rejoice with Mary at "the great joy of the Annunciation."

After The Reformation. In 1538, the Reformation caused the Priory property to be handed over to the King's Commissioners and the famous statue of Our Lady of Walsingham was taken to London and burnt. Nothing remains today of the original shrine, but its site is marked on the lawn in "The Abbey Grounds" in the village.

Slipper Chapel is Restored. In 1896 Charlotte Pearson Boyd purchased the 14th century Slipper Chapel, the last of the wayside chapels en-route to Walsingham, and restored it for Catholic use.

Pilgrimages Begin Again in 1897. The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, brought the first public pilgrimage to Walsingham on 20th August, 1897. Visits to the Slipper Chapel became more frequent, and as the years passed devotion and the number of pilgrimages increased.

Slipper Chapel Declared The National Shrine of Our Lady for Catholics in England in 1934. On 19th August 1934, Cardinal Bourne and Bishop Lawrence Youens led the Bishops of England and Wales, together with 10,000 pilgrims to the Slipper Chapel. At this pilgrimage, the Slipper Chapel was declared to be the National Shrine of Our Lady for Roman Catholics in England.

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Parish Office hours: 9.30am-2pm Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri (closed Wed & Bk Hols)

PARISH NOTICES

We pray for all those who have died recently: Helen Elmes, Frank Abrami and **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Bruno Sesenna, Thomas Kilcommons Misia Gavriel, Donald Gayer, Tony Ruocco, David Owens, Harry Griffiths, Dennis Wells, Des Cole, Francisco Range, Mark Winters, Michael Tzouvanni and Franco Ferraro. **We also pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners especially:** Paul Whitfield, Philomena Cole, John Kennedy, Victor Neculai, 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

1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a, Rom 9: 1-5, Matt 14: 22-33

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Rev 11: 19a, 12: 1-6a, 10ab, 1 Cor 15: 20-27, Luke 1: 39-56

TODAY

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

Coffee Mornings After Mass. Fundraising opportunity. Would you like to serve tea, coffee and cake after 9am and 10.30am Masses to raise funds for charity. **We have a number of Sunday's available during August and September.** Please contact the office for more information. Thank you to those who keep this important part of our parish mission going throughout the year.

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to David Cockshaw who was baptised yesterday. We welcome him into God's family.

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Church Cleaning. Thursday 13th August after the Rosary. During this holiday period we would appreciate more help. Do come along on Thursday if you are able to. Thank you to all who help each week.

PARISH GROUPS

Would you like to sing with the Children's Choir? For those in Year 4 or above. We rehearse and sing once a month at Saturday evening Mass. There are registration forms at the back of the Church.

SAVE THE DATE

A Day for Ministers of the Word. Saturday 12th September at Niland Centre, Bushey from 10am to 1pm. Please let Sister Joyce know if you are attending.

St Monica's Karaoke evening. The Knights of St Columba are organising a Karaoke evening on **Saturday 26th September** 7-11 pm. £15 per head including ploughman's buffet. Bar available. Put this date in your diary and look out for booking information over the coming weeks, it is sure to be a fun evening. All welcome.

Adoremus 2026. This year, the *Adoremus* Eucharistic Festival comes to London. It will take place on **Saturday 10th October, 2026.** More information will be announced nearer the time. In the meantime, please, make a commitment to pray for *Adoremus* 26 each day, making a devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament:

O Jesus, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, I adore You, I love You, and I trust in You. Remain with me, strengthen my faith, and make my heart a dwelling place for You. Amen

OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE

The *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* will have its Second Reading and vote on **Friday, 11th September.** Our clear principled objection to this Bill remains and we renew our call for Catholics and people of goodwill to **unite in prayer and compassionate action.** Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, explains our strong opposition to this legislation: this bill is wrong in principle. It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate.

"I urge you to **write to your Members of Parliament** to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading." The charity *Right to Life UK* has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message. If you have issues with this online form you can contact you MP via the Right to Life UK website.

<https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote> or scan the QR code.



OTHER

Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage. The 10th Diocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham will take place on **Saturday 19th September.** All tickets have now been sold. If you would like to go on the waiting list please see Sister Joyce or contact the parish office.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for August- For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new

ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

SCHOOLS

Bishop Douglass Open Evening. Open Evening on Wednesday 16th September, from 5-7.30pm. Please visit their website for more information and to sign up.

VACANCIES

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

FINANCE

Our quarterly financial summary for **April to June 2026 Income and Expenditure Summary** is displayed in the porch.

75% of weekly offerings are now by standing order. 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 for your support. Chair of Finance Committee

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

When Love needs First Aid. When we experience marital stress, we need help to move from isolation toward renewed communication, consolation, and hope. Please click on the diocese link for more information. <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/when-love-needs-first-aid/>.

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? 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

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

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.

CELEBRATE Summer Faith Resources. We are delighted to share the CELEBRATE summer family faith resources, created to equip and encourage families in sharing faith with their

children. <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>

- families can choose from faith filled activities, support for family prayer, books for different ages and film suggestions.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSenBDzPdAtiq5oHPrNSXNvAe8bRH-Y6BDhNvVBxjigmuhyw/viewform> - designed to help families explore Psalm 139 whilst they walk in their local park or on holiday.

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)*

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

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

Comhaltas Ceol na n Gael Music School. Irish Music Lessons. Wednesday Evenings: Beginners 5pm, Intermediate 5.30pm, Advanced 6.30pm. Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Saint George Church Hall. Contact eastlondon@comhaltas.co.uk. Poster in porch.

Walking Tennis at Conway Tennis Club. Newly launched Walking Tennis sessions are a gentler, more accessible way to enjoy the game. Weekly sessions every Wednesday from 10-11am (term time only) cost £5 per session. Open to everyone. email info@conwaytennis@gmail.com. Poster in porch.