

FROM THE DIARY

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6pm Sat	<i>Maria Geraci (Int)</i>
	7.45am	<i>Baby Liam O'Dwyer (Int)</i>
	9am	<i>For the Children of the Parish</i>
	10.30am	<i>Edward Carlin (Ann)</i>
	12noon	<i>Elias Christofi (Ann)</i>
Monday 14th Sept The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9.30am	<i>Aiden Smith (RIP)</i>
Tuesday 15th Sept Our Lady of Sorrows	9.30am	<i>Elizabeth Livingston (Ann)</i>
	11.30am	Funeral of Christopher Tatham RIP
	7.30pm	Confirmation Meeting Parents & Candidates (Large Hall)
Wednesday 16th Sept Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	8.20am	4Y Class Mass at St Monica's School
	9.30am	<i>For the sick of the Parish</i>
	7.30pm	FHC Parents Meeting (Large Hall)
Thursday 17th Sept Feria	9.30am	<i>Michael Norman (RIP)</i>
Friday 18th Sept Feria	9.30am	<i>Bridget Walsh (RIP)</i>
Saturday 19th Sept Feria	7.00am	Coach departs from Church car park for Pilgrimage to Walsingham
	9.30am	<i>James McNulty (Ann)</i>
	3-5pm	Saturday Club (Newman Room)
SUNDAY 20th September 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6pm Sat	<i>Frank Mullahy (Ann)</i>
	7.45am	<i>Denis Tangney (RIP)</i>
	9am	<i>Lydia Sequeira (Int)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Daniel Mahoney & Bernie Boston (Ann)</i>
	12noon	<i>Anthony Gallagher (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	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	13th Sept,
<i>Parish Mass Bk Pg. 128</i>	'I DO NOT SAY TO YOU SEVEN TIMES, BUT SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN.'	2026

"This weekend we celebrate Education Sunday, an opportunity to give thanks for our Catholic schools, for those who teach and work in them, and above all for the young people entrusted to their care.

For me, this year's celebration has a particular resonance. Last Friday I had the great privilege of being part of a small delegation from Oriel College, Oxford, received in private audience by Pope Leo XIV. It was one of those rather extraordinary moments in life: to find myself in Rome, with colleagues from a place which was such an important part of my own life for many years, speaking with the Pope about one of Oriel's most famous former Fellows, St John Henry Newman.

We were there to mark Oriel's 700th anniversary and its association with Newman. The Holy Father spoke warmly of him and of the extraordinary importance of his thought for Catholic education today.

That importance has recently been recognised in a remarkable way. Pope Leo has declared Newman a Doctor of the Church and, together with St Thomas Aquinas, co-Patron of the Church's educational mission.

Newman understood that education is about much more than passing examinations or acquiring useful skills. It is about the formation of the whole person: learning to think, to seek what is true, to recognise what is good, and ultimately to discover who we are before God. Faith and reason are not enemies. Properly understood, each helps us to see more clearly.

That is something worth remembering this Education Sunday. Our Catholic schools should certainly aspire to academic excellence, but their purpose goes deeper still. They exist to help our children become not simply successful people, but wise, generous and holy people.

So this weekend we thank God for our schools, teachers, governors, staff, parents and pupils — and we ask St John Henry Newman and St Thomas Aquinas to pray for them, that all our places of education may be places where minds are opened, characters are formed and Christ is known."

Fr Sean

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PARISH NOTICES

We pray for all those who have died recently: Annette McLaughlin, Fr Lamont Phillips, Christopher Tatham, Ronnie Lynch, Joe De Souza and **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Kieran Linnane, Elias Christofi, Mary Lynagh, Dhanraj Ramlakhan, Kevin O'Neill, Edward Carlin, Margaret Conlon, Anthony Gallagher, Eileen Donnelly, Cristina Hallums, Mary O'Leary, Eugene Lambe, Daniel Mahoney, Bernie Boston, John Kelly, William Grey and Sabatino La Marco. **We also pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners especially:** Baby Liam O'Dwyer, Sereno Beschizza, Philomena Cole, John Kennedy, Sylvia, Richard Pople, Lydia Meniano, Doreen Matthew, Marie Herry, 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

Sir 27: 30-28, Rom 14: 7-9, Matt 18: 21-35

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isa 55:6-9, Phil 1: 20c-24, 27a,
Matt 20: 1-16

TODAY

Our Retiring Collection today is for the **Catholic Education Service**. As it is **Education Sunday**, some of the children from our primary school will be attending the 10.30am Mass dressed in their uniform. They serve as a reminder that teaching is a vocation, and we give thanks to God for everyone involved in education, especially Mrs Baptist and the staff at St Monica's primary school.

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

Sunday Coffee Mornings Fundraising opportunity. Would you like to serve tea, coffee and cake after 9am and 10.30am Masses to raise funds for charity? Please contact the office for more information about available dates.

SACRAMENTS

Confirmation Parents & Candidates Meeting on Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm in the Large Hall.

First Holy Communion Parents Meeting Wednesday 16th Sept 7.30pm in the Large Hall. (This is not for parents of children in non

-Catholic schools who haven't completed the catechism course).

Saturday Catechism for children not at a Catholic primary school the parents meeting will be in November, date to be confirmed.

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

Are you, or someone you know, over 18 and interested in being baptised, confirmed or received into full communion with the Catholic Church? On Monday 21st Sept, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group starts meeting again. There could be somebody just waiting for you to invite them! For more details, speak to Fr Sean or email the parish office palmergreen@rcdow.org.uk

PILGRIMS TO WALSINGHAM

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Saturday 19th Sept. The coach will be leaving at 7am from the Church car park. If you have petitions please put them in an envelope and give them to Sister Joyce this week (no money enclosed).

NEXT WEEKEND

The Children's Choir next sings at the 6pm Mass on **Saturday 19th September**.

The retiring collection next weekend will be for **Home Mission Sunday** to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission

Directorate to promote the proclamation of the gospel across England & Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE

St Monica's Karaoke evening by the Knights of St Columba **Sat 26th Sept** 7-11 pm. £15 per head includes ploughman's buffet, bar available. To book call 07484134848 or email ksckaraoke@outlook.com. All welcome.

In Sues Name Irish Charity Night. Friday 2nd October Penridge Suite Arnos Grove to raise funds for Brain Tumour Research in memory of 3 young parishioners from Irish families who all died from this terrible disease; Sue Blasotta, Jackie McGovern and Anthony Bourke. To book tickets the link is bookwhen.com/insuesname-irish-night or contact David Taylor 07940 877486.

Adoremus 2026. The National Eucharistic congress on 10th Oct is being livestreamed and we are opening the Newman Room to follow some of the day (until lunch). We start with the Mass at 12 noon in St George's Cathedral followed by a keynote address by Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP on The Eucharist: Our sacrament of hope in dark times. There is a break for lunch so we too will have lunch together to connect and talk about the morning. The online coverage covers the whole day including procession from Southwark to Westminster Cathedral and Adoration that follows from 5pm throughout the night.

FAITH SHARING AUTUMN SEASON 2026

The aim of Faith Sharing is to help individuals to have a deeper spiritual experience so that they become closer to Jesus. At St Monica's we have an active, growing Faith Sharing Community. Members gather in small groups to reflect on Scripture, to pray together, to mutually support each other and to share their personal experiences of how God is active in their lives. Faith sharing is enriching; supporting participants to deepen their knowledge and understanding and to

accompany one another on their faith journey.

Faith Sharing Enrolment Weekend. Sat/Sun 19th & 20th Sept. The new 5-week Faith Sharing Season begins on Sunday 25th October. The theme is 'We Dare to Love.' Each group meets once a week for 5 weeks. Each session lasts 90 minutes. We use a resource, prepared by the diocese, with prayers, scripture readings and reflections. Information on flyers at the back of the church. Faith sharing leaders/members will be available at the end of each Mass next weekend to answer queries and to enrol new members. We will also be hosting refreshments in the Newman Room, do come and join us.

PARISH GROUPS

St Monica's Walking Group. Trip to Greenwich **Friday 25th Sept**. Lunch at The Old Brewery pub; a walk to Greenwich Market; a stop off at the delightful Dark Sugars chocolate shop, before ending our trip with a visit to The Queen's House, a 16th Century mansion and art gallery. **Meet:** 10:30 on platform at Wood Green.

OTHER

Pope's monthly prayer intention for September: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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

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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? Find out more by visiting: www.marriagecare.org.uk or emailing: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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 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 palmergreen@rcdow.org.uk

VACANCIES

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

SCHOOLS

Secondary School Certificates of Catholic Practice. Form signing will be in October when Fr Mehall returns. More information to follow.

OTHER

Would you like to sing with the Children's Choir? For those in Year 4 or above. Registration forms at the back of the Church.

March for Life 2026. Where Love Walks, Life Grows. Please see a reflection from the Diocese for this day on the link below. <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/march-for-life-2026-where-love-walks-life-grows/>

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.

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..For more information 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!