

FROM THE DIARY

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6pm Sat	<i>Luis & Conty De Lima (Ann)</i>
	7.45am	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	9am	<i>Brian Henriques (RIP)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Vera Murtagh (RIP)</i>
	12noon	<i>Kieran Fitzsimons (RIP)</i>
	1.30pm	Baptism of Iyla
	3-5pm	Baptism Preparation Course (Newman Room)
Monday 7th Sept Feria	9.30am	<i>Jacqueline Childs (Int)</i>
Tuesday 8th Sept The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	<i>Geraldine Blackman (RIP)</i>
Wednesday 9th Sept Feria	9.30am	<i>Una Morrison (Int)</i>
Thursday 10th Sept Feria	9.30am	Vitali & the People of Kiev Oblast (Int)
Friday 11th Sept Feria	9.30am	<i>Mary Byrne (RIP)</i>
Saturday 12th Sept Feria	9.30am	<i>Charles (Int)</i>
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>

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6th Sept,
<i>Parish Mass Bk</i>	'IF HE LISTENS TO YOU, YOU HAVE GAINED YOUR	2026
<i>Pg. 125</i>	BROTHER.'	

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

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PARISH NOTICES

We pray for all those who have died recently: Christopher Tatham, Ronnie Lynch, Joe De Souza and **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Anna Williams, Sally Hanley, Diana Omar, Maria Alberici, Deviges Kulyk, Christopher Ruocco, Bridget Bradley, Kathleen McAuley, Thomas Kilcommons, James Meehan, Kieron O'Shea, Maria De Fatima Lanza, Barbara Smith, Katrina Thatcher, Eileen Kennedy, Baby Robin Pett, Frank Mullahy, Nicolau Santimano, Thomas McInnes, Michael O'Brien, Yvonne De Comarmond, Kieran Linnane, Elias Christofi, Mary Lynagh and Dhanraj Ramlakhan. **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

Ez 33: 7-9, Rom 13:8-10, Matt 18: 15-20

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

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

TODAY

Refreshments in the Newman Room after 9am & 10.30am Masses provided by the Youth of the parish. 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 in September and the coming months.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

✠To Caelan, Arlan, Thomas and Freddie who were baptised here yesterday, and Iyla who will be baptised here today. We welcome them into God's family and our parish community.

SACRAMENTS

Are you, or someone you know, over 18 and interested in being baptised, confirmed or received into full communion

with the Catholic Church? In September, 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 palmergreen@rcdow.org.uk

PILGRIMS TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 19th September. Please pay and collect your ticket to Walsingham from Sister Joyce. All tickets have been sold, if you would like to go on the waiting list please see Sister Joyce.

OPPOSING ASSISTED SUICIDE

The *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* has its Second Reading and vote this coming **Friday 11th Sept.** Archbishop Richard Moth asks, "I urge you to **write to your Members of Parliament** to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading." Scan the QR Code or



<https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

THE WEEK AHEAD

A Day for Ministers of the Word at Niland Centre, Bushey, **Sat 12th Sept**, 10am-1pm. Please let Sister Joyce know if you are attending.

Inclusive Mass. For those with learning disabilities, their families, friends, and carers at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George, Enfield on **Sat 12th Sept** at 3pm followed by

refreshments. All are welcome.

NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a Retiring Collection for the Catholic Education Service.

SAVE THE DATE

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

In Sues Name Irish Charity Night. Friday 2nd October at the 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/issuesname-irish-night or contact David Taylor 07940 877486.

Adoremus 2026. The *Adoremus* Eucharistic Festival takes place on **Sat 10th Oct.** There will be a representative gathering of the Church with bishops, priests, and people, and livestream for remote participation. Please pray for *Adoremus* 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

PARISH GROUPS

The Children's Choir next sings at the 6pm Mass on **Saturday 19th September.** **Would you like to sing with the Children's Choir?** For those in Year 4 or above. They rehearse and sing once a month at Saturday evening Mass. Registration forms at the back of the Church.

OTHER

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for

September - Pope Leo XIV invites everyone to pray for "the care of water". He prays that water may be a "source of fruitfulness, freshness, and hope," and recognizes that water is "a right without borders."

Season of Creation & 800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi: The Season of Creation commenced on 1st September. A copy of Easy Actions for the Season prepared by the Common Home Group can be found in the porch to mark the Season and this special anniversary.

SECONDARY TRANSFER OPEN EVENINGS

St Ignatius College: Tues 15th Sept with tour from 5.30pm & Headteacher talk at 7.15pm.

Bishop Douglass Wed 16th Sept, 5-7.30pm.

St Anne's Catholic High School for Girls. (Enfield Campus) Mon 28th Sept 6-8pm. **Open Mornings** 30 Sept + 1st Oct: 9.15am – 10.30am & 11.30am – 12.45pm.

Finchley Catholic High School Tues 29th Sept, 5-7.30pm with Headteacher talks at 5.15pm & 7.15pm.

St Thomas More: Tues 29th Sept 4.30-7pm. **Open Mornings** Sept 29 + Oct 7, 15, 20 Sept at 9.30am—see school website to book.

Loreto College Tues 29th Sept, 4-7pm. **Day Tours:** 5-17 Oct by appt. See school website.

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: **WRCDDT 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

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

VACANCIES

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

OTHER

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.

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-Y6BDhNvVBxjgmuh7yw/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. 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!