

**Would you like to become an Altar Server?** Training will begin in March for those in Year 4 and above who have made their First Holy Communion. If you are interested, please see Fr John after Mass to collect a form.

**'Embraced'** Caritas Westminster invites you to an afternoon highlighting opportunities for volunteering and befriending in a variety of ways. We have brought together some of the things that happen around the Diocese with and for people with learning disabilities. The day will have testimonies, showcases of work already being done and a chance to learn more about learning disabilities and catechesis. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2-4.30pm, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, 373 Bowes Road, London, N11 1AA. Refreshments will be available from 2pm. Please RSVP to [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk), or call on 020 7798 9030 for your free ticket.

#### FROM THE DIARY

<b>Sun 10th Feb</b> <b>5th Sun O.T.</b>	6pm (Sat) Children's Choir sing
<b>Mon 11th Feb</b> <b>Feria</b>	8am Mass at St Anne's School (Fr John) 8am Church Cleaning, Graziella's Team <b>11.30am Funeral of Rita McDonnell RIP</b>
<b>Tue 12th Feb</b> <b>Feria</b>	10.15am Deanery Meeting 7.30-9pm Confirmation 4, Parish Centre
<b>Wed 13th Feb</b> <b>Feria</b>	<i>Office closed as usual</i> 7pm Holy Hour 7.30-9pm Years 7,8&9 Youth Club, Large Hall
<b>Thu 14th Feb</b> <b>Ss Cyril &amp; Methodius</b>	<b>11.30am Funeral of Mark Bonn RIP</b> 5.30pm Legion of Mary, Newman Room 7.30-9pm 'The Joy of Hope' 2, Large Hall
<b>Fri 15th Feb</b> <b>Feria</b>	10.15am Christian Meditation, Newman Room 10.15am Memory Lane Dementia Café & Carers' Club, Parish Centre
<b>Sat 16th Feb</b> <b>Feria</b>	
<b>Sun 17th Feb</b> <b>6th Sun O.T.</b>	9am Knights of St Columba Corporate Communion

#### **MASS TIMES**

**Sunday (Sat 6pm), 7.45am, 9am, 10.30am, 12noon, 3.30pm (Polish) & 5.30pm**

**Daily 9.35am; 9.10am Morning Prayer (Mon-Fri); Rosary (Sat)**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) : Sat 10-10-50am & 5.15 - 5.45pm**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament : Mon & Fri 4-5pm, Sat 10-10.50am**

**Weds : 2nd, 4th & 5th 7pm Holy Hour; 1st & 3rd 7.30pm 'No Agenda' prayer & praise**

**Thursday : 7pm Rosary Hour Friday : 7pm Stations of the Cross**

# St Monica's Church, Palmers Green

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

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Newsletter

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th

February

**A prayer for Yemen**

2019

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CAFOD invite everyone to pray for the people of Yemen and the desperate situation in that country. In a message asking for prayers, Chris Bain writes: 'As you may have seen in the news, the suffering in Yemen is one of the gravest humanitarian crises in the world today. After nearly four years of war, more than 14 million people are facing starvation and 85,000 children may have already died from extreme hunger since 2015.

'There is some hope in Yemen, with a ceasefire brokered in December, promising to restore the Hodeida port and allow food and medicine into the country. CAFOD has worked through partners in Yemen since 2016, and while we welcomed the UK government's announcement last week that it will uplift funding to the UN Peace process in Yemen by £2.5 million, we know that the situation is so desperate that more needs to be done.

'Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for the people suffering in Yemen.'

#### **A prayer for Yemen**

Giver of Life,

Who hears the cries from Yemen;

of mothers choosing between medicine or food,

of parents grieving children lost to starvation,

of those who have given up everything in hunger.

Hear our cries for hope, for change, for peace

In your mercy,

Break political deadlocks, soften hardened hearts,

change closed minds, open unhearing ears.

Let people come before power. Let life be holy again.

Let your justice and peace shape the nation of Yemen

and the lives of all people.

Amen

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**Live Streaming of all services:** [www.churchservices.tv/palmersgreen](http://www.churchservices.tv/palmersgreen)

**Parish Priest:** Fr Mehall Lowry **Assistant Priest:** Fr John Warnaby

**Parish Sister:** Sr Joyce Dionne 07940 500908 **Youth Co-ordinator:** Anna McMullan 07532 374291

**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Jo Day **Parish Secretary:** Monica Maxted Jones

**Polish Chaplain:** Fr Krzysztof Chaim 07902 432343

**Parish Office hours:** Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 9.30am-2.30pm (closed Wednesday)

## PARISH NOTICES

We pray for Rita McDonnell, Mark Bonn, Gladys Vencatachellum, Johanna Pestel, Mary 'Josie' Carroll, Kathleen Andreas, Eugene Ginty, Pat Linnane, who have died recently and Angela Knapp, Julian Orde, Michael McGee, Francis Chambers, Alfred Hallett, Christopher Burke, Jolanta Di Giorgio, Adrian Rrodhe, Giuseppina Pascarella, Elizabeth Spillane, Erminia Mazzucca, Grania Gray, Lucy Warner, Betty Lambert, whose anniversaries occur now.

### Please Pray for Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Giovanni Rospo, Helen Reilly, Theresa MacKessy, Stephen Giffin, Caterina Tossut, May McGhie, Joe, Ciara McVeigh.

**FINANCE** thank you for your generosity.

**3rd Feb:** Envelopes £1448; Loose £1382.

**Standing Orders for January:** £5754.10.

Please consider giving by Standing Order, doing so would reduce parish costs and hours of volunteers and administration. Standing Order, forms are available in the porch or can be sent to you by email. You can also set one up with your bank online; if you do this, please email the parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator at

[palmergreengac@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:palmergreengac@rcdow.org.uk) giving the following details: name, address, bank name and sort code, frequency, start date and amount. Thank you.

**First Sunday Charity Collection:** £880.36.

**200 Club** Winners in the January draw 1st Pauline Monaghan £160; 2nd Ann Till £120; 3rd Shirley Mercer £80; 4th Bernard Moger £40. If you would like to join the 200 Club for £5/month, please complete an application form, available in the porch.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Jer 17:5-8, 1 Cor 15:12.16-20,  
Lk 6:17.20-26

### TODAY

**Tea & Coffee** served by the Cubs.

**Children's Choir** sing at the 6pm (Sat) Mass. The choir is open to any child in Years 4-8. For more information, pick up a leaflet in the porch or contact Christine on [callenN4@aol.com](mailto:callenN4@aol.com) or 07966 140508. Next practice is on Saturday 2nd March.

**Faith-Sharing Enrolment** The new season 'Rejoice and be Glad' begins on 3rd March. Each group meets once a week for the following 6 weeks. People will be available outside each Mass to answer questions and enrol new members.

**To all those who volunteer in the Parish in any role:** please contact me urgently at [palmergreengac@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:palmergreengac@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) if your DBS check (formerly CRB check) is more than 3 years old (2016) - or if you don't have one. These checks are important to safeguard volunteers and the people they help. Thank you. *Jo Day, Parish Safeguarding Representative*

**Parish Registration** We continue to invite parishioners to join the parish database, census forms are available at the back of church. Your details are solely for internal parish use, in accordance with Data Protection regulations (the GDPR).

**The bar at the Parish Centre** will close after the evening session on Sunday 14th April and will **not** re-open after Easter. We have taken this decision because of the declining use of the Parish Centre as we prepare for its closure and look forward to the proposed new Parish Centre. The bar staff, Sharon and Colin, are aware of the position and I wish to express my thanks to them for their service to the parish over many years. *Fr Mehall*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

'**The Joy of Hope**' continues on Thursday, 7:30-9pm in the Large Hall. This short course

is based on the revelation of heaven that St John received while exiled on the island of Patmos.

**Walking Group Wednesday** Angel Islington to Farringdon Road. Meet Wood Green underground platform 10.25am or Angel Tube exit 11.05am. Return Farringdon Tube.

### YOUTH NEWS

**Youth Club** Years 7,8+9, Wednesday 7.30-9pm, Large Hall. Theme: Lourdes-what's so special?

**Flame 2019 (Year 10—late 20s)** Sat 2nd March, at the SSE Arena, Wembley with 10,000 young Catholics from the UK. Tickets £10. Contact Anna for more details.

### OTHER NEWS

**2019 Parish Quiz Shield** Teams of 4 people are needed for the Parish Quiz Shield, a fun competition which will take place on Sunday evenings in the Parish Centre in late February and March. For further details please contact [parishcentrequiz@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:parishcentrequiz@yahoo.co.uk) The closing date for entries is 17th February.

**Congratulations** to Christopher, Lucas, Matthew and Sebi who finished in 1st place out of 11 teams to win the Southgate District Chess competition for the 20th Southgate Cub Pack. A fantastic effort from them all. Please come and support our coffee morning after the gam & 10:30am Masses!

**Seniors' Lunch and Ploughman's Clubs** will not resume in March. Thank you to all who supported the lunch clubs during the past 8 years. We look forward to meeting again in the proposed new Parish Centre.

**Thank You** from Caritas for £1000 and Lepa for £200 donated from the 2018 monthly charity collections.

**Westminster Record** Latest edition now available, 20p. Also the *Catholic Universe* and the *Catholic Times*—all in the porch.

### Modern Slavery Is Closer Than You Think

Find out about modern slavery, how to spot the signs and what to do about it. Meeting on Monday 18th Feb, 7pm at Winchmore Hill United Reformed Church, 71 Compton Road N21. See poster in the porch.

**Initial Teacher Training places at St Ignatius College** September 2019 via the School Direct programme: Chemistry, Computing, English, Maths & Physics (relevant undergraduate degree required). For further information/to attend a school experience day on 12th March, please email [teachertraining@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:teachertraining@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk)

**Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 8th June, 3pm** The Cardinal will invite to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**Settlement Scheme for EU Citizens** For those who may need to apply, please take a Bishops' Conference letter at the back of the church.

**The Parish Centre** is at 6 Cannon Hill, next to St Monica's School and is used by several parish groups. The bar is open on Thursday and Friday from 8-11pm and on Sundays from 1-4pm and 8-11pm. All parishioners are welcome. It is available for parties or other events. If you wish to make a booking please contact Annette at [palmergreenpcadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:palmergreenpcadmin@rcdow.org.uk) or on 07955 037251. Further information about the Parish Centre is available on the parish website.

**Homelessness** if you are concerned about someone sleeping rough at night you can contact Streetlink (website or app).

**Tea/Coffee after Mass** now moves to the Large Hall. There is not enough room in the Newman Room when it gets cold and we need it for Children's Liturgy when the stairs get icy. **Setting up** Groups will now need to collect a key from the office and set up hot water, tables and chairs beforehand. Please contact the parish secretary to arrange collection.

**Deadline** To ensure notices are included in the newsletter they should be submitted by noon on Wednesday.

**Soup Run** we have a need for new men's socks please. Thank you.

**Job Vacancies for the Diocese** can be found online at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk>

**Volunteers needed urgently** to join the church cleaning teams. Commitment is 90 mins once a month. Please contact Siobhan on 020 8807 5583 if you can help.

**The Calix Society** offers a Catholic ministry to addicts in recovery and their families. Meetings each Thursday (see poster in porch).

**Nursery Room** On the right-hand side of the church. Dear Parents, should your child become distressed or wish to play, we have a newly-equipped nursery room (affording privacy for nursing). The Mass is broadcast live on our monitor for parents to continue following the Mass. In the Church toilets, we have baby 'changing facilities'.

**St Monica's Baby and Toddler Group** If you have a child below school age why don't you try out our group? Term time every Mon and Weds 9.30-11.30am at the Parish Centre £1.50/session. Indoor and outdoor toys, singing and arts & crafts. Please call Ruth on 07748 378984 for more information.

**Prayer Ministry** You can be prayed with on Wednesday mornings after Mass and after the evening Mass with the Worship Band on the 1st Sunday of the month.

**St Monica's Brownies** meet on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm – 8pm in the Scout and Guide HQ in Cannon Rd, Southgate. Brownies are aged between 7 and 10 years old. If your daughter would like to join Brownies it is better to put her name on the waiting list when she is 5 or 6 years old. To do this, go to the Guiding Website [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk) find GO and follow the instructions! For more information please phone Doreen on 020 8807 2221.

**Consideration to Neighbours** Please park with consideration when attending Mass. Remember, not every car will necessarily be departing immediately after Mass! Younger parishioners please consider walking (or parking further away and walking). Please park only in the marked bays in the Large Hall car park and please do not park across or restrict residents' driveways or other access.

**Soup & Conversation** 12noon-2pm every Wednesday at Grange Park Methodist church, Old Park Ridings, N21. Further details available from 07930 920941.

**Catholic Singles** is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information tel 0161 941 3498 or visit [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk)

**The Memory Lane Cafe and Carers' Club** meets every Friday at the Parish Centre between 10.15am and 1.30pm. It is a self-funding club offering a range of activities for anyone experiencing memory problems. Kindly note that everyone with memory problems must be accompanied by their relative, friend or carer, it is not a drop-off club. For further details contact Mandi (07961 881453) or Adrian (07788 429 470).

**Homeshare** is a scheme whereby someone who needs a small amount of help to live independently in their own home is matched with someone who has a housing need and can provide support or companionship. For further details see [sharedlivesplus.org.uk/about-shared-lives-plus/home-share](http://sharedlivesplus.org.uk/about-shared-lives-plus/home-share)

**Car Parking** Please only park in marked bays in the car park and not on the hatched areas. If you plan to stay on after Mass, it may be wise to move from the car park afterwards to avoid the possibility of being blocked in.

**Health & Safety** we take the safety of everybody very seriously and the diocese provides a company who assist us with regular checks of all our buildings. Please observe any safety notices **including in the car park** and let a member of the parish team know if you spot anything of concern.

**Marriage Preparation** If you are planning to marry here or elsewhere 6 months' notice is required and you MUST see a priest to register for a preparation course. The next course will be in the Spring.

**Sheltered Housing for Catholics aged 60 and over** at St Scholastica's Retreat, Princes Risborough HP27 0JG. Flats are £491/month with shared gardens, in easy walking distance of the church and all amenities. Open day on Saturday 16th February at 12.30pm. For more information / to let know that you are coming, please phone or email The Warden, Deacon Séan Duffy on 01844 344437 [info@stscholasticas.co.uk](mailto:info@stscholasticas.co.uk) Poster in the porch.

**St Ignatius College Quiz Night** The Friends of St Ignatius are holding a Spring quiz evening on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 7pm for a prompt 7.30 start. We hope you will be able to join us on our fun filled fund raising event. Tickets cost £10.00 per person and will include a fully catered Ploughman's supper. Ample parking is available on the school grounds. Participants are welcome to bring their own refreshments, alcohol and nibbles on the night. Great raffle with fantastic gifts to be won. Tables of 8-10 people, small groups or pairs of quizzers are very welcome as we can still accommodate you on a joined table. If you would like to book a table please contact Trisha on [trish1011@gmail.com](mailto:trish1011@gmail.com)