

**St Ignatius College Quiz Night** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 7pm. Tickets, £10 per person, include a Ploughman's supper. Tables of 8-10 people, smaller groups welcome as we will accommodate you on a joined table. To book email Trisha on [trish1011@gmail.com](mailto:trish1011@gmail.com)

**London Northern Heights Catenian Circle** is holding an Italian evening at St Philip's Parish Centre N3 3RJ on Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm. Tickets £20 (inc buffet) in aid of furthering Catholic education for poor children in Mumbai, available from Lionel on 020 8368 0314.

**Friday Bread & Soup lunch** cancelled for whole of Lent.

### FROM THE DIARY

<b>Sun 10th Mar</b> <b>1st Sun of Lent</b>	6pm (Sat) Children's Choir sing
<b>Mon 11th Mar</b> <b>Lent Feria</b>	10.15am Church Cleaning, Graziella's Team
<b>Tue 12th Mar</b> <b>Lent Feria</b>	7am Mass 9.35am Mass 10.15am Deanery Meeting 7.30-9pm Confirmation 7, Parish Centre 7.30pm Lent Course 1, Winchmore Hill United Reformed Church
<b>Wed 13th Mar</b> <b>Lent Feria</b>	<b>Office closed as usual</b> 7pm Holy Hour 7.30-9pm Years 7,8&9 Youth Club, Large Hall
<b>Thu 14th Mar</b> <b>Lent Feria</b>	<b>11am Funeral of Michael O'Donnell RIP</b> 5.30pm Legion of Mary, Newman Room
<b>Fri 15th Mar</b> <b>Lent Feria</b> <b>CAFOD FAST DAY</b>	10.15am Christian Meditation, Small Hall 10.15am Memory Lane Dementia Café & Carers' Club, Parish Centre
<b>Sat 16th Mar</b> <b>Lent Feria</b>	10-11.15am FHC 3, School 10-11am Catechism, Newman Room 10am-4pm Confirmation Retreat Day, Groups ABC, Large Hall 11am Catechism children tour of church
<b>Sun 17th Mar</b> <b>2nd Sun of Lent</b>	9am KSC Corporate Communion 12noon-4pm St Patrick's Day party, Large Hall 8pm Live music at the Parish Centre

### 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

Newsletter

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10th  
March  
2019

**"Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days." (Luke 4)**

Lent was the old English word for the spring season and used to translate the Latin *quadragesima* (fortieth). The season marks the forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness at the beginning of his public ministry during which he was tempted by the devil. Jesus is united with us in our struggles against sin: "*For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning.*" (Hebrews 4:15).

Lent gives us an opportunity to turn again to the Lord and to become more like him. It is an opportunity to open our hearts to God; to close our hearts to temptations to indifference and self-sufficiency and open them to love God and those around us.

The Church recommends prayer, fasting and almsgiving as things to be embraced in the Lenten season.

*Prayer* allows us to make a special effort to talk to God and to listen to his call at this time. We might make a special effort to attend Mass on weekdays or join in praying before the blessed sacrament. We don't have to be in Church to pray – we can raise our hearts to God anywhere – at home or whilst travelling.

*Fasting* or acts of self-denial or abstinence, challenges our desire for self-gratification; it allows us not to take for granted the gifts that we have received and to realise that we don't have to buy or consume to find happiness.

*Almsgiving* provides an opportunity for us to share from the abundance of our resources with those who are less fortunate. It reminds us that we show our love for God in how we care for others. We might find time to make a special effort to help someone we know personally by some act of charity or service.

May this Lent be for us a journey of true conversion, standing beside our brothers and sisters in need, embracing Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives.

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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 Michael O'Donnell, Margaret Gallen, Ernestine Henry, who have died recently and Joseph King, John Lynchehan, Philippe Cerclay, Peter Sculpher, Ellen Campbell, Josephine Moore, Elizabeth Twaites, Moira Bradley, Michael Kelly, Josephina Chiappa, Jeanne Zanelli, Pearl Banos, James Sugden, Grania Gray, Elizabeth Tymkiw, Carmine Argenza, whose anniversaries occur now.

### Please Pray for Sick and Housebound Parishioners

**FINANCE** thank you for your generosity.

**3rd Mar:** Envelopes £1194; Loose £1079.

**Missionaries of Africa:** £1844.39.

**February Standing Orders:** £5872.10.

**200 Club** Winners in the February draw: 1st Philomena Cole £159.00; 2nd Mary Rohan £119.25; 3rd Mary Tay £79.50; 4th Shirley Mercer £39.75. If you would like to join the 200 Club, application forms are available in the porch.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Gen 15:5-12.17-18, Phil 3:20-4:1, Lk 9:28-36

### TODAY

**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.

**Parish Centre Quiz Shield** continues this evening, 9pm at the Parish Centre. All are welcome to see the Football Dads v KSC and Catenians v Cannon House Quizzers.

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

### THE WEEK AHEAD

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. On Friday, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur? Through

CAFOD's global Church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please return your attached Fast Day envelope next week and give whatever you can.

**'Lifting the Lid'** this year's ecumenical Lent Course starts on Tuesday 12th March at Winchmore Hill United Reformed Church, 71 Compton Road, N21 3NU. Refreshments available from 7.30pm, course at 8-9pm. See poster in the porch.

### YOUTH NEWS

**Youth Club** Years 7,8+9, 7.30-9pm, Large Hall. The me: ReLent—letting go in Lent...

**Flame 2019** was packed with rap, worship & gospel music, inspiring speakers, reflective dramas & over 8,000 young people including 23 from here. Don't be shy, say yes to the next event!

**Red Caps** thank you for helping them raise £133 towards their fare to Lourdes

**Confirmation** Groups A,B&C are on retreat in the Large Hall next Saturday with RISE Theatre.

### OTHER NEWS

**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 7-9.30pm on 8th and 9th April.

**Repository** St Patricks day, Mothers Day and Easter cards are now on sale.

**Our Lady of Lourdes RC primary school** has pupil vacancies in its current Reception Class. Anyone interested in applying for a place for their child should see [www.ololschool.enfield.sch.uk](http://www.ololschool.enfield.sch.uk) for detailed Admissions information and guidance, or 'phone the school office on 020 8361 0767.

**Sky Dive** for brain cancer research. The Catenians are supporting In Sue's Name this year. Sean Duff is raising funds for the charity by doing a sky dive next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to donate securely and wish him luck please go to [www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/seanduff](http://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/seanduff)

**A date for your diary Sunday 17th March** St Patrick's day Balliu (gathering), hosted by the Irish families in St Monica's, celebrating Irish culture in food, music & dance. In the Large Hall after morning Mass until 4pm.

**Celebrate St Patrick's night at the Parish Centre** The bar will be open and Jim will be playing Irish Music between 8-10:30pm. Admission free; just turn up and enjoy yourselves.

**EU Citizens' Rights** information sessions in Hendon on 19th March (tickets at: <https://bit.ly/2Ufk3vk>) and Wembley on 21st March. (tickets at <https://bit.ly/2Hglu88>). See posters in the porch.

**St Anne's Catholic High School for Girls** Gospel Choir Concert, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at the Upper Site School, Oakthorpe Road. Tickets can be purchased online via the school e-shop: <https://goo.gl/KdNVwy> or 020 8886 2165.

**80s Charity Disco night** & live band, Large Hall, Sat 6th April from 7:30pm. Further info to follow from the KSC.

**Following the Knights' Quiz in January**, £1400 has been donated to various charities. Next Sunday we will be delighted to welcome two new members; Rod Johnston & Michael Gaynor. Want to know more about the Knights? Contact Kevin Donnelly on 8882 3047.

**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 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 tel number, if no email) by Mon 18th Mar.

**Beginning Experience** A healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner. 12th-14th April at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322 838415 or Sandra 01293 783965 or email [johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

**London Marathon** Two members of staff from St Ignatius College, (John Dawson, Chaplin & Simon Harris, PE teacher) will run to raise money for Jesuit Missions in memory of Fr Victor-Luke Odhiambo SJ, a Jesuit priest tragically murdered in South Sudan in 2018. To find out more about the legacy of Fr Odhiambo; Jesuit Missions and to make a donation please see: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/John-dawson41> and <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/simon-harris-SAVMLMBONDS3332019-143951>

**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 is available on the parish website.

**Volunteering** Caritas has a service to support and develop volunteering in the diocese, to make volunteering as easy as possible for everyone. Please visit the website [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer) where you can find a role for you. Or contact us directly by email [caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 020 7798 9063 or 07738 183833.

**Baptism Preparation** The next course will take place on Sunday 7th April in the Newman Room. Please contact the parish office to enquire about booking on to the course. Dates for Baptism cannot be set until the course has been completed. If you live outside the parish, a letter of permission from your local parish priest is required.

**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.

**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 legislation (the GDPR).

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

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

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

**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 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.catholicingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicingles.org.uk)

**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.

**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)

**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.

**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)

**To all those who volunteer in the Parish in any role:** please contact me urgently at [palmersgreengs@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:palmersgreengs@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*

**Standing Orders** Please consider giving by this method, doing so would reduce parish costs and hours of volunteers and administration. 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 giving the following details: name, address, bank name & sort code, frequency, start date, amount. Thank you. [palmersgreengac@rcdow.org](mailto:palmersgreengac@rcdow.org)