

**Repository** Helpers needed to serve in the shop on Sunday occasionally after 7.45am and gam Mass, but mainly after the 10.30am Mass. Please contact the parish office or Doreen in the Repository or 020 8807 2221 if you can help.

**St Ignatius College** 125th Anniversary dinner 20th September. For more information contact Linda Barrett [barrettl@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:barrettl@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk) Poster in the porch.

**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).

### FROM THE DIARY

<b>Sun 12th May</b> <b>4th Sun of Easter</b>	6pm (Sat) Children's Choir sing
<b>Mon 13th May</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	10am Church Cleaning, John's Team 10am Bible Study, Small Hall 6.30pm Rosary Service for FHC families & all parishioners
<b>Tue 14th May</b> <b>St Matthias</b>	10.30am Deanery Meeting
<b>Wed 15th May</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	<i>Office closed as usual</i> 7.30pm 'No Agenda' Holy Hour 7.30-9pm Yrs 7,8&9 Youth Club, Large Hall 8pm Bereavement Group, Newman Room
<b>Thu 16th May</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>1.30pm Funeral of Mary King RIP</b> 5.30pm Legion of Mary, Newman Room
<b>Fri 17th May</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	4-5pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Newman Room 4.30-6.30pm FHC Rehearsals, church
<b>Sat 18th May</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	<i>No 9.35am Mass</i> 9.30-10.15am Reconciliation 11am & 2.30pm First Holy Communion Mass
<b>Sun 19th May</b> <b>5th Sun of Easter</b>	Priests' Training Fund collection 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**

# St Monica's Church, Palmers Green

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

Newsletter

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12th May

**"Paul and Barnabus urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them." (Acts 13:43)**

2019

In our first reading today Paul and Barnabus are continuing their missionary journey which has taken in Cyprus, Paphos and Perga. In Antioch they tell the Jews that they had the privilege of hearing the Gospel first but that they would turn now to the pagans.

There must have been many a listener, whether Jew, Christian or pagan who will have found the sight of Paul so forcibly preaching about Jesus something of a puzzle. Within days of his conversion in Damascus, he was 'on mission' in the synagogues astonishing his listeners who knew he was the same person who had been causing havoc for Christians and was in Damascus only for the purpose of taking them as prisoners.

When Paul got to Jerusalem and tried to join the disciples we are told they were all afraid of him, not believing him to be genuine. It was Barnabus who brought Paul to the apostles and vouched for him. Originally Joseph, a levite from Cyprus, he had committed himself to the early Christians' sharing of their possessions by selling a field he owned and putting the money raised at the apostles' disposal. The apostles called him Barnabus – "son of encouragement".

After persecution, which included the martyrdom of Stephen, many Christians fled Jerusalem to places such as Cyprus and Antioch. The Church in Jerusalem sent Barnabus to work in Antioch and he sought out Paul, who was in Tarsus, to help him. They worked together there for a year teaching great numbers and it was at Antioch that believers were first called "Christians". (Acts 11)

During their mission in Antioch there was a famine in Jerusalem and money was sent by these gentile converts, via Paul and Barnabus, to support their brothers and sisters – a tradition of helping poorer Christians which continues to this day.

*Grant to us Lord that Spirit which filled the hearts of Paul and Barnabus that we too may proclaim your Gospel faithfully by word and deed. Amen.*

*Fr John*

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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

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**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 Mary King, Andrea Cozens, Joseph 'Pip' Zanelli, Luigi Azzali, Luigi Fraulo, who have died recently and Mai Flynn, Rosa Rule, Joan Modoo, Joseph King, Ann Worswick, Iris Jones, William Gardner, Mary Mansi, Kathleen Lucas, Sidney Smith, Ignazio Di Maria, Rosa Maserati, whose anniversaries occur now.

**Please Pray for Sick and Housebound Parishioners**

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 14:21-27, Apoc 21:1-5, Jn 13:31-35

#### TODAY

**Priest Training Fund** Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 27 of whom are for our own Diocese, and last year eight men ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Please take the attached leaflet home and read it bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can also donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

**Volunteers urgently needed** to help with the weekly count. Please contact Fr Mehall if you are able to help (midweek).

#### SACRAMENTS

**First Holy Communion** please pray for the children who will receive Holy Communion for the first time next weekend. On Saturday there is no 9.35am Mass nor Exposition because of this and Reconciliation will be from 9.30-10.15am.

**Baptism** The next Baptism Preparation Course will be on Sunday 2nd June. Please contact the parish office to enquire. If you live outside the parish, a letter of permission from your priest is required.

**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 November.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Friday, 4-5pm, will be in the Newman Room this week.

#### YOUTH NEWS

**Wed** Years 7,8&9 Youth Club, Lge Hall. Theme: *Lourdes and Our Lady*

**Red Caps** thank everyone who supported the refreshments last Sunday, raising £95.

#### PARISH GROUPS

**Week of Guided Prayer** at St Monica's, 9-15th June, facilitated by Mount Street Jesuit Centre. An invitation to: take some time out; deepen your relationship with God; explore new ways of praying; share with an experienced prayer guide. Please take a booking form from the porch (places are limited).

**Bible Study** resumes on Tues 13th May at 10am in the Small Hall. All are welcome.

**Legion of Mary** has 2 statues of Our Lady for family prayers at home during May. Please contact Gloria on 020 8360 3554 if you would like to borrow one.

**Children's Choir** sing at the 6pm (Sat) Mass once a month. 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. The next practice will be on Saturday 1st June, to sing at the 6pm Mass on 8th.

**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.

#### PARISH SOCIAL

**Later-Life Planning** seminar organised by parishioner Mel Kenny. Tue 14th May 2-5pm in the Large Hall, looking at care options, finance and legal matters. For details/RSVP email [mkenny@rad-new.com](mailto:mkenny@rad-new.com) or tel 07952 666625. See poster in the porch.

**Parish Centre** The bar has now closed. For the time being, the Parish Centre remains available for parish groups who wish to use it and to parishioners who wish to hire it for children's parties. All use of the building **must** be booked through Annette who will confirm whether rooms are available. Please contact her on 07955 037251 or at [palmersgreenpcadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:palmersgreenpcadmin@rcdow.org.uk)

#### DIOCESAN EVENTS

**Religious Education for non-specialist teachers** Course over 2 days, 2nd & 9th July at Cardinal Vaughan school. For further information see poster in the porch or email [teachingschool@cvms.co.uk](mailto:teachingschool@cvms.co.uk)

#### CHARITY FUNDRAISING

**Finchley Catholic High School Annual Golf Day** Friday 14th June. £65/head, including dinner, at South Herts Golf Club. For more details contact [nscott@finchleycatholic.org.uk](mailto:nscott@finchleycatholic.org.uk)

**The Nightingale Pyjama Walk** Fri 17th May, 6.30pm, in aid of the Cancer Support Centre. For details see <https://www.nightingalesupport.org.uk/product/night-hike-2019/> Poster in the porch.

#### OTHER

**Vocations Weekend for young women** Theme: Discernment and Vocation. 24th-26th May in Liverpool. Organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**Spirit in the City Festival** 31st May & 1st June. Theme 'Life to the Full'. Catholic Faith Festival celebrating and witnessing faith in Leicester Square. Starts Friday from 7pm in Notre Dame de France Church. Saturday all day in the Square gardens. Includes live stage music, street evangelisation, prayer teams, Adoration, Reconciliation, feet washing, activities for children, talks, etc. Come be refreshed and renewed in your faith. For more information, contact Allegra, [info@spiritinthecity.org](mailto:info@spiritinthecity.org) or call 07915 537125. Or why not join the Mission Team and help others encounter Christ through one of these areas? To register as a helper, visit [spiritinthecity.org](http://spiritinthecity.org)

#### FINANCE

Thank you for your generosity.  
**5th May:** Envelopes £973, Loose £1321.  
**Easter Offerings:** £4265.54.

**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.

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

**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.

**For Mass intentions to be celebrated at St Monica's Church** Attend in person or 'phone after 10am on the first working day of the month (eg for a Mass intention for June attend or 'phone the office in May). One Mass may be requested; further Mass intentions, subject to availability, can be requested a week later. We can ask priests in the diocese or overseas to offer your Mass Intention. This can be requested at any time.

**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.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.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.

**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.

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