

**Repository** Helpers needed to serve in the shop on Sunday occasionally after 7.45am and 9am 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.

**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).

**Job Vacancy** Nicholas Brakespear school, St Albans, seeks minibuss drivers to transport pupils to the school from Enfield. Tel: 01727 860079 ext: 280 or email [dayh@nbs.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dayh@nbs.herts.sch.uk)

### FROM THE DIARY

<b>Sun 19th May</b> <b>5th Sun of Easter</b>	Priests' Training Fund collection 9am Knights of St Columba Corporate Communion 1.15pm Baptism of Orla Morrissey
<b>Mon 20th May</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	10am Bible Study, Newman Room <b>11am Funeral of Andrea Cozens at New Southgate Crematorium</b> 6.30pm Rosary Service for FHC families & all parishioners 8.15pm Knights of St Columba meeting, Parish Centre
<b>Tue 21st May</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	10.30am Churches Together prayers, Winchmore Hill Baptist Church 7pm Church Cleaning, Angela's Team 7.30-9pm Confirmation, Parish Centre
<b>Wed 22nd May</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	<i>Office closed as usual</i> <b>11am Funeral of Joseph 'Pip' Zanelli</b> 7pm Holy Hour 7.30-9pm Yrs 7,8&9 Youth Club, Large Hall
<b>Thu 23rd May</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	5.30pm Legion of Mary, Newman Room
<b>Fri 24th May</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	<i>No 9.35am Mass</i> <b>10am Funeral of George Luigi Azzali</b>
<b>Sat 25th May</b> <b>St Bede</b>	11.30am Baptism of Chester Bevan, Eva Farrell, Leo Feary 12.30pm Baptism of Cara Horley, Euphemia Kleanthous, Michael Bevans
<b>Sun 26th May</b> <b>6th Sun of Easter</b>	1.15pm Baptism of Aiden Altamirano Mirzac

### **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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

19th May

**"After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch."** (Acts 14:26)

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St Paul as a roman citizen was free to travel throughout the empire and he made good use of this in his missionary journeys, establishing and encouraging communities throughout modern day Turkey, Greece, Syria and Israel.

We hear at Mass today about Paul's first journey with Barnabus. This included crossing to Cyprus, Barnabus' birthplace, where the Roman Governor became a convert. Drawing large crowds in Antioch in Pisidia they are expelled from the area and moving on to Iconium are threatened with being stoned to death. They flee to Lystra where Paul heals a crippled man; the Greeks were amazed and thought Paul and Barnabus were gods but Jewish opponents stirred up the crowds again, stoning Paul and dragging him outside the city. Despite the clear danger, Paul and Barnabus retrace their steps, encouraging new believers and appointing elders. Returning to Antioch in Syria after over 2 years on the road, they remained there for three years.

Paul's second journey (AD 49) took him to Jerusalem for a meeting, which included the apostles James, Peter and John, discussing the requirements to be made of gentile converts; he travelled on to Antioch to report on this meeting. Parting with Barnabus, Paul takes Silas on to Tarsus where they are joined by Timothy. The gospel is spread to Europe, in Macedonia and Greece. They stay with communities in Corinth and Ephesus, returning to Antioch via Jerusalem.

Paul's third journey took him through Turkey and on by sea to Greece, nurturing the communities he had founded. Arrested in Jerusalem, Paul asserts his right as a Roman citizen to have his case heard by the emperor and so makes his final voyage, stopping on Crete and Malta, to Rome.

We may not travel over 10,000 miles on land or sea as did St Paul, but we are all by virtue of our baptism called to be missionaries and to spread the Gospel.

*"Our life is itself a mission! We are mission, because we are God's love poured out, God's holiness created in his own image."* (Pope Francis)

*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

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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 Andrea Cozens, Joseph 'Pip' Zanelli, George Luigi Azzali, Luigi Fraulo, Denis Nolan, who have died recently and Sidney Smith, Ignazio Di Maria, Rosa Maserati, Claudianna Branco, Justyna Kuklewicz, Fr Matthew Burrows, Catherine Murray, Matteo Bragoli, Sheila Edwards, whose anniversaries occur now.

**Please Pray for Sick and Housebound Parishioners**

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 15:1-2,22-29, Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23,  
Jn 14-23-29

### TODAY

**Priest Training Fund** Today's collection 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 8 were ordained to the priesthood. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can and also pray for vocations and for all our priests. You can also donate online anytime at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism Preparation** The next 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.

**Mass for the Sick** This will be at 10am on Saturday 15th June. If you are ill or know someone who is, please be here for the Mass and to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

### YOUTH NEWS

**Wed** Years 7,8&9 Youth Club, Lge Hall.  
Theme: Pilgrimage.

### PARISH GROUPS

**Do you know somebody who is interested in knowing more about Christianity and the Church?** This year over 400 adults were Baptized or Received into the church at Easter in Westminster diocese. In September, the RCIA 'Come and See' group starts meeting again. There could be somebody just waiting for you to invite them! Information and invitation leaflets are available in the porch - take one and ask! For more details email [palmergreen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:palmergreen@rcdow.org.uk) or speak to a member of the Parish Team.

**Legion of Mary** has 2 statues of Our Lady for family prayers at home during May. Please contact Gloria on 020 8360 3554 or Kathleen 020 8882 0054 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

**Congratulations** to the 20th Southgate Cubs who came 1st and 3rd in last Sunday's Southgate District sports day and thank you to team managers Leonie and Imelda. Special congratulations also to Jack for becoming the first ever Cub to complete the double treble in District competitions.

**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 [palmergreenpcadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:palmergreenpcadmin@rcdow.org.uk)

### DIOCESAN EVENTS

**Annual Mass** at Brunswick Park Cemetery Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 11am.

**Blessing of Graves** at Waterfall Road Cemetery Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.

**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)

### OTHER

**Thank You** to all who prayed for the recovery of Baby James, who is now out of hospital and doing well. It is greatly appreciated. The Cusack & Antoni families.

**Annual Martyrs' Walk** Sunday 23rd June, 1.30pm at St Sepulchre's Churchyard (nearest tube: St Paul's). See poster in the porch.

**Thy Kingdom Come** Prayer Festival for Pentecost in Trafalgar Square, Sunday 9th June 12noon-6pm. See poster in the porch, or <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/trafalgarsquare>

**Divine Mercy Conference** Saturday 15th June, 10.45am-6pm at the Church of Our Lady Mother of God, Ealing Broadway. Further information from 020 8998 0925, or email [info@divinemercy.org.uk](mailto:info@divinemercy.org.uk)

**Vocations Weekend for young women** 24th-26th May in Liverpool, with the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Religious life is 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, either to stay for the weekend or just for the day on Saturday. 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)

**Spirit in the City** Catholic Faith Festival celebrating and witnessing faith in Leicester Square, theme 'Life to the Full'. Friday 31st May, 7pm in Notre Dame de France Church; Saturday 1st June all day in the Square gardens. Music, evangelisation, prayer, Adoration, Reconciliation, children's activities etc. For more information email [info@spiritinthecity.org](mailto:info@spiritinthecity.org) or call 07915 537125. Or join the Mission Team and help others encounter Christ through one of these areas. Register as a helper at [spiritinthecity.org](http://spiritinthecity.org)

### FINANCE

Thank you for your generosity.

**12th May:** Envelopes £999, Loose £1235.

**Standing Orders for April:** £8072.50.

**Gift Aid** If you have signed a gift aid form in the past, but ceased to be a taxpayer during the tax year 2018/19, please contact the parish office, or the Gift Aid Co-ordinator at [palmergreengac@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:palmergreengac@rcdow.org.uk)

**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.

**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. 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.

**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)

**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.