

Maureen Dowling RIP Funeral Friday 1st February, 10am at St Ignatius, Stamford Hill.

St Anne's Catholic High School for Girls are hosting a Tea Party for those Elderly in our community on Sunday 10th February, from 3-5pm, at the Upper Site School, Oakthorpe Road, N13 5TY. It is a great event, hosted by students and with entertainment. RSVP by 1st Feb via email admin@st-annes.enfield.sch.uk or by telephone: 020 8886 2165. Confirmation needed for catering purposes.

Job Vacancies The **SVP** seek a Head of Digital & IT. For details, contact matthews@svp.org.uk Poster in the porch. **St Ignatius College** seek a Cover Supervisor/ Pastoral Officer; Assistant Site Manager & a Learning Support Assistant. See st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk for details.

FROM THE DIARY

Sun 20th Jan	9am Knights of St Columba Corporate Communion
2nd Sun Ordinary Time	
Mon 21st Jan Feria	8.30am Prayers for Christian Unity , Grange Park Methodist Church 10.15am Church Cleaning, John's Team 8.15pm Knights of St Columba meeting, Parish Centre
Tue 22nd Jan Feria	8.30am Prayers for Christian Unity , St Peter's CofE, Grange Park 2pm 6Y Class Mass (<i>Fr John</i>) 7.30-9pm Confirmation 1, Parish Centre
Wed 23rd Jan Feria	<i>Office closed as usual</i> 8.30am Prayers for Christian Unity , Winchmore Hill Baptist Church 7pm Holy Hour
Thu 24th Jan St Anthony	8.30am Prayers for Christian Unity , Winchmore Hill URC 2pm 6G Class Mass (<i>Fr John</i>) 5.30pm Legion of Mary, Newman Room
Fri 25th Jan Feria	8.30am Prayers for Christian Unity , St Paul's CofE, Winchmore Hill 10.15am Christian Meditation, Newman Room 10.15am Memory Lane Dementia Café & Carers' Club, Parish Centre
Sat 26th Jan Feria	
Sun 27th Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	20th
		January
	"Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)	2019

Scripture contains very few words from the Virgin Mary. She is quoted in only the gospels of Luke and John. Mary speaks in four gospel stories: in Luke, having been told she is to bear a child, she seeks and receives reassurance from the archangel Gabriel. Mary accepts the will of God: "I am the servant of the Lord; be it unto me as you have spoken."

After Gabriel departs, having told her that her much older cousin Elizabeth is also pregnant, Mary straight away rushes off to see her. Luke's account of the meeting between these two holy women, who have been chosen to play an extraordinary part in salvation history, includes the prayer made by Mary known as the Magnificat. In this prayer Mary rejoices at the privilege of bearing the Messiah, acknowledges the holiness of God's Name, points to how the world will be transformed by the birth of Jesus (the humble and meek exalted and the mighty put down) and thanks God for fulfilling His promise to Abraham and his children.

Mary speaks only one more time in Luke's gospel when she finds the boy Jesus in the Temple, having lost him and having been anxiously searching for him.

John's gospel today includes the only other story in the New Testament in which Mary speaks. She is present at what John describes as the first of Jesus' signs, where "he let his glory be seen". She is integral to the Cana story: it is she who brings the problem of the lack of wine to Jesus. She tells the servants – she tells us too – to do whatever Jesus tells us.

"Mary, a woman of few but very pointed words, also comes up to each of us and says simply: "Do whatever he tells you". In this way, she elicits the first miracle of Jesus: to make his friends feel that they too are part of the miracle. Because Christ came to this world not to perform a task by himself, but with us." (Pope Francis)

Fr John

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Live Streaming of all services: 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 NOTICES

We pray for Kevin Hanley, baby Seren Filby, Janiera (Pat) Nolan, Rita McDonnell, Fr Seamus Noctor, Fr Eamon Rafferty CM, who have died recently and Adrienne Ramsey, Kitty Parker, Norma Blackburn, Richard Saitch, Stanley Tims, John Corry, Emilio Arenal, Filomena Rodrigues, Concetta Saturnino, Richard Lenihan, George Barr, whose anniversaries occur now.

Please Pray for Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Giovanni Rospo, Helen Reilly, Mary King, Andrew Parsons, Theresa MacKessy, Stephen Giffin.

FINANCE thank you for your generosity.

13th Jan: Envelopes £1322, Loose £1624.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Neh 8:2-6.8-10, 1 Cor 12:12-14.27,
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

TODAY

A Warm Welcome to preach at the 12noon Mass, Rev Melanie Smith of Enfield URCS.

Tea & Coffee served by the Catenians in aid of the Soup Run.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues until 25th Jan, praying in each others' churches at 8.30am each morning - (see diary section). If you not able to come please remember us in prayer at that time.

Knights of St Columba monthly meeting on Monday, 8.15pm at Cannon House. New members always welcome.

Walking Group Friday London Bridge-Rotherhithe. Meet: Wood Green underground on platform 10.25am, or London Bridge Tube (Tooley Street exit) 11.10am. Return: Rotherhithe tube.

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).

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Club Years 7,8+9, Wednesday 7.30-9pm, Large Hall

Upcoming events: contact Anna if interested/want to find out more: **Sponsored Sleep-in (Years 9-13)** Fri 25th Jan in the Large Hall to raise awareness of homelessness and money for homeless support charities.

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

OTHER NEWS

Many thanks to all those who attended & helped in anyway to make the Knights' Curry Quiz such a success. Almost £1700 was raised for charity. If you are male, aged 16 or over and want to be part of this successful organisation, contact Kevin Donnelly on 020 8882 3047 for more info. Our next meeting at Cannon House is on Monday 21st Jan.

The Catenians are having their annual Fish & Chips Night at the Parish Centre on Monday 28th Jan. If you would like to join us for a fund evening (supper is on us!) contact Sean Duff for details: seanduff@hotmail.com

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.

Annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes with Sacrament of the Sick. 2pm Sat 9th Feb in Westminster Cathedral. If you wish to attend in a wheelchair, please contact the parish office by 25th Jan so that a space can be reserved for you.

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 at the back of church or contact Christine on callenN4@aol.com or 07966 140508. Next practice is on Saturday 2nd February.

Concert at St Ignatius Church Stamford Hill on Saturday 26th January. 7pm Mass and a concert with music from the choirs & orchestras of St Ignatius College and St Barbara College, Ghent. Free admission.

Baptism Preparation The next course will take place on Sunday 3rd February 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.

'Offering Hope' Workshop for people interested in how the Church can help make a difference in the lives of young people, 22nd January 7-9pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. For details/registration see www.millionminutes.eventbrite.co.uk

Initial teacher training places at St Ignatius College in conjunction with Enfield Teaching School Alliance, starting in September 2019 via the School Direct programme. Places are offered in Chemistry, Computing, English, Maths and Physics (relevant undergraduate degree required). For further information or if you would like to attend a school experience day on 23rd January or 12th March, please email teachertraining@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk

Calendars, diaries & Westminster Year Book now on sale in the Repository.

Niland Centre Event 'Forgive us as we forgive others' morning reflection with Sr Regina McGarry OP & Monika Cleaver. Thurs 24th January 10am-12.30pm. Refreshments; suggested donation £6. Tel 020 8950 4000, nilandcentre@gmail.com Poster in the porch.

'A Celebration of Irish music, theatre, poetry and dancing in the week of St Brigid' hosted by the Irish Chaplaincy at St James' Church Piccadilly. January 30th 2019 at 7pm. Tickets available via www.thecraic.co.uk Poster in the porch.

What is your New Year resolution? Why not help to make a difference in the fight against poverty and injustice by volunteering in schools for CAFOD Westminster? We are looking for volunteers who care about global poverty, can work with children and young people and are able to travel to schools in their local area to deliver a short presentation on an aspect of our work. Don't worry, you don't need to be a global expert or a trained teacher! We offer all our volunteers a full training programme (2 days in February and April), ongoing support and a wide range of exciting materials and resources to get you up and running. For more information contact Chris Driscoll on 01277 218730 / 07776 493162 or email wschools@cafod.org.uk

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 palmersgreenpcadmin@rcdow.org.uk or on 07955 037251. Further information about the Parish Centre is available on the parish website.

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 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

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

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.