

FINANCE

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19th May: Envelopes £1116, Loose £1216. **Priest Training Fund:** £2379.82 to date.

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 palmersgreengac@rcdow.org.uk

Priest Training Fund Thank you for your generosity to the collection, which will remain open for a couple of weeks. You can also donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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

Sun 26th May 6th Sun of Easter	1.15pm Baptism of Aiden Altamirano Mirzac
Mon 27th May St Augustine Bank Holiday	11am Mass (no 9.35am Mass) Church closes 12 noon 9.30am Church Cleaning, Siobhan's Team
Tue 28th May Easter feria	2pm Funeral of Grace Ochola RIP
Wed 29th May Easter feria	<i>Office closed as usual</i> 7pm Holy Hour
Thu 30th May ASCENSION	Mass at 7am, 9.35am & 7.30pm 2.30pm Committal of Kathleen Wells RIP, Old Southgate Cemetery 5.30pm Legion of Mary, Newman Room
Fri 31st May Visitation of BVM	11am Funeral of Luigi Fraulo RIP
Sat 1st June St Justin	5.15pm Children's Choir practice, Small Hall
Sun 2nd June 7th Sun of Easter	3-5pm Baptism Preparation Course, Newman Room 5.30pm Mass with the Worship Band

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26th May

**"It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and
by ourselves. . . ." (Acts 15:28)**

2019

The apostles at Pentecost, by the power of the Holy Spirit were transformed into fearless proclaimers of the Gospel. Jesus in his farewell address to his disciples promised that the Holy Spirit would be sent to guide them into all truth (John 16). The Spirit would fulfil Jesus' promise to be with his followers until the end of the world. In Acts, Peter and the apostles under the direct influence of the Holy Spirit found themselves able to work miracles, to preach powerfully and to convert. As we see in our first reading today, they were so confident that the Spirit was directly at work in them that they considered their decision made on the requirements for gentile converts, had divine authority.

The Spirit continued to sustain the early Church through persecution and the number of believers grew as they saw the powerful witness of martyrdom.

The Holy Spirit is always at work in the mission of the Church, guiding the Pope and Bishops, successors of Peter and the apostles. The same Spirit has guided the Councils of the Church down the ages and inspired its great theologians and thinkers from Athanasius and Augustine down to Oscar Romero. The Spirit has inspired holy women and men to bear witness to the Good News by consecrating their lives to works of charity for the poor and vulnerable. The Spirit empowers the Church's mission to promote peace and social justice, to foster good stewardship of the world's resources. Each one of us baptised by water and the Spirit, sealed by the sacrament of confirmation, are charged with the Church's missionary work.

Come Holy Spirit and like the first apostles, fill our hearts with the fire of your zeal, wisdom and love. Show us what you want us to do and strengthen our commitment to spread the Gospel.

Fr John

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Live Streaming of all services: www.churchservices.tv/palmersgreen

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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 Weds)

PARISH NOTICES

We pray for Grace Ochola, Kathleen Wells, Luigi Fraulo, Denis Nolan, Margaret McDonnell, who have died recently and Matteo Bragoli, Sheila Edwards, William Mulrennan, Katherine Barber, Emilija Masiliunaite, Giovanni Bernardone, Pietro Beschizza, Luiga Cattini, whose anniversaries occur now.

Please Pray for Sick and Housebound Parishioners

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 7:55-60, Apoc 22:12-14, 16-17,20,
Jn 17-20-26

THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom Come On Sunday 9th June Trafalgar Square, one of the most iconic public spaces in the UK, will be set apart for Christians to pray for & wait on the empowering of the Holy Spirit. The Square will be transformed into a joyful family festival & service where there will be live music with The Kingdom Choir, food, prayer workshops, children's activities, dance, praise & worship with Matt Redman. Many denominations will gather to pray, listen, learn & praise! It is a free event – a ticket is not required. Please support this special event for Christians of all denominations. See poster in the porch, and <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/trafalgarsquare> which also includes materials to pray with Mary from Ascension to Pentecost.

SACRAMENTS

Ascension Day is on Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 7am, 9.35am and 7.30pm.

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.

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 or speak to a member of the Parish Team.

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.

PARISH GROUPS

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.

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 Life Group will be meeting on Monday June 3rd, 5pm in the Newman Room. Please join us for prayer and fellowship as we look for ways to heal our troubled world.

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 or 07966 140508. The next practice will be on Saturday 1st June, to sing at the 6pm Mass on 8th.

PARISH SOCIAL

20th Southgate Cubs A great week for the Pack saw them winning the Enfield District 5 -a-side tournament for the first time last Saturday and 20 of the Cubs receiving 'Blue Peter' badges for writing about our 60th anniversary celebrations. You can find out more at <http://www.20thsouthgate.org>

Congratulations to Olivia, one of St Monica's Brownies for coming 2nd in the Knights Easter Competition. Well done and thank you for the Knights for organising this event.

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

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Who cares? 'Responding to the cry of the Earth' Caritas Westminster invites you to an evening of practical suggestions for how parishes can respond to the environmental crisis. There will be contributions from local and national organisations including CAFOD, CAFE and the Felix Project. Weds 29th May, 6:30pm-8:30pm, (refreshments from 6pm) at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN. For a free ticket, email caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7931 6077. Poster in the porch.

Annual Mass at Brunswick Park Cemetery Saturday 1st June at 11am.

Blessing of Graves at Waterfall Road Cemetery Saturday 15th June at 11am.

Caritas Annual Volunteer Fair showcasing volunteering opportunities from across the Diocese. Sat 8th June, 1-3pm at St Aloysius parish hall, Phoenix Road, NW1 1TA. Chat with different charities, find out more about their work and the roles available, with talks and testimonials from different organisations. Tickets (free) by email from caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7931 6077. Poster in the porch.

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

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

OLSGEIRE annual Charity Cycle takes place 27th-29th May, 230km around Connemara. Parishioners of St Monica's are taking part. All monies raised in aid of the Forgotten Irish in London welfare project. Please support this worthy cause at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/olsgeirecycle19>. There will be a fundraising dance Friday 28th June with a host of bands from Ireland.

OTHER

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 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

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@divinemercury.org.uk

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

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

St Ignatius College 125th Anniversary dinner 20th September. For more information contact Linda Barrett 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 where you can find a role for you. Or contact us directly by email 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.catholicssingles.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.

St Columba's College The independent Catholic Boys' Day school in St Albans, will be holding an open evening in the Prep School from 6.30-8.30pm on Wednesday 12th June. There is also an open day in the Senior School on Friday 14th June and parents are invited to book a tour at either 11.25am or 2.05pm. Parents are very welcome to bring their sons along with them. For more information, please see www.stcolumbascollege.org or contact the Admissions Registrar, Mrs Hilary Causar: admissions@stcolumbascollege.org