

Rita McDonnell RIP Funeral Monday 11th February, 11.30am at St Monica's.

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.

Donations of goods Please only bring donations to the church when there is a request for specific items, or by prior arrangement. Please do not leave your unwanted goods in the porch. Thank you.

Youth sponsored sleep-in If you would like to support this cause, please hand your donation in to the presbytery in an envelope marked "sleep-in". Many thanks, Anna.

FROM THE DIARY

Sun 27th Jan *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*
3rd Sun O.T.

Mon 28th Jan *St Thomas Aquinas*

Tue 29th Jan **1pm Funeral of Kevin Hanley RIP**
Feria 7.15pm Church Cleaning, Angela's Team
7.30-9pm Confirmation 2, Parish Centre

Wed 30th Jan *Office closed as usual*
Feria 7pm Holy Hour

Thu 31st Jan 5.30pm Legion of Mary, Newman Room
St John Bosco

Fri 1st Feb 10am-6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Feria 10.15am Christian Meditation, Newman Room
FIRST FRIDAY 10.15am Memory Lane Dementia Café & Carers' Club, Parish Centre
6.45pm Stations of the Cross **7.30pm Mass**

Sat 2nd Feb 5.15pm Children's Choir practice, Small Hall
Presentation of the Lord

Sun 3rd Feb 3-5pm Baptism Preparation Course, Newman Room
4th Sun O.T.

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th

January

"I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you." (Luke 1:3)

2019

The opening chapter of Luke's gospel is described by scholars as containing the most elegant greek in the New Testament. The gospel is the first book in a two volume story which continues in the Acts of the Apostles. Both are dedicated to the same person, Theophilus, (whose name in English means lover of God). In Acts, Luke tells us that his earlier work covered all that Jesus began to do and teach "until the day he was taken up". (1:2) Luke/Acts combined is by far the longest work in the New Testament, tracing the story from the birth of Jesus through to the development of the Spirit-filled Church of the apostolic age

Luke writes primarily for gentile (non-Jewish) converts to Christianity. He shows that the preaching and teaching of the representatives of the early church are grounded in the preaching and teaching of Jesus, who during his historical ministry prepared his specially chosen followers and commissioned them to be witnesses to his resurrection and to all else that he did. This continuity between the historical ministry of Jesus and the ministry of the apostles is Luke's way of guaranteeing the fidelity of the Church's teaching to the teaching of Jesus.

Throughout the gospel, Luke calls upon the Christian disciple to identify with Jesus, who is caring and tender toward the poor and lowly, the outcast, the sinner, and the afflicted, toward all those who recognize their dependence on God. He stresses the mercy and compassion of Jesus in stories unique to his gospel – the healing of the Centurion's servant, the good Samaritan, the parable of the prodigal Son – and encourages us to imitate Jesus' example of care and concern for others in our own day.

Fr John

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Parish Priest: Fr Mehall Lowry **Assistant Priest:** Fr John Warnaby

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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, Andrew Parsons, Josie Carroll, Fr Adrian Walker, Mark Bonn, who have died recently and Concetta Saturnino, Richard Lenihan, Kaivon Ohadi, Peter McLoughlin, Christina Ferrari, Angeline Lyons, Elias Michael, Wilmott Rebeiro, Ann Moniz, Iris Robinson, Natalina Blasotta, Kathleen Flanagan, Emmanuel Burgess, Simon Seguna, whose anniversaries occur now.

Please Pray for Sick and Housebound Parishioners

Giovanni Rospo, Helen Reilly, Theresa MacKessy, Stephen Giffin.

FINANCE thank you for your generosity.

20th Jan: Envelopes £1309, Loose £1146.

Crib Offerings (in aid of the Catholic Children's Society): £820.60.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19, 1 Cor 13:4-13,
Lk 4:21-30

TODAY

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10am-6.30pm. Please sign up to pray before the Blessed Sacrament during the day. This can only go ahead if there are sufficient people.

Tea & Coffee served by the KSC.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mass Bookings for February may be made from **10am** on Friday. Please only book 1 Mass during the first week; extra Masses can be booked from 8th Feb.

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.

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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. Theme: Homelessness.

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

OTHER NEWS

St Monica's Life Group Please join us for our 2nd meeting at 5pm on Mon, 4th Feb in the Newman Room for prayer and discussion as we look for inspiration on how to change our culture for the better.

'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. Weds January 30th at 7pm. Tickets available via www.thecraic.co.uk Poster in the porch.

Cafod Talk 'The struggle for social and environmental justice in the Brazilian Amazon'. Wed 6th February 2.30pm at CAFOD's Volunteer Centre, Catholic Church of Christ the King, Bramley Road, N14 4HE. For further details or to book a place, please contact Tony Sheen tsheen@cafod.org.uk

The Joy of Hope starts Thursday 7th February, 7:30pm to 9pm in the Large Hall. This is a short course based on the revelation of Heaven that St John received while exiled on the island of Patmos. It will run on the four Thursdays of February and promises to be an uplifting and practical insight into the joy of living now, with hope in the future blessing of eternal life with God in Heaven. With everything that's happening at home and abroad, we could all do with some more joy. So, come and give the first session a go, and then take it from there.

Charity Comedy Night in aid of In Sue's Name. Thursday February 7th at The Penridge Suite. Tickets £15 available online at bookwhen.com/insuesname

Life in the Spirit Course at St Charles Borromeo church, W1. Thursdays 7-9pm until 28th Feb. For further details see soulfoodgroup.org/liss

SVP fundraising concert in aid of Vinnie Packs for the homeless. Alexander Armstrong will perform, alongside soprano Miranda Heldt, actor Alex MacQueen and the Choir With No Name. Monday 4th February, 7pm at Farm Street Church, Mayfair. Tickets, £30, available by typing Vinnie Packs in the 'Looking for' section at www.eventbrite.co.uk

Quiz Night at Winchmore Hill Baptist Church. Saturday 9th February in support of Boys & Girls Brigades & Church Building Fund. Tickets (include food) are £10 Adults/£6, available from Philip 07510 386950. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Settlement Scheme for EU Citizens For those who may need to apply, please take a Bishops' Conference letter at the back of the church.

Initial Teacher Training places at St Ignatius College September 2019 via the School Direct programme. Places offered in 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

CAFOD Westminster seeks 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. We offer a full training programme (2 days in Feb & April), ongoing support and a wide range of exciting materials and resources. For more information contact Chris Driscoll on 01277 218730 / 07776 493162 or email wschools@cafod.org.uk

Job Vacancy FACE, a Catholic charity, seek a Chief Executive Officer. For details see <https://www.charityjob.co.uk/jobs/fellowship-and-aid-to-the-christians-of-the-east-face-/chief-executive-officer/614064?tsld=6> for details.

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 or on 07955 037251. Further information about the Parish Centre is available on the parish website.

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.

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

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.

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 the Spring.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 8th June at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. 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 telephone number, if no email).