

Community Spring Clean event Join the community clean up on Palmers Green high street on Saturday 11th May, 10am-1pm. Meet at the Triangle for planting, weeding, litter picking, cleaning, an exhibition next to The Fox, activities etc. Everyone is very welcome.

Job Vacancies, Schools Finchley Catholic High seek a Heateacher's PA and an Office Manager; St James , Colindale seek a School Chaplain; St Michael's seek a Caretaker.

St Ignatius College 125th Anniversary dinner 20th September. For more information contact Linda Barrett 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

Sun 5th May 3rd Sun of Easter	1.30pm Baptism of Marlee Gill 3-5pm Baptism Preparation Course, Newman Room 5.30pm Worship Band play
Mon 6th May Easter Feria	<i>Bank Holiday—church closes at 12noon</i> 8am Church Cleaning, Graziella's Team 9.30am Polish Mass 11am Mass
Tue 7th May Easter Feria	10.30am Churches Together prayers, Winchmore Hill Baptist Church 7.30-9pm Confirmation, Parish Centre
Wed 8th May Easter Feria	<i>Office closed as usual</i> 12noon Funeral of Ronald Sole RIP 7pm Holy Hour 7.30-9pm Yrs 7,8&9 Youth Club, Large Hall
Thu 9th May Easter Feria	11am Funeral of Salvador ('Cyril') Mendes RIP 5.30pm Legion of Mary, Newman Room
Fri 10th May Easter Feria	2pm Beloved Disciples, Newman Room (Over 60s) 4-5pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Newman Room 4.30-6.30pm FHC Rehearsals, church
Sat 11th May Easter Feria	<i>No 9.35am Mass</i> 9.30-10.15am Reconciliation 11am & 2.30pm First Holy Communion Mass 5.15pm Children's Choir Practice, Small Hall
Sun 12th May 4th Sun of Easter	6pm (Sat) Children's Choir sing

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5th May

2019

"We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." (Acts 5:32)

Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles last week-end saw Peter and the apostles on a high – people crowding in to bringing the sick from Jerusalem and the towns around, all of whom were cured. The numbers who believed in Jesus Christ increased steadily.

These public acts naturally attracted the attention of those who had opposed Jesus, notably the high priest and his followers who had the apostles arrested and thrown into jail. Peter and his friends must have thought they were about to follow their Lord to death.

But an angel of the Lord appears and frees them from jail, telling them to go to the Temple courts and tell the people "all about this new life". This means that when the officers of the high priest arrive at the jail, they find the guard still in place, the doors locked but no prisoners ! This week we hear in Acts that they are sought out in the temple and brought before the high priest to explain why they have disobeyed his warning not to preach in Jesus' name. Peter and the apostles reply "obedience to God comes before obedience to men".

The apostles are spiritually "on fire" – having received the Spirit at Pentecost, so much so that they speak of themselves as co-witnesses to the Lord – "we and the Holy Spirit". They truly feel the power of the Spirit inhabiting them – leading them to be fearless in witnessing to the resurrection of Jesus.

The challenges in witnessing to Jesus' resurrection are different in our own time, but we may be sure that remarkable things will happen when we latter day disciples allow the Spirit to work through us.

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. . . he lives with you and will be in you."

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 palmersgreensg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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 Ronald Sole, Salvador 'Cyril' Mendes, Mary King, Andrea Cozens, Joseph 'Pip' Zanelli, Luigi Freaulo, Luigi Azzali, who have died recently and Brigida Curran, Eugenio Branco, Albino Iacovone, Carmelina Verde, Peter Beekmeyer, Rina Perdoni, Maria Sotiri, Pierina Rodi, Tom Gorry, Phyllis Morahan, Joan McAlinden, Peter Wims, Mary Mangan, Mai Flynn, Rosa Rule, Joan Modoo, Dan & Margaret Herlihy, Elizabeth Barr, whose anniversaries occur now.

Please Pray for Sick and Housebound Parishioners

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41, Apoc 5:11-14, Lk 24:32

TODAY

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

Tea & Coffee served by the Red Caps.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be at the earlier time of 3-4pm on Fridays 10th and 17th May. Jesus will be present on altar during those times. Please come.

YOUTH NEWS

Wed Years 7,8&9 Youth Club, Large Hall. Theme: *Novena*

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).

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 11th May, to sing at the 6pm Mass on 11th.

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.

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 or tel 07952 666625. See poster in the porch.

Walking Group Saturday 11th May. Greenwich by boat from Westminster Bridge (£7 single). Meet: Wood Green underground platform 10.25am or Westminster tube exit 11.10am. Return DLR + overground to Palmers Green.

Following our recent dance, the Knights are pleased to report £1021 was raised for charity. Already £200 has been donated to the Cardinals Lenten Appeal to relieve food poverty. Thanks to all who attended. We hope to arrange another dance in October.

St Patrick's Parish Day Thank you to all parishioners and guests who supported this special parish event. It was wonderful to see our community gather to enjoy each other's company in the Large Hall. Although the event was free to enter, profits made have enabled support for three parish-associated projects including the Red Caps, the Troy Irish school of Dance and the North London Shamrocks GAA. The money is to be used as a hardship fund to support our young parishioners. Thanks also to those members of the parish who made this event happen.

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

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Annual Mass for Migrants 10am Monday 6th May, Westminster Cathedral.

May Procession, Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden Sunday 12th May, 3.30pm. Join to pray the Rosary in procession, giving witness to our Faith, our love for Mary and our intercession for our city & country.

Permanent Diaconate: Come and See 10am-12noon at Our Lady & St Vincent, Potters Bar on 11th May. Details from Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725.

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

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

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

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School has Reception and Year 1 Class pupil vacancies for September 2019. If you are interested in applying for a place, visit the website www.ololschool.enfield.sch.uk for detailed Admissions info & guidance, or call the school office on 020 8361 0767.

March for Life UK Saturday 11th May 9.30am-1.30pm, indoor 'LifeFest19' then gather at 2pm and process across the city for keynote speeches outside. (no booking required to attend march). For more details see marchforlife.co.uk & poster in the porch.

Do you have public speaking skills? Want to help tackle poverty and injustice? CAFOD needs volunteers with public speaking skills and the ability to co-ordinate small teams of volunteers locally, in Westminster Diocese, to promote its work for justice and development. To find out more, why not book a place on our volunteer day on Saturday 11th May, to be held in our offices near Lambeth North tube station. Contact Tony on 020 8449 6970 or tsheen@cafod.org.uk for further details.

FINANCE

Thank you for your generosity.

21st April: Envelopes £931, Loose £2878.

28th April: Envelopes £963, Loose £1352.

CAFOD Final total: £4553.55.

Easter Offerings: £4205.54.

200 Club Winners in the April draw are: 1st Bob Stocking £158.00; 2nd Elizabeth Antoni £118.50; 3rd Shirley Mercer £79.00; 4th Barbara Edwards £39.50. If you would like to join the 200 Club draw for £5 per month, application forms are available in the porch.

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.

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.

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.

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.catholicssingles.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 palmergreensg@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*