

FROM THE DIARY

<b>Sunday 12th May</b>	<b>(6pm (Sat))</b>	<i>Peter Wims (Ann)</i>
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>7.45am</b>	<i>Pat Swift (RIP)</i>
	<b>9am</b>	<i>Annette &amp; Joe Mascarenhas (Int)</i>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<i>Sheila Corbett (Int)</i>
	<b>12 noon</b>	<i>Patricia Nolan (RIP)</i>
<b>Monday 13th May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Marion &amp; Darren Nuding (Ann)</i>
<b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>3.10pm</b>	St. Monica's Life Group (Newman Room)
	<b>6.30pm</b>	Rosary Service with First Holy Communion Children
<b>Tuesday 14th May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Regina &amp; Stanislaw Krzeczowski (Int)</i>
<b>Saint Matthias, Apostle</b>		
<b>Wednesday 15th May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Pat Swift (RIP)</i>
<b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Funeral of John Flanagan (RIP)</b>
	<b>4.30-5.30 pm</b>	FHC Mass rehearsal (For 11am Mass)
	<b>5.30-6.30 pm</b>	FHC Mass rehearsal (For 2.30pm Mass)
<b>Thursday 16th May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Edie Ingold (RIP)</i>
<b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Funeral of Margaret Griffin (RIP)</b>
	<b>3.10pm</b>	Legion of Mary, (Newman Room)
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Preparing for Pentecost (prayer & reflection) (Church)
<b>Friday 17th May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>John Knapp (Int)</i>
<b>Easter Feria</b>		
<b>Saturday 18th May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<i>Mairead Jordan (RIP)</i>
<b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	Common Home Group Meeting (Newman Rm)
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b>
	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>First Holy Communion Mass</b>
		<i>No morning Confessions or Exposition with First Holy Communion Masses taking place</i>
<b>Sunday 19th May</b>	<b>(6pm (Sat))</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>7.45am</b>	<i>John Cawston (RIP)</i>
	<b>9am</b>	<i>Peter Fernandes (Ann)</i>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<i>Joanna Bernasinska (Ann)</i>
	<b>12 noon</b>	<i>Peter Wims (Ann)</i>

**MASS TIMES**

Sunday (Sat 6pm), 7.45am, 9am, 10.30am, 12noon.

Mon-Sat : 9.30am (extra masses at 7am and 7.30pm on Holy Days of Obligation)

Morning Prayer: Weekdays 9.10 am Rosary: Weekdays after Mass & Sat 9.10am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Mon-Fri 2-3pm (except Bank Hol)

# St Monica's Church, Palmers Green

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

Readings	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	12th May
<i>Parish Mass Bk Pg.277</i>	Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.	2024

On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' farewell discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. This entire chapter is a prayer by Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples.

At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested. Several important themes appear in this prayer. First, Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between himself and the Father.

Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who preexisted with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth. In today's reading, we hear Jesus include all his disciples in this union with the Father.

We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God Our Father. In this prayer, Jesus describes part of his mission in the language of protection. He has protected those who were given to him by the Father. In this we hear echoes of the dualism that is reflected throughout John's Gospel. Beginning with the opening chapter, the Evangelist John has presented Jesus' mission on earth in the context of a cosmic struggle between good and evil, represented by light and darkness.

In Jesus' presence, his disciples have been protected from Satan. Now that Jesus is returning to the Father, he prays that his disciples will continue to be protected from the evil one.

*Fr Mehall*

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## PARISH NOTICES

**We pray for all those who have died recently:** Marie Casey, Margaret Griffin, Marlene Abberstein, Rosanna Rossi, Hugh Casey, John Flanagan and for **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Paola Corso, Iris Jones, William Gardner, John Clifford, Rosa Maserati, Bernard Moger. **Please pray for all sick and housebound parishioners, especially those in our care homes:** Anastasia Lodge, Beaumont, Brookwater House, The Conifers, The Hollies, Queen Ann Care, Woodlands **and hospitals:** North Middlesex, Chase Farm. Sheila Corbett, Elizabeth Frangeskou, Agnieszka Puszek, Marie Herry, Pauline Monaghan, Claudette Seeboruth.

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, John 4:11-16,  
John 17: 11-19

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13,  
John 20:19-23

### TODAY

**Thank you** to the Childrens Choir who sang at the Saturday evening Mass.

**Refreshments** in the Newman Room after the gam and 10.30am Masses.

### NEXT WEEKEND

Retiring Collection is for the Catholic Communications Network.

### SACRAMENTS

**Congratulations** to the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion yesterday. We look forward to the remaining celebrating it next Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers.

*Please note, there will be no morning confession or exposition on 11th and 18th May.*

### THE WEEK AHEAD

**St. Monica's Life Group** will meet tomorrow, at 3.10pm in the Newman Room for prayer and chat. Please join us!

**Rosary Service with First Holy Communion Children.** Monday 6.30pm in the Church, includes blessing of religious gifts.

**Church Cleaning** will be on **Tuesday** for this week only **not Thursday**. Thank you.

### John Woodhouse Laudato Si' animators UK

Bishop Nicholas Hudson has suggested that the Westminster interfaith group discuss the questions for parish groups given on the diocesan website. The link to the Synod section: <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/>. Please also read the synthesis reports. The group meets in the Hinsley Room Morpeth Terrace at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

**Preparing For Pentecost.** The Churches seasons and feast days are times of special graces – if we open our hearts to them, that is. Let us not let the feast of Pentecost pass us by this year. Come and prepare for it through prayer and reflection on scriptural promises on Thursday at 7:30pm in the Church.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** is held Monday to Friday from 2-3pm.

**St Monica's Walking Group.** Saturday. Old Amersham and Chalfon St Giles. Circular walk through pastoral farmland of the Missenden Valley, to visit Chalfont St Giles, famous for its connection with John Milton and his cottage. **Meet:** Wood Green Underground on Platform at 10am to Marylebone Station, 10.57am overhead train to Amersham. **Return:** Amersham.

**St Monica's Parish Common Home Group** was set up in 2019 to pray and prompt individual and collective action to bring about change. Next meeting Saturday 10.15 am in the Small Hall. Join us and find out more.

## PARISH GROUPS

**The Legion of Mary** have two statues of Our Lady for family Rosary and prayers in your home. Please contact Gloria 0208 360 3554.

### OTHER

**Invitation to Bishop-elect Jim Curry's Episcopal Ordination, Tuesday 18 June 2024 at 12 noon at Westminster Cathedral.** Parishioners are very welcome to attend the Ordination Mass. No tickets are needed. The Cardinal knows you will continue to keep Bishop-elect Jim in your prayers in the coming weeks.

**Pope's prayer intention for May** We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

**Day for the Sick.** On Saturday 25th May at 11.30am there will be a Mass for the sick-housebound and the walking sick. Please get organized now to bring your sick to this Mass where they will also receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

### MONTH OF MAY, MONTH OF MARY.

During the month of May a 'Tree of Prayer' will be placed before the statue of Our Lady with the names of the sick on it for prayer. If you want a sick person's name to be on it for prayers to Our Lady, please PRINT the name and hand it in to the office or email the office or give it to me to be placed on the Tree. At the end of daily Mass, during the Month of May, the Memorare will be said for the sick. ( Please do not touch the Tree, thank you). Sister Joyce.

**Laudato Si - On Care for Our Common Home.** 24th May will make 9 years since Pope Francis released *Laudato Si*. *"Since the market tends to promote extreme consumerism in an effort to sell its products,*

*people can easily get caught up in a whirlwind of needless buying and spending.(203) "Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and make a new start. I appeal to everyone throughout the world not to forget this dignity.(205).*

**St Paul and St Martin of Porres Catholic Primary Schools.** The Governors are proud to announce our new partnership with the Cardinal Hume Academies Trust (CHAT). We have a small number of places available for our Reception Class September 2024 intake. Please contact Caroline Collins, School Office on 020 8361 1445 or email [admin@st-martinporres.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-martinporres.haringey.sch.uk) for further information.

**Charity Cycle. Olsgeire** are a fund raising group from Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George Church. They are taking part in a 260km cycle in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice on 8th June in Westport Ireland. They would really appreciate your support. Please find below their just giving page. Many thanks for your generosity.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/olsgeire-cycle-2024?>

**St Michael's Catholic Grammar School. Certificate of Catholic Practice.** Parents of children who are practising at St Monica's are invited to email the parish office to receive a date and time with Fr Mehall.

### FINANCE

**5th May,** Envelopes £260; Loose Plate £845 following details: Bank details: **HSBC;** A/c no: **41096176;** Sort Code: **40-05-20;** A/c name: **WRCDT Palmers Green** and give your surname as a reference. If you pay income tax, click on [gift aid form](#) to complete & return. Thank you for your generosity. Chair of Finance Committee



## COST OF LIVING

The **Healthy Start Scheme** provides help with buying healthy food and milk, and is open to people receiving Universal Credit or Child Tax Credits, who are pregnant or have a child under 4. Find out more here - <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

**Small grants programme for elderly people living on low incomes**, offered by Friends of the Elderly, and as identified by Caritas, the Diocesan fundraising department. Grants are c£400, cost of living grants c£250 according to their guidance. [Grants For Older People | Grants for the Elderly | Friends of the Elderly \(fote.org.uk\)](#)

**Grants to help pay off energy debts** - People who are in debt to their energy supplier might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. See <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

**Financial Resilience and Cost of Living** Martin Lewis, the Money Saving Expert, provides information about the cost of living support package. Click on the following link for this and other topical issues to <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/cost-of-living-survival-kit/>

**The Heet Project** is a charity providing free services to low income, aged and vulnerable people to help improve home insulation and reduce energy bills. If you live in the London borough of Enfield, Waltham Forest or Redbridge or know someone who can benefit, please see their website for further details <https://www.theheetproject.org.uk/> or telephone 0208520 1900.

## VACANCIES

**Trustee Vacancy with Marriage Care.** Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. We are looking for **Trustees** to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

**Diocesan jobs** - For further details, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>

**St Michael's Catholic Grammar School.** PE Teacher, closing date Thursday 9th May. Physics Teacher, Science Teacher, Closing date Monday 13th May. Part time Computing Teacher, closing date 15th May. Please send completed application forms to [applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk).

**Finchley Catholic High School.** Administrative Assistant. Closing date Friday 10th May. Please send completed application forms to [recruitment@finchleycatholic.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@finchleycatholic.org.uk).

## OTHER

**Vocations Days: 'Come and See'.** Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to come along to the Vocations Team's 'Come & See' Vocations Morning on Sat 1st June, 10am-2pm at Our Lady's Hall (the undercroft) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rothamsted Avenue, Harpenden AL5 2DB. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and to register attendance please contact: Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter, at [rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk) or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, at [adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk) or call 07961 594725.

**CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal.** Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please donate online at [cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal) or ring 0808 58 588 85. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you.

**Good Counsel Network.** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, the Vigil of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com). March for Life vigil outside Westminster Cathedral in April, the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into force, here is a speech from it, [https://x.com/March4LifeUK/status/1785234052712112300?t=gQuTGnTbgUGrq5SL277h\\_A&s=08](https://x.com/March4LifeUK/status/1785234052712112300?t=gQuTGnTbgUGrq5SL277h_A&s=08)

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate,** London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

**St Michael's Catholic Grammar School - Open Evening for Secondary Transfer - Tuesday 25 June 2024.** Parents and girls who are interested in taking the entrance tests are invited to visit the school for a guided tour on Tuesday 25 June between 5pm and 7pm. Headteacher talks will be held at 5pm and 7pm in The Sports Hall. Full details of the Admissions Policy can be found on the School's website <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/>. The online application to apply to sit the entrance tests for entry in September 2025 is now available <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/admissions-2025-26/>. The deadline for applications to be completed and Certificate of Catholic Practice provided to the School is 4pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2024.

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**Pilgrimage to Lisieux.** 6th–13th June. St Anselm and St Caecilia's, Kingsway. For further details please email Stephen Osborne. On [sta.osborne@gmail.com](mailto:sta.osborne@gmail.com) or call 07870 769631. Please see poster at the back of the Church.

**A Day With Mary pilgrimage to Fatima.** 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. Please see poster in the porch.

**CAFOD Pilgrimage.** CAFOD is organising a pilgrimage for young adults aged between 18- 40 from **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July**, in a special way in this year of prayer and lead up to the year of Jubilee. Reconnecting with their faith through worship, prayer and journeying as a pilgrim together. The pilgrimage will include a two-night residential stay at the Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough, NN9 5UH. **For more information:** [Young Adults Residential Pilgrimage \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://YoungAdultsResidentialPilgrimage(cafod.org.uk))