

FROM THE DIARY

Sunday 5th May	(6pm (Sat))	<i>Nadeesha Jude (Ann)</i>
Sixth Sunday of Easter	7.45am	<i>Intentions of the Parish</i>
	9am	<i>Tom Gorry (RIP)</i>
	10.30am	<i>People of the Parish & Holy Souls</i>
	12 noon	<i>Carvalho Family (Int)</i>
Monday 6th May	9.30am	<i>Elizabeth Murphy (Ann)</i>
Easter Feria		<i>BANK HOLIDAY—No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Church closes after Rosary</i>
Tuesday 7th May	9.30am	<i>Hugh Casey (RIP) Marie Casey (Int)</i>
Easter Feria	11.30am	Funeral of Alexandra McBride (RIP)
Wednesday 8th May	9.30am	<i>Marie Fitzpatrick (RIP)</i>
Easter Feria	4.30-5.30 pm	FHC Mass rehearsal (For 11am Mass)
	5.30-6.30 pm	FHC Mass rehearsal (For 2.30pm Mass)
Thursday 9th May	7am	<i>Jackie & Pdraig McMahon (RIP)</i>
Ascension of The Lord	9.30am	<i>Holy Souls and Meera De Daren (RIP)</i>
	9.30am	Mass (Ascension) at St Monica's School
	3.10pm	Legion of Mary, (Newman Room)
	7.30pm	<i>Cis Moriarty (Int)</i>
Friday 10th May	9.30am	<i>Philip & Mark Bonn (Ann)</i>
Easter Feria		
Saturday 11th May	9.30am	<i>Valery Mendonsa (Int)</i>
Easter Feria	11.00am	First Holy Communion Mass
	2.30pm	First Holy Communion Mass
		<i>No morning Confessions or Exposition with First Holy Communion Masses taking place</i>
Sunday 12th May	(6pm (Sat))	<i>Peter Wims (Ann)</i>
Seventh Sunday of Easter	7.45am	<i>Pat Swift (RIP)</i>
	9am	<i>Annette & Joe Mascarenhas (Int)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Sheila Corbett (Int)</i>
	12 noon	<i>Patricia Nolan (RIP)</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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: No Sat morning confession this week only 5.15pm– 5.45pm

St Monica's Church, Palmers Green

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

Readings	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	5th May
<i>Parish Mass Bk Pg. 270</i>	Jesus commands his disciples to love one another	2024

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God. Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

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PARISH NOTICES

We pray for all those who have died recently: Marlene Abberstein, Rosanna Rossi, Hugh Casey, John Flanagan, Dennis Frederick, Alexandra McBride, and for **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Phyllis Morahan, Yvonne Faria, Joan McAlinden, Peter Wims, Denis Nolan, Maria Heard-White, Mary Mangan. **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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1 John 4:7-10,
John 15: 9-17

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

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

Funeral of Fr John Warnaby (RIP) was a beautiful service and a lovely celebration of Fr John's life. Please continue to pray for Fr John's family and for all who mourn.

If you were unable to join the funeral, please see links below:

The funeral Mass can be watched at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_TrBi2DXbQ

The just giving page is <https://www.justgiving.com/page/frjohnwarnabyrip>

Obituary <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/fr-john-michael-warnaby-rip/>

TODAY

Refreshments in the Newman Room after 9am & 10.30 Masses provided by the Youth/Redcaps.

HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of The Lord and a Holy Day of Obligation, with Masses at 7am, 9.30am & 7.30pm.

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to all our Confirmation Candidates who made their Confirmation last weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

First Holy Communion children are looking forward to celebrating their First Holy Communion on the 11th or 18th May. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Churches Together Prayer Tuesday at 10.30 am. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/74680204904?pwd=TjJhQnBIYVVuUzNRYzZXQzJ6MHEzOT09> Meeting ID: 746 8020 4904 Passcode: zq1F7

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.

PARISH GROUPS

St Monica's Walking Group. Saturday 18th May. Old Amersham and Chalfon St Giles. This is a circular walk through pastoral farmland of the Missenden Valley, to visit Chalfont St Giles, the village famous for its connection with John Milton and his cottage. St Giles Church's interior has some interesting

fresco wall paintings. **Meet:** Wood Green Underground on Platform at 10am to Marylebone Station, 10.57am overhead train to Amersham. **Return:** Amersham.

OTHER

Thank you to those who supported the Knights of St Columba refreshments last weekend.

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.

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 or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, at adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or call 07961 594725

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.

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.

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 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.

Justice and Peace. Please see flyers at the back of the Church.

No Parking. Please kindly respect areas where you find this sign. Thank you.

Donations. Please see a member of the parish team before leaving any unwanted items/donations. Donations for the Food Bank may be left as usual.

FINANCE

28th April, Envelopes £302; Loose Plate £880 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/>

Those on a lower income and claim Pension Credit - with the onset of colder weather, the Warm Home Discount Scheme with your energy provider is now open. You are also entitled to a council tax discount and, if you are over 75, a free TV licence. Speak to Citizens Advice Enfield about what else you may be entitled to.

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 or email: 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

Finchley Catholic High School. Administrative Assistant. Closing date Friday 10th May. Please send completed application forms to recruitment@finchleycatholic.org.uk

OTHER

Music Appeal. If you are looking for an opportunity to contribute your musical abilities to the parish, whether singing or playing an instrument, we'd love to hear from you! **For Sunday 10.30 Mass Music Group**, contact John Dodd on jsdodd@btopenworld.com or 07802 498801. **For Sunday 12 o'clock Mass** speak to Anna Cechova anna.cech@hotmail.co.uk

To sing with the Children's Choir at **Saturday evening** once a month, (children in year 4 or

above), contact Christine Dench on 07966 140508 or callenN4@aol.com Or just speak to any of us after Mass! There are also registration forms at the back of the Church.

Walsingham National Shrine of England Sunday 12th May. 12.10pm – 5pm, a day of instruction, devotion and intercession.

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.

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 or call 07870 769631. Please see poster at the back of the Church.

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

CAFOD Pilgrimage. CAFOD is organising a pilgrimage for young adults aged between 18- 40 from **Friday 12th – Sunday 14th 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 \(cafod.org.uk\)](#)

Sign-up link: [Young Adults Pilgrimage July 24 - Formstack](#)

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th- 26th July 2024 – meeting on Thursday at 7.30pm in the Newman Room. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. **All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.** See <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contact the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday, 21st September. Further information will be available in due course but parishes are invited to note the date and to start making coach bookings.

DONA CONTACTLESS MACHINES. (Contactless Giving) If you would like to donate by card we have two DONA machines and the **QR Code** on the newsletter. Machines are located in the church porch and in the parish office. For example: donations can be made for: **Sunday Collection; Votive Candles; Repository** purchases; and for **Mass Offerings**. Please select the option you want and then the amount you wish to donate. If you require assistance using the machine or the QR code then please ask any member of the parish team who will be happy to help you. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal. You can donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected which gets funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who are working alongside communities helping those most in need. Please see the poster in porch with the QR code. Thank you for your continued prayers.