# FROM THE DIARY

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Sunday 19th May	(6pm (Sat))	People of the Parish
PENTECOST SUNDAY	7.45am	John Cawston (RIP)
	9am	Peter Fernandes (Ann)
	10.30am	Joanna Bernasinska (Ann)
	12 noon	Peter Wims (Ann)
Monday 20th May Mary, Mother of the Church	9.30am	Pat Swift (RIP)
	6.3орт	Rosary Service with First Holy Communion Children
Tuesday 21st May Feria	9.30am	Catherine Tully (Int)
Wednesday 22nd May Feria	9.30am	Theresa Piper (RIP)
Thursday 23rd May Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	9.30am	Fr Matthew Burrows (RIP)
	11.30am	Funeral of Hugh & Marie Casey (RIP)
	3.10pm	Legion of Mary, (Newman Room)
Friday 24th May Feria	9.30am	Narciso Calderato (RIP)
Saturday 25th May St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church	9.30am	Louis & Solange Allas (Ann)
	11.30am	Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Sunday 26th May	(6pm (Sat))	Liam & Mary Shine (Ann)
THE MOST HOLY	7.45am	Joan & Peter Carthy (Int)
TRINITY	9am	People of the Parish & Holy Souls
	10.30am	Teresa Kirby (Ann)
	12 noon	Cyril & Rose Verkey & Family (Int)

#### **MASS TIMES**

Sunday (Sat 6pm), 7.45am, 9am, 10.30am, 12n0on.

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: Sat 10.15-10.45am, 5.15pm-5.45pm

# St Monica's Church, Palmers Green

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

Readings Parish Mass Bk Pg.290	Pentecost Sunday	19th May
	Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the	2024

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church.

The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ.

In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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# **PARISH NOTICES**

We pray for all those who have died recently: Hugh & Marie Casey, Marlene Abberstein, Fernando Gerardo, Rosanna Rossi and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rosa Maserati, Bernard Moger, Michael Treacy, Justyna Kuklewicz, Teresa Alaimo, Gloria Waldrow, Matteo Bragoli, Sheila Edwards. Please pray for all sick and housebound parishioners especially: Sheila Corbett, Elizabeth Frangeskou, Agnieszka Puszko, Marie Herry, Pauline Monaghan, Claudette Seeboruth and Louis Appiah Snr; and those in our care homes: Anastasia Lodge, Beaumont, Brookwater House, The Conifers, The Hollies, Queen Ann Care, Woodlands and hospitals: North Middlesex and Chase Farm.

# **READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

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

# **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Deu 4:32-34, 39-40, Rom 8:14-17, Matt 28:16-20

# **TODAY**

Retiring Collection today is for the **Catholic** Communications Network. In his message for World Communications Day 2024, Pope Francis has focused on the theme: Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication.

**Refreshments:** are provided by The Common Home group this weekend in the Newman Room after the 9am and 10.30am Masses with all donations going to CAFOD's Sudan Appeal. All welcome. According to the UN Refugee Agency, 25 million people (half the population of Sudan) need urgent help, while 8 million are facing famine.

# **SACRAMENTS**

Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion over the last two Saturdays, it is a cause of great celebration for the parish . Please keep them in your prayers.

Do you know somebody who is interested in knowing more about Christianity and the Church? In Westminster diocese this year over 400 adults were Baptized or Received into the church at Easter. 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 invite! For more details email palmersgreen@rcdow.org.uk or speak to a member of the Parish Team.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

Rosary Service with First Holy Communion Children. Monday 6.3opm in the Church, includes blessing of religious gifts.

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

# **Churches Together Prayer Zoom Meeting:**

Tuesday at 10.30 am.

https://uso4web.zoom.us/i/74680204904? pwd=TjJhQnBIYVVuUzNRY3ZXQTJ6MHEzQT

Meeting ID: 746 8020 4904

Passcode: zq1F7

Day for the Sick. On Saturday 25th May at 11.30am there will be a Mass for the sickhousebound 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.

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

# **PARISH GROUPS**

200 Club. Congratulations to our March winners: 1st £129 Marion Gorry; 2nd £96.75 Alan Seldon; 3rd £64.50 Isidore Mortimer; 4th £32.25 Sylvia Smithson.

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

St Monica's Walking Group. Wednesday 12th June. Day trip to Sevenoaks, Kent. More information to follow next weekend.

# OTHER

Blessing of Graves. Lavender Hill and Strayfield Road Cemetery Saturday 6th July at 2pm. New Southgate and Old Southgate Cemeteries to be advised.

Laudato Si Week - 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Celebrate the week by planting 'Seeds of Hope'? Easy action points for each day of the week that could change our routine actions to a new way of living. Details available on our parish website or download it for yourself <a href="https://laudatosiweek.org">https://laudatosiweek.org</a>.

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.

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.

Mass Bookings for July, please contact the office on Monday 3rd June from 10am.

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@stmartinporres.haringey.sch.uk for further information.

Olsgeire - are a charity fund raising cycle group from Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George Church. They are taking part in a 260km charity cycle in aid of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice on 8th June in Westport Ireland. They would really appreciate your support. See the just giving page below. They thank you for your generosity.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/olsgeirecycle-2024?

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

# **FINANCE**

12th May, Envelopes £297; Loose Plate £837 To Donate: online use the QR code or for 画磁装画 Bank Transfer please use the following HSBC bank details:
Sort Code: 40-05-20;
A/c no: 41096176;

A/c no: **41096176**;

A/c name: WRCDT Palmers Green and entering 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 <a href="https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/">https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/</a>

**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 <a href="https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/cost-of-living-survival-kit/">https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/cost-of-living-survival-kit/</a>

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 <a href="https://www.theheetproject.org.uk/">https://www.theheetproject.org.uk/</a> 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: <a href="https://www.marriagecare.org.uk">www.marriagecare.org.uk</a> or email: <a href="mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk">volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk</a>

<u>Diocesan jobs</u> - For further details, please visit <a href="https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/">https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/</a>

**St Michael's Catholic Grammar School.** English Teacher, closing date **Tuesday 21st May**. Please send completed application forms to <a href="mailto:applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk">applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk</a>.

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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 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, atadriancullen@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 <u>cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal</u> or ring o8o8 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.

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 <u>07957594646</u> 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 <a href="https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/">https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/policy.com/admissions/</a>. The online application to apply to sit the entrance tests for entry in September 2025 is now available <a href="https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/admissions-2025-26/">https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/admissions-2025-26/</a>. The deadline for applications to be completed and Certificate of Catholic Practice provided to the School is <a href="https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/2025-26/">https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/admissions/2025-26/</a>.

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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 <a href="mailto:sta.osborne@gmail.com">sta.osborne@gmail.com</a> 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)