

FROM THE DIARY

Sunday 19th May	(6pm (Sat))	<i>People of the Parish</i>
PENTECOST SUNDAY	7.45am	<i>John Cawston (RIP)</i>
	9am	<i>Peter Fernandes (Ann)</i>
	10.30am	<i>Joanna Bernasinska (Ann)</i>
	12 noon	<i>Peter Wims (Ann)</i>
Monday 20th May	9.30am	<i>Pat Swift (RIP)</i>
Mary, Mother of the Church	6.30pm	Rosary Service with First Holy Communion Children
Tuesday 21st May	9.30am	<i>Catherine Tully (Int)</i>
Feria		
Wednesday 22nd May	9.30am	<i>Theresa Piper (RIP)</i>
Feria		
Thursday 23rd May	9.30am	<i>Fr Matthew Burrows (RIP)</i>
Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest	11.30am	Funeral of Hugh & Marie Casey (RIP)
	3.10pm	Legion of Mary, (Newman Room)
Friday 24th May	9.30am	<i>Narciso Calderato (RIP)</i>
Feria		
Saturday 25th May	9.30am	<i>Louis & Solange Allas (Ann)</i>
St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church	11.30am	<i>Mass with Anointing of the Sick</i>
Sunday 26th May	(6pm (Sat))	<i>Liam & Mary Shine (Ann)</i>
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	7.45am	<i>Joan & Peter Carthy (Int)</i>
	9am	<i>People of the Parish & Holy Souls</i>
	10.30am	<i>Teresa Kirby (Ann)</i>
	12 noon	<i>Cyril & Rose Verkey & Family (Int)</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: 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	PENTECOST SUNDAY	19th May
<i>Parish Mass Bk Pg. 290</i>	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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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 or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School. English Teacher, closing date **Tuesday 21st May**. Please send completed application forms to applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk

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.

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.

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.

Good Counsel Network. Tuesday 21st 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. March for Life vigil outside Westminster Cathedral in April, the 56th 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

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 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 \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://YoungAdultsResidentialPilgrimage(cafod.org.uk))