

FROM THE DIARY

Sun 16th Aug ASSUMPTION	6pm (Sat) Vigil Mamie & Peter Gowran RIP 7.45am Albert Davitt RIP 9am People of the Parish 10.30am Brendan Quinn Ints 12noon Michael Murphy RIP	& 3.30pm (Polish)
Mon 17th Aug feria	9.30am Maura Fitzpatrick Ints 1-3pm Individual Private Prayer	
Tue 18th Aug feria	9.30am Jo Scanlon RIP; FHC Amy S 1-3pm Individual Private Prayer	
Wed 19th Aug feria	9.30am Giovanni, Filomena & Pellegrino RIP 1-3pm Individual Private Prayer	
Thu 20th Aug St Bernard	9.30am John Gorry RIP 1-3pm Individual Private Prayer	
Fri 21st Aug St Pius X	9.30am Michael & Norah Nestor Ints 1-3pm Individual Private Prayer	
Sat 22nd Aug Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am Bridget Murphy RIP 11am Baptism of Rowan Watson 12.30pm Baptism of Noah Read 2-4pm Individual Private Prayer 2.30-3.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sun 23rd Aug 21st Sun O.T.	6pm (Sat) Vigil May Condon & Bill Harris RIP 7.45am Michael Donegan RIP 9am Burke family Ints 10.30am Umberto Cristofoli & Silvia Pasquali RIP; FHC Daniela I & Martha M 12noon People of the Parish	& 3.30pm (Polish)

MASS TIMES

Sunday (Sat 6pm), 7.45am, 9am, 10.30am, 12noon, 3.30pm (Polish)

(There is no Sunday evening Mass until further notice.)

Mon-Sat : 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) : Sat 2.30-3.30pm

Following Diocesan guidelines, it is compulsory to:

* *Use hand sanitiser provided in the porch before entering the church.*

* *Wear a face covering over nose & mouth when coming to
Mass/Reconciliation*

St Monica's Church, Palmers Green

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

Newsletter	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	16th
		Aug
	<i>The Assumption</i>	2020

There's a story about a new Sister who arrived at Mother Teresa's Hospice. Her first duty was to care for a man who had been brought in from the gutter; his body covered in sores and filth. When she looked anxious, Mother Teresa reassured her that all she had to do, 'was to remember that the man is Jesus'. The sister gently cleaned his wounds and washed his body. Later when asked what she had been doing, she simply replied, she had 'been with Jesus.' On the face of it this may seem nothing to do with the Assumption of Mary; but that could not be more wrong. When Jesus took on human flesh, he became one of us, humanity was changed. At Baptism we are filled with the Holy Spirit and become Temples of the God dwelling within us. Our bodies are, therefore, holy. The greatest example of this is of course is Mary. She who, through her 'yes' and continual desire to do the will of God, showed us that through God's love and grace, all is possible for each one of us. To emphasise her perfect response and her role as Mother of God, she was assumed body and soul into heaven. Such is the power of God and his glory. This too fulfils the promises of Christ to all of us, that where he goes, we follow. Mary is the proof of that. Finally, back to the Sister. It may seem odd that this teaching, which had existed for so long, should only become a dogma in 1950. Why? The clue is in the timing, just 5 years after the end of World War II. The Pope was horrified by the terrible slaughter and its effects. Human life, for many, now seemed cheap; soldiers dehumanised by the experience. He wanted to make a statement that the human body was anything but cheap and worthless. On the contrary it was made by God and belonged to children of God; it should be treated with respect. The ultimate example that this is how God sees us is the Assumption of Mary. Proof that not just our souls matter, our bodies do too.

Fr Stewart

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Parish Office hours: Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri 9.30am-2pm (closed Weds)

PARISH NOTICES

We pray for all those who have died recently: Evelyn Savva, Bruno Sesenna, Molly Mortimer, Gina Truran and for **those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Fr Joe Cullen, Mark Winters, Sr Mary Agnes, Philomena Evans, Michael Tzouvanni, Franco Ferraro, Breda Warren, Anthony Mould, Bridget De Souza, Rene Cattini, Sheila Boyden, Ioles Fossaluzza, Madeleine Mussi, Danny Forde.

Please Pray for all Sick and Housebound Parishioners, especially those in our care homes: Abbeydale, Amberley House, Anastasia Lodge, Beaumont, The Conifers, The Hollies, Minchenden Lodge, Queen Ann Care, Woodlands, Elizabeth Lodge **and hospitals:** North Middlesex and Chase Farm.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Is 56:1, 6-7, Rom 11:13-15, 29-32,
Mt 15:21-28

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20

CAN YOU HELP? . . .

To sanitise the church after Mass? With 4 volunteers per Mass it only takes 10 minutes. If you can, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

PARISHIONERS

Please inform Fr Mehall (i) of Catholics from the parish who would like to be contacted (ii) of parishioners who are shielding who would like an arrangement to receive Holy Communion at home.

PARISH GROUPS

Free Food Distribution by the parish every Monday from 3pm Please share this information with anyone in need. Donations of food (dried pasta, rice, biscuits, tinned fish, tinned soup, tinned vegetables etc) are welcome and can be dropped off on a Monday, 11am – 1pm under the canopy of the Large Hall front doors.

GENTLE REMINDER

To keep everyone safe, when coming to Mass, please:

- * **use the hand sanitiser provided, on entering (and leaving) the church.**
- * **wear a face covering, over nose and mouth, all the time.**
- * **observe social distance of '1-metre plus'.**
- * **for Holy Communion wait for directions from the Stewards before leaving your bench. (Those in side aisles will walk to the back of the church and down the centre aisle to receive.)**
- * **after receiving Holy Communion, leave the church by the St Joseph doorway.**
- * **do not come to church if you or anyone in your household is ill.**

SACRAMENTS

Baptism We welcome Logan and Ellias, who were Baptized on Saturday, to our parish community. The next Baptism Preparation Course will be on Sunday 6th September at 3pm. Please contact the parish office for details.

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion and Confirmation 2021 We do not know when preparation can start, but in order to plan we need to know how many prospective candidates there will be. **First Holy Communion** - if your child will be in Year 3 or above from September and you would like them to be prepared, please email Anna* with your name, your child's name, school attended & home post code. **Confirmation** if you are in Year 10 or above from September and would like to be prepared for Confirmation, email Anna* with your name, school attended and home post code and say why you want to be Confirmed. * annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk

RCIA Please pray for our candidates: Andy, Elizabeth, James, Nelson, Nino and Richard; completing preparation during August, for their Reception and Confirmation in September.

First Holy Communion 2020 This week please pray for Amy, who celebrates her First Holy Communion on Tuesday, and Daniela & Martha next Sunday.

Reconciliation is on Saturday between 2.30-3.30pm. Please queue inside the church.

SUNDAY MASS

If we reach full capacity for Sunday Mass inside the church, either Fr Stewart or I will commence the celebration of Mass a few minutes later in the Large Hall. *Fr Mehall*

OTHER

Monica 'Molly' Mortimer RIP A former Special Needs helper at St Monica's, her funeral is at 12noon on Wednesday 19th Aug at St George's, Enfield. It is a public mass and also being live-streamed at <https://www.catholicenfield.org/live-stream/>

Job Vacancy The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School is seeking Learning Support Assistants for September. Please see website for details. <https://www.cvms.co.uk/Staff-Vacancies/>

St John's Summer Café is open every Friday from 12noon-2pm, during the summer holidays, for anyone who would like to pick up a free hot meal, take away a sandwich for later and a hot drink/soup. There will also be groceries and clothes available for anyone who is in need.

Lost Property A ring was found in the church in July 2018. It may have significant monetary value. Contact the parish office to claim it.

FINANCE

Sunday 9th August: Envelopes: £949.29; Loose Plate: £449.97; Easter Offering: £105.

Giving by Standing Order Would you consider gifting your offering by Standing Order? If so, the payment details are: HSBC Bank plc, Sort Code: 40-05-20, a/c no: 41096176 a/c name: WRCDT Palmers Green; your surname as reference. Please email the parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator to let him know: palmersgreengac@rcdow.org.uk

Gift Aiding your donation There are details on our Diocese micro website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/palmersgreen/donate/>

Virgin Money We have a page which can be used to make donations to the parish, please see the link: https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/donation-web/charity?charityId=1019432&stop_mobi=yes

Forms can be emailed or posted to you from the parish office, or downloaded at the bottom of the home page at www.stmonica.org.uk

Thank you again for your generosity. *Chair of Finance Committee*