

SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

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+ 18th Sunday in OT (Year C)

31st July 2016

Please let us continue to pray for all our young people who are gathered at this time for the World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.

All First Communion and Confirmation programme registrations received up to and including Saturday (30th July) have been acknowledged by email. If you have not received this email, your form has not been received and we ask that you submit a new registration form. Thank you.

CAR PARK PROBLEM – WHAT IS THE SOLUTION? – we would like ALL THOSE WHO COME TO WEEKDAY MASS BY CAR TO HAVE A SMALL PERMIT FOR USE DURING THE TIME OF 8.30 AND 10.00AM. PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE TO COLLECT ONE OF THESE. THE CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED AFTER 10AM UNTIL 4.30PM ON WEEKDAYS. This will happen in the next few weeks but the PERMITS need to be taken AT THIS TIME PLEASE.

Fr. Ringford will be in the Confessional as our guest confessor every Friday at 6pm for those who wish to celebrate the sacrament.

We have all been deeply shocked, stunned and distressed at the happenings in France earlier this week. It is important to remind ourselves, as Radio 4 did during an interview with Fr. Jamieson, that the priest who died is one of a few hundred and we must remember that EVERY life is precious and has value. Martyrdom has always been part of the history of the church and now it seems to be moving closer to us. Our Cardinal wrote to us this week and I think that it is very important to put his words in to action. He wrote: "Key to this advice (given by the Metropolitan Police) is the phrase 'be alert but not alarmed'." Let us do this and continue to pray for justice and peace in our world today.

SUNDAY MASS

Sat Vigil 6.15pm
9am, 10.30am,
12noon, 6pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon-Sat 9am
Tue & Thu 6pm,
Fri 7pm

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE

Mon, Wed 6pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday 6pm
Sat 9.30-10.15am,
4.30-5.15pm

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

Sat 4.30-5.30pm

ROSARY

Mon-Sat 8.20am

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9.30am - 1.00pm

OFFICE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY

Parish Priest: Fr Derek McGuire

derekmcguire@rcdow.org.uk

(Day off: Monday 11am – Tuesday 12noon)

Assistant Priest: Fr Andrew Connick

andrewconnick@rcdow.org.uk

(Day off: Wednesday)

**FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH
THE PRIESTS PLEASE EMAIL
OR CALL THEM DIRECTLY**

Catechetical Coordinator: Natalie Smith

nataliesmith@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Administrator: Lavina Fernandes

lavinafernandes@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Centre Manager: Seniorita Evans

07948 834 867 senoritaevans@rcdow.org.uk

(Bookings taken by phone on Mon, Thu, Fri: 7.00-8.30am,
and Tue, Wed: 4.00-5.00pm, or via email)

Child Protection Carer: Mrs Celia Golden

07716 692 000 (EMERGENCY CALLS ONLY)

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are NEW TO THE PARISH, please make sure that you complete a "Parish Registration form" (Green form). And a reminder to those already registered we need to be informed of **change of address, contact details, new addition to the family or moved**. This allows us to serve our parishioners better.

SCHOOL FORMS FROM SEPTEMBER'16

Places in our Roman Catholic schools are always oversubscribed so it is important that those who hope to place their children in a Catholic school attend Mass regularly.

- The Archdiocese requires that families attend regularly (this means attending Mass every Sunday or Saturday evening) for at least **TWO years** before a priest is able to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

1. **Attendance Card** is used to indicate the presence of families at Mass.

2. If you are new to the parish – you will need a **letter from your previous Parish Priest**.

- For signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Nursery, Reception & Secondary Transfer, please keep reading the newsletter near the time for online appointment(s).

- Others will have to make an appointment directly with the priests, details available overleaf. Please make sure you have the attendance card(s) or a letter from your previous Parish Priest.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD (For Children in Year 5 & below)

- Many parents are worried that they will lose their cards over the summer or in the years ahead. Therefore, if you have a completed card and would like to exchange this for a Certificate for year 2015-2016 (highly recommended) kindly visit the Parish Office during office hours mentioned overleaf. Stickers **will not** be issued during August.

- Parents, if you are unable to visit during office hours, please email Lavina or see one of the priests.

- **NEW CARDS** will be issued from September in the church after all Masses. Mass attendance cards are used between September and July.

Please make sure that the new card has a recent **PHOTO** of your child and their **FULL NAME**.

PLANNED GIVING

The Planned Giving Scheme is simply a way of helping those people who believe the Church is important, by enabling them to contribute to the cost of its Ministry and the maintenance of its buildings by making a regular weekly or monthly contribution. You can choose to give either by **STANDING ORDER** through your bank or by using **WEEKLY ENVELOPES**.

If you are a tax payer and complete a simple **GIFT AID DECLARATION**, then any money you give, either by using envelopes or by Standing Order, will enable your church to claim back the tax you've already paid on your gift (currently an extra 25p for every £1 you give). All this at no extra cost to you! If you are not on the **GIFT AID** scheme – **PLEASE** think about it and see one of the priests or Lavina.

TEXT GIVING THROUGH YOUR MOBILE PHONE!

By using your mobile telephone, you can now text £5 as an offering to help support the running cost, ministries and programmes or the cost of maintenance and repair to our buildings.

Simple text "Parish HOUNS" to this number:

70800

'SPECIAL NEEDS' MASSES

There are several themed afternoon events held during the year. A warm welcome is extended especially to anyone with special needs, their families and friends but all parishioners are also invited to attend. Mass will be held on Sunday at 3:30pm with creative activities in the Parish Centre from 1:30pm and 'bring and share' refreshments after the Mass. Dates will be announced on the Newsletter.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE / CONVALIDATION

ANYONE who is thinking of getting married should pick up a DVD from parish office and give a minimum of **SIX MONTHS** notice before the wedding date is fixed. **PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT A WEDDING** – otherwise you may be disappointed. This is to ensure that the couple has been adequately prepared for Christian marriage and that the relevant paperwork has been completed.

THIS IS ALSO THE NORM FOR MARRIAGES TAKING PLACE OVERSEAS.

AN APPOINTMENT MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS (Contact details available overleaf) AFTER YOU HAVE COLLECTED AND WATCHED THE DVD WHICH YOU CAN COLLECT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.

This information is required:

- 1) by any COUPLES who have already undergone a CIVIL MARRIAGE and now wish to have the marriage made holy through a simple Church ceremony.
- 2) by anyone looking for a "LETTER OF FREEDOM".
- 3) by anyone who is thinking of getting married in the Catholic church whether here or abroad – in their own country.

ALTAR SERVERS

To be an altar server you must have already received your First Holy Communion. In September we will ask parents to fill in a form for new servers.

Training for new altar servers will be held on Saturdays 17th September, 24th September and 1st October, 10.30-11.30am in the church. All three sessions are required.

Please see the newsletter in September, and speak to Fr Andrew if you have any questions.

BAPTISM

Parents must attend a two-part preparation course before their child can be baptised in the Church.

The sessions take place once every two months and are held in the Parish Centre on a Sunday from 12noon to 1:15pm. Baptism registration forms can be found in the Church porch and must be completed and returned before parents can attend the course. Parents attending on the day without prior submission of It is mandatory at least one parent is a Catholic for a child to be baptised in the faith. After attending the course parents will be invited to make contact with their allocated priest who will visit the family at home. At this point they will ask to see a copy of the baptism certificate of one of the parent and a date for the baptism celebration will be decided. Please do not make any plans until a date for baptism has been set with the priest.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

On most Sundays in the year, children in Year 5 and below attending the 10:30am Mass, are invited into the Parish Centre, for their own Gospel reading and reflection. This is carried out through prayer, discussion and activities.

FIRST COMMUNION

Parents are reminded that if their child is not in a Catholic school or has not attended the Parish programme 'Walk with Me' they are not eligible to join the First Communion programme. So please do not complete the online registration form. Instead email Natalie to register for the Walk with Me programme.

The programme is for all children in Year 3 or above. Parents are invited to register online. Please go to the Parish website: [//parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/). The final date for submission of the form is: Sunday, 28th August 2016. The system will not allow registration after this date and children will not be accepted onto the programme after the 28th of August. It is strongly recommended that children are registered as soon as possible as large numbers may mean that we have to close registration before the August deadline. If a child has not been baptised in this Church a copy of their baptism certificate must be handed in. A copy can be put into the Parish Office letterbox marked for the attention of Natalie Smith. There will be an initial meeting for parents only on Tuesday, 6th September at 6:30pm, in the Parish Centre. The First Communion programme begins on Saturday 24th September 2016. Parents will be expected to follow an adult programme lead by Fr. Derek at the same time. The children will receive the Eucharist for the first time in June 2017.

WALK WITH ME

This is a parish programme for children who don't attend a Catholic school. It is open to children in Year 2 or above who wish to be baptised and/or to receive the Eucharist. It is a three term programme that begins on Tuesday, 1st November 2016. The classes are held in the Parish Centre from 4:30pm-5:30pm. This programme provides the children with a solid

faith foundation before they join the First Holy Communion programme the following year. Parents are invited to email Natalie (nataliesmith@rcdow.org.uk) to register. All parents who register will receive a reminder email the week before the first class.

CONFIRMATION

This programme is open to young people in Year 9 or above. Candidates are invited to register online. Please go to the Parish website: [//parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/). The final date for submission of all forms is: Sunday, 28th August 2016. The system will not allow registration after this date and candidates will not be accepted onto the programme after the 28th of August. It is strongly recommended that candidates are registered as soon as possible as large numbers may mean that we have to close registration before the August deadline. If a candidate has not been baptised in this parish a copy of their baptism certificate must be handed in. This can be dropped into the Parish Office letterbox marked for the attention of Natalie Smith. There will be an initial meeting for parents only on Tuesday, 13th September at 6:30pm, in the Parish Centre. The Confirmation programme begins on Sunday, 25th September 2016. Parents will be expected to attend three sessions lead by Fr. Derek on the dates advised. The candidates will be confirmed in May or June 2017.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for those: 1) Catholics who have been baptised and who now wish to receive the Eucharist and be confirmed, 2) adults who have been baptised in another Christian faith and now wish to become Catholic or 3) adults of another faith or no faith who wish to become Catholic. The programme begins on Tuesday, 27th September with the Inquiry Period. Those on the programme will receive the necessary sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday 15th April 2017. If you would like further details, contact Natalie via the email address overleaf.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Practising Catholics who have been baptised and have made their First Communion but have not

been Confirmed are invited to receive this Sacrament with a shorter programme beginning on Thursday, 2nd February 2017. You will then be confirmed into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, 15th April 2017. If you are interested, please contact Natalie Smith for further details (nataliesmith@rcdow.org.uk).

WEST MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL

RC Chaplain: awaiting appointment

T: 020 8321 5447 **if you are admitted to hospital, please inform staff that you wish your details to be passed to the Roman Catholic chaplain. Mass** – Monday, 12noon (except Bank Holidays) **in the Chapel. All are welcome.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

23/24 July 2016

Next week: Group A (Jose Carlos)

Envelopes £ 2,151.80

Loose £ 1,982.09

TOTAL £ 4,133.89

DEEPENING FAITH

135. What is the relation between the Church and the Jews?

Jews are the “older brethren” of Christians, because God loved them first and spoke to them first. Jesus Christ as man is a Jew, and this fact unites us. The Church recognizes in him the Son of the living God, and this fact separates us. In awaiting the final coming of the Messiah we are one. The Jewish faith is the root of our faith. The Sacred Scripture of the Jews, which we call the Old Testament, is the first part of our Sacred Scripture. The Judeo-Christian concept of man and morality, which is informed by the Ten Commandments, is the foundation of Western democracies. It is shameful that for hundreds of years Christians were unwilling to admit this close relation to Judaism and for pseudo-theological reasons helped foment an anti-Semitism that all too often had lethal effects. During the Holy Year 2000, Pope John Paul II expressly asked forgiveness for this. The Second Vatican Council clearly states that the Jews as a people cannot be charged with any collective guilt for the crucifixion of Christ.

Read more: Catechism of the Catholic Church 839-840.