

# SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow  
Archdiocese of Westminster

# NEWSLETTER

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## + 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in OT (Year B)

27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY. MORNING MASS AT 10AM. THE CHURCH & THE CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED SHORTLY AFTER MASS.

### REFLECTIONS

Today Jesus leads his covenant assembly to the decisive moment; a point of no return. Here is the test of loyalty and mark of true discipleship. He has offered a dangerous proposition to his disciples - eating his flesh and drinking his blood as a must for discipleship and membership of his Eucharistic covenant family. Many left Him at this point having found His proposition intolerable. They were offered anti-poison; they rather chose to live with it.

Jesus was never bothered that many left him. He was never in the business of commercial marketing. He had no business being politically correct with eternal truths. And, to impress on His seriousness here, He was even ready to lose the twelve than compromise an eternal truth. He asked them, "what about you, do you want to go away too?" Simon saved the day for the rest.

Unfortunately, we live in a Church where there is increasing pressure to water down our core doctrinal beliefs. Secularism is seriously making inroads and blurring our stand with Jesus. In all these, we should never forget; He, who alone is the omniscient, holds the ultimate truth, never us.

## 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### SUNDAY MASS

Sat Vigil 6.15pm  
9am, 10.30am\*  
12noon, 6pm  
\*Children Liturgy  
(Year 5 & Below)

### WEEKDAY MASS

Mon 10am Tue – Sat 9am  
Tue & Thu 6pm  
Fri 7pm

### EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE

Wed 6pm

### CONFESSIONS

Fri 6pm  
Sat 9.30-10.15  
Sat 4.30- 5.15

### HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

Sat 4.30-5.30pm

### ROSARY

Mon-Sat 8.20am

**MORNING PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday : 9.30am - 1.00pm

**EVENING PARISH OFFICE: CLOSED FOR JULY & AUGUST**

### Parish Priest:

Fr Derek McGuire (*On Sabbatical*)

### Priest:

Fr Augustine Nwosu CSSp

[augustinenwosu@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:augustinenwosu@rcdow.org.uk)

(Day off: Monday)

**PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST  
DIRECTLY FOR APPOINTMENT**

**Parish Administrator:** Lavina Fernandes

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(AWAY on Annual Leave)

**Parish Catechist:** Jane Lowe

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**Parish Centre Manager:** Señorita Evans

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(BOOKINGS TAKEN BY PHONE MON, THURS, FRI 7.00-8.30AM, AND TUES/WED 4.00-5.00PM, OR BY EMAIL)

**Child Protection Carer:** *Appointment pending*

## PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are NEW TO THE PARISH (*Single or with Family*), please make sure that you complete a "Parish Registration form" (Green form). *One form per Individual or Family*. OR go ONLINE for registration or amendments: Please visit our website [parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/registration](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/registration)

**UPDATE YOUR PARISH RECORDS** every time there is a change in your circumstances by filling in the form in completely – both sides.

A reminder to those already registered we need to be informed of the following:

- **Change of address or contact details**
- **New addition to the family**
- **If you are moving abroad or to another parish – Close your records.**

Forms are available in the Church porch. Drop the completed form into the mailbox, Parish Office.

This allows us to serve our parishioners better.

## MASS ATTENDANCE CARD (SEPT TO JUNE)

- Stickers for children in school Year 5 and under.
- Please ensure your card has a recent PHOTO of your child and their FULL NAME.
- Stickers will be given when you **ENTER THE CHURCH BEFORE MASS BEGINS**.
- Many parents are worried that they will lose their cards over the summer or in the years ahead. Therefore, in July & August you will be invited to obtain a Certificate for that year (highly recommended).

### • **FOR Attendance Card CERTIFICATE (2017/18):**

1. **From 13 August to 30 August: Please visit the Parish Office, Monday to Thursday 10am to 11am ONLY to collect your certificate, no appointments required.**
2. **Deadline to collect the certificate(s) is 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

- Stickers **will not** be issued in the months of July and August.
- **NEW ATTENDANCE CARDS** will be issued on weekend 8 / 9 September 2018 in the church.

## SIGNING THE CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FOR SCHOOLS

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 (that is weekly) for at least **TWO years** before a priest is able to sign your form.
- **Attendance Card** are used to indicate the presence of families at Mass.
- **If you are new to the parish**, you will need a **letter** from your previous Parish Priest in order to obtain a signed Certificate of Catholic Practice from this priest.
- Parents **YOU** are responsible for the **FULL** education of your child.
- **Parents looking for admission**, please visit the Local Council & Schools or their websites, once your application is ready, then contact either of the priests to make an appointment (details overleaf) to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice.
- Please make sure you have the Mass attendance card(s) or a letter from your previous Parish Priest before **making an appointment with the Priest**.
- There will be no signing in the month of August as all schools are closed.

## 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 the **WEEKLY ENVELOPES**.

If you are a taxpayer and complete a simple **GIFT AID DECLARATION**, then any money you give, either by using envelopes or by Standing Order, will enable our parish 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 to sign up. Forms (White) are available in the church porch.

### **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

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE / CONVALIDATION

ANYONE who is thinking of getting married please make an appointment with the priest 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 NORMAL PROCEDURE FOR MARRIAGES TAKING PLACE OVERSEAS. **AN APPOINTMENT MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH ONE OF THE PRIESTS (Contact details available overleaf)** 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 an online form for new servers. Training for new altar servers will be held in October in the church. Please keep reading the newsletter for training dates and time.

## BAPTISM

Parents must attend a two-part preparation course before their child can be baptised in the Church. The sessions are held in the Parish Centre on consecutive Sundays from 12noon to 1:15pm.

Baptism registration forms (blue) with the programme dates can be found in the Church porch and must be completed and returned before parents can attend the course.

It is mandatory for at least one parent to be a Catholic for the child to be baptised in the faith. Once the form is received parents will be invited to contact a priest to arrange a home visit, at which point the date for baptism will be set. During the home visit the priest will ask to see a copy of the baptism certificate of one of the parents.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

On certain 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.

## WALK WITH ME

This parish programme is a requirement for children in Year 2 or above who don't attend a Catholic school and wish to prepare for Baptism and/or to receive the Eucharist. It is a three term programme that provides the children with a solid faith foundation before they join the First Holy Communion programme the following year.

The hour-long classes are held in the Parish Centre. Younger Children in Yrs 2 & 3 on Tuesdays 4.30-5.30pm meet from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and Older Children in Yrs 3-8 on Sundays 11.30am -12.30pm from Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Registration is by online application which will be open from 17<sup>th</sup> September – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Please note there are limited places in each class and Yr 3 children will be allocated their preferred day by the Catechists on a first come first served basis.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The FHC programme is open to all children in Year 3 or above. Please register online:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/>

Closing date: **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

The system will not allow registration after this date. It is strongly recommended that children are registered as soon as possible so that we can plan for group numbers.

If a child has not been baptised in St. Michael and St. Martin, a copy of their baptism certificate must be dropped into the Parish Office letterbox or emailed to Colette. *If this is not done by the deadline date, your child will not be accepted on to the programme and will have to join in the following year.*

The first meeting - for parents only - will be on **Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am**, in the Parish Centre. The First Communion programme begins on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018.** Parents will also be expected to follow a programme at the same time. The children will receive the Eucharist for the first time in May or June 2019.

## **CONFIRMATION**

This programme is open to young people in Year 9 or above. Candidates are invited to register online at [//parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/). The final date for registration of all applications is **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

The system will not allow registration after this date and candidates will not be accepted onto the programme.

If a candidate has not been baptised in St. Michael and St. Martin, a paper copy of their baptism certificate must be given must be dropped into the Parish Office letterbox or emailed to Jane.

*If this is not done by the deadline date, the candidate will not be accepted on this year's programme.*

The first meeting – for parents only will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 12.00pm, in the Parish Centre. The first candidate's session will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Parents will be expected to attend three sessions throughout the course. The

candidates will be confirmed on a date to be advised.

## **RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a programme for:

- 1) Adults who have never been Baptised and wish to become Catholic.
- 2) Adults who have been Baptised in another Christian tradition and now wish to become Catholic.
- 3) Catholics who have been Baptised and now wish to receive the Eucharist and be Confirmed. Start Date: **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Adult Baptisms and Confirmations** will take place at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Adults who wish to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation only will be invited to join the group in Lent 2019. Please speak to one of the priests or contact Colette for further details and an enquiry form.

## **BIBLE TIMELINE – *The Acts of the Apostles***

On Mondays at 7.30pm for the full version and then the abridged version on Wednesday mornings after the 9am Mass – both in the Parish Centre. Contact person Ivan Cizmarik

**First days back: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September & Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

## **YEAR 7 & 8 YOUTH GROUP**

Would you like to have fun in fellowship with God and friends? We meet every Tuesday 6pm – 7.15pm in the Parish Centre. All girls and boys are welcome. There will be games and social time. Come along! Please register your place here: <https://goo.gl/forms/rXpThhxud9dhkx002>  
Contact person Ivan Cizmarik

**First day back: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

## **YOUNG ADULTS**

Age range 18 -35 years| Date Every Sunday| Time 1.30-2.30pm| Location Parish Centre – Meeting Room. A group of young adults who are looking to make new friends and grow deeper in their faith of Jesus Christ and in teaching of the Church. Contact person Ivan Cizmarik

**First day back: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**