

SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

This Parish is served by the Spiritans

NEWSLETTER

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+ 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C)

28th April 2019

NEWS OF DEATH – Lolo Flora Nwaigwe, the mother of Fr Stan Nwaigwe, CSSp. recently passed away in Nigeria. Fr Stan travelled to Nigeria few days ago for the funeral ceremonies of his beloved mother. Fr Stan will return to SS Michael and Martin Catholic Church Hounslow in the second week of May 2019 after the funeral ceremonies. Let us keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers. May the soul of Lolo Flora Nwaigwe rest in perfect peace. Amen.

ANNUAL SPIRITAN RETREAT – Fr Daniel Adayi, CSSp. and Fr David Sandambongo, CSSp. will travel to Wales for the Annual Spiritan Retreat from Monday 29th April to Friday 3rd May 2019. Fr Austin Nwosu, CSSp. will travel for his own Annual Retreat later in the year. Fr Austin will be in the Parish during the aforementioned period of the Annual Retreat for Frs Daniel and David. It is our hope that the frequency of the Presbytery doorbell and phone calls will **reduce** to some extent during this period in order not to overwhelm Fr Austin with excessive workload. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. Parish Management.

PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE PEOPLE OF SRI LANKA The world watched with inexpressible shock on Easter Sunday 21st April 2019 as many innocent people who went to different Churches to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ were senselessly killed in those despicable terrorist attacks which took place in Sri Lanka on that day. The death toll equally includes other innocent civilians who were in those hotels that were targeted during the attacks. Many families have been devastated by those tragic terrorist attacks. As a community of faith, we lift up our voices in prayer to God asking for divine grace and healing especially for those families who have lost their loved ones during those terrorist attacks. We equally pray for peace and unity to prevail in the country of Sri Lanka. To all our brothers and sisters from Sri Lanka, our thoughts and prayers are with you especially during this moment of grief. Kindly accept our profound condolences. May the Risen Christ grant us his peace, forgiveness, love and hope for a better tomorrow in the entire world. Parish Management.

SUNDAYMASS

Sat Vigil 6.15pm

9am, 10.30am*

12noon, 6pm

*Children Liturgy

(Year 5 & Below)

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon – Sat 9am

Mon -- Thu 6pm

Fri 7pm

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: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday : 9.30am - 1.00pm

EVENING PARISH OFFICE: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Parish Priest: Fr Augustine Nwosu CSSp.

augustinenwosu@rcdow.org.uk (Day off: Mon)

Assistant Priest: Fr David Sandambongo CSSp.

davidsandambongo@rcdow.org.uk (Day off: Wed)

Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow

Airport: Fr Daniel Adayi CSSp.

danieladayi@rcdow.org.uk (Day off: Thu)

Resident Priest: Fr Stan Nwaigwe, CSSp.

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST DIRECTLY FOR APPOINTMENT

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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)

PARISH NOTICES

The **ANNUAL FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY** will be celebrated TODAY during the 12.00noon Mass. There will be Veneration of the Divine Mercy Picture and kissing of the Image after the Mass. All are welcome!

LEPRA: The **LEPRA Agency** will visit our parish during the weekend of 4th/5th May 2019 to make appeals in support of their humanitarian work around the globe. They desire to inform us that over 7 million people are currently affected by leprosy across the world. Over 4 million people are living with a life-changing disability caused by leprosy. Although **curable**, many people are unable to access treatment, even though the cure is free. Leprosy works to **find, treat and rehabilitate** these hidden people and promote their rights in India, Bangladesh and Mozambique. Their appeal is for us to help them **beat leprosy** – even the smallest contribution can help treat and rehabilitate people trapped in this disease. Thank you for your anticipated kindness and generosity.

SIGNING THE CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP) FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Parents, please visit the Local Council & Schools or visit their websites for forms and other guidelines. Once your Catholic School application is ready, then contact the Priests to sign the **CCP** as below.

1. The Archdiocese requires that families attend Mass 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.
 - **ATTENDANCE CARD** is 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 PRIESTS**.
2. For signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice (A). For Nursery, Reception & Secondary Transfer, please keep reading the newsletter near the time for online appointment(s) with the Priest & visit the parish website. (B). For school years (Yr1 to Yr6) or any other school years, please

make an appointment directly with the Priest, details available overleaf.

3. Please make sure you have the attendance card(s) or a letter from your previous Parish before making an appointment.

NURSERY SCHOOL (September 2019): Please visit the School(s) or their websites for Application(s) and relevant information. The Priests have signed the 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' in March. Those who have missed this opportunity, please contact them directly for an appointment. More details available on the Parish website. The deadline is **3rd May**.

BIBLE TIMELINE – Galatians: Set Free to Live
New Bible Study Programme starts: Monday 29th April & Wednesday 1st May 2019. 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, Email: ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Saturday 4th May at 10am, Presbytery.

PARISH COUNCIL: Meeting on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm, Parish Centre.

REGULAR NOTICES

NEW PARISHIONER OR FAMILY? CHANGE IN ADDRESS? ADDITION OF A NEW FAMILY MEMBER TO THE EXISTING RECORD? Please fill in the Parish Registration Form (GREEN COLOUR) available in the Church porch & drop the completed form into the mail-box, Parish Office.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD

The new Mass Attendance Card (Green Colour) (Sept'18 to June'19) for children in Year 5 and below only. This Card will be requested by the Priest for signing of the *Certificate of Catholic Practise (CCP) for Catholic Schools*. Stickers will be given when you ENTER THE CHURCH BEFORE MASS BEGINS.

- Please ensure your card has a recent PHOTO of your child and their FULL NAME.
- All parents are reminded that a sticker will only be issued if the child is present for the Mass.
- Stickers will not be given if the card is not presented.

PLANNED GIVING BOXES will be available for collection from the Parish Office **Weekdays** during office hours (mentioned on page 1). Please note:

- The deadline to collect your box is **Wednesday 15th May** (ACTIVE DONORS ONLY) after which these boxes will be cancelled/closed. You will have to REGISTER AGAIN (using the White form) to get a box. If you would like to cancel your box, please email Lavina- lavinafernandes@rcdow.org.uk.
- Those who would like to have a box of envelope please fill in the PG registration (colour White) & GAD Form attached to it, if you are a taxpayer.

MARRIAGE PAPERWORK –

A GENTLE REMINDER – you need to give **6 MONTHS NOTICE of MARRIAGE** – whether it is taking place HERE or ABROAD - INDIA, PHILIPPINES or elsewhere. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT TO THE LAST MINUTE. Couples or individuals should speak to a Priest VERY EARLY IN THE PROCESS – so that there is no last minute rush. Marriage Preparation Courses are NOT offered EVERY MONTH – so best to see the Priest early to book the course. **Please make an appointment directly with the Priest, contact details available overleaf.**

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Session today at 10.30am Mass.

RCIA / ADULT CONFIRMATION: Mystagogia Session – Tuesday 30th April, 7.30pm.

WALK WITH ME: Sunday group resumes 28th April, 11.30am, in Parish Centre. Tuesday group resumes 30th April, 4.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: RITE OF ACCEPTANCE – 2.00PM MASS on SUNDAY 5TH MAY. This Mass fulfils your Sunday obligation and stickers will be given out. All family and friends of our First Holy Communion children welcome.

CONFIRMATION: Rehearsal is on Thursday 16th May 7.30pm (New date) All candidates to attend accompanied by a parent

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2019-2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES - please apply online in **July & August**. Keep an eye on the newsletter for further details.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: Next available course for pre-registered families is on Sunday 7th and 14th July.

EVENTS

SENIOR CITIZENS EASTER TEA DANCE - The Parish is organising a Easter Tea Dance for Senior Citizens on Saturday 4th May from 2.30pm till 4.30pm through the UCM in the Parish Centre. We would like to invite all our senior citizens to come and join us for a bit of dancing, a cup of tea and some cakes. Please put your name on the List at the back of the Church.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR 2019: A Seven Week Spirit-filled Seminar with Renowned International Speakers. **Every Friday from the May 3rd to 23rd June.** Please invite all your Friends and Family. Parish Centre, St. Michael and St. Martin RC Parish, 7pm – 9:30pm. For Pre-registration, Contact: Winnie 07921693536, Sam 07901201883, Email: Livingwordccr@gmail.com. Organized by Living Word Catholic Charismatics Renewal Prayer Group.

The **MARCH FOR LIFE UK** will take place on Saturday 11th May starting from outside Westminster Church House, 25 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BN at 2pm. There will also be events in the morning from 9:30am until 1:30pm, for more details and local coach information see www.MarchforLife.co.uk

MAY PROCESSION AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN, NW109AX, Sunday 12th May, 3.30pm. Preacher: Fr Martin Plunkett. Come and join hundreds of other pilgrims as we pray the Rosary in procession, giving witness to our Faith, our love for Mary, and our intercession for our city and country at this time.

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY 8th JUNE 2019 AT 3PM. For all couples in the Parish who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary** of Catholic marriage in 2019. Those couples, who qualify, please email Lavina at lavinafernandes@rcdow.org.uk or contact the Parish office during the office hours **by the 29th April.**

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

Acts 5:12-16 The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Psalm response: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

Apocalypse 1:9-13.17-19 I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

John 20:19-31 Eight days later, Jesus came. *Ps Week II*

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C

Acts 5:27-32.40-41 We are witnesses of all this, and the Holy Spirit.

Psalm response: *I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

Apocalypse 5:11-14 The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power.

John 21:1-19 Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

20/21 April 2019

Envelope	£ 6,730.04
Loose	£ 7,118.65
TOTAL	<u>£ 13,848.69</u>

IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

RIP: Sr Bernadette Noble, Dagma Caroline
Brayley, Brigitte Andrews

GROUP MEETINGS

PARISH COUNTING GROUP ROTA

This week: Group C (John Radley)

Next week: Group D (Joe Furey)

ASCENT GROUP Every Monday 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS: Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Church.

UCM: Tuesday 30th April 7.30pm, Rosary in the Parish Centre.

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, Email: ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Wednesday evenings at 5.15pm, Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) MEETINGS are held on Weekday: 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:30pm, Weekend: 2nd & 4th Saturday at 10am in the Parish Centre. New members are welcomed.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: Every Thursday from 5pm in the Church.

DIVINE MERCY: first Friday at 3pm in the Church.

"HEART OF WORSHIP" PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING: NO service this Friday.

CHURCH CLEANING: Saturday after 9am Mass. Please give a hand for half an hour. Thank you.

PARISH SOCIAL SUPPORT TEAM are available in the Church porch on: 2nd and 4th Tue = 7:30pm to 7:45pm; 2nd and 4th Sat = 9:45am to 10am.

LIVING WORD CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP meets every Friday from 7- 9pm at the Parish Centre.

YOUNG ADULTS' GROUP 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, have fun and grow deeper in their faith of Jesus Christ and in teaching of the Church. Contact person: Ivan Cizmarik, Email: ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk

SYRO MALABAR MASS: Sunday 5th May, 3.30pm in the Church.

GHANAIAN ASSOCIATION MEETING: Sunday 5th May at 1.15pm in the Parish Centre.