

# SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow  
Archdiocese of Westminster

## SUMMER EDITION NEWSLETTER

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**+19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT (Year C)**

**11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**TRANSFER OF FR DAVID SANDAMBONGO, CSSP.** This is to inform everyone that Fr David Sandambongo, CSSp. has recently been transferred to St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Archway in North London. His transfer is at the instance of our Provincial Superior and the Leadership Council of our Religious Congregation. However, Fr David will continue to carry out his normal responsibilities in the parish until Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 when he is expected to move to his new place of assignment. We are grateful to Fr David for his ministry in our parish community. Some envelopes marked **FAREWELL GIFT FOR FR DAVID** are displayed in the Church. Please collect one or more of such envelopes for your family and friends and enclose your appreciation gift to Fr David. Feel free to return the envelope to **Fr David** directly or you can drop it at the **Parish Office** during office hours. Furthermore, you can drop your envelope into the **Mail Box** in the Parish Office Door. Thank you for your anticipated kindness and generosity.

**FAREWELL PARTY FOR FR DAVID** – This will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. You are cordially invited.

**HOUNSLOW CATECHIST EMAIL ADDRESS** – We wish to inform our parishioners that we are still in the process of recruiting a new Catechist to replace Jane Lowe who recently resigned. It is a diligent process. Consequent upon this, any email sent to the Hounslow Catechist Account (*for Baptism & Confirmation registrations or queries*) will be replied towards the end of August when the temporary Administrative Officer we recently employed will return from her annual leave. Please do not panic. The situation is under control. We hope to employ the substantive Catechist sooner than later. We encourage everyone to exercise a reasonable degree of patience as this process unfolds. Thank you for your understanding.

**CLEANLINESS OF THE CHURCH** – We are encouraged to take both personal and public responsibility for making sure that our Church is constantly clean. It is not a good practice to drop particles of food/biscuits/chewing gum/papers, etc. in the Church. We are requested to make extra effort in keeping the toilets very clean by not littering the toilet floors with tissues. We are to support the effort of those who clean the toilets for us since they are not available to do it on daily basis. In addition, we make special appeal to everyone to endeavour to help in keeping both the front and porch areas of the Church exceptionally clean particularly during this season when leaves fall off from trees in great numbers. This saying is true: “cleanliness is next to godliness”. Thank you so much for your anticipated cooperation.

### SUNDAY MASS

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 & BENEDECTION

Sat 4.30-5.30pm

### ROSARY

Mon-Sat 8.20am

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

**EVENING PARISH OFFICE: CLOSED in July & August**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Augustine Nwosu, CSSp.  
[augustinenwosu@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:augustinenwosu@rcdow.org.uk) (Day off: Mon)

**Assistant Priest:** Fr David Sandambongo, CSSp.  
[davidsandambongo@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:davidsandambongo@rcdow.org.uk) (Day off: Wed)

**Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow Airport:**  
Fr Daniel Adayi, CSSp.  
[danieladayi@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:danieladayi@rcdow.org.uk) (Day off: Thu)

**Resident Priest:** Fr Stan Nwaigwe, CSSp.  
[stannwaigwe@gmail.com](mailto:stannwaigwe@gmail.com) (Day off: Fri)

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

**Parish Administrator:** Lavina Fernandes  
[lavinafernandes@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:lavinafernandes@rcdow.org.uk)

**Parish Catechist:** Colette Joyce  
[colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk)

**Hounslow Catechist**  
[hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk)

**Youth Worker:** Ivan Čižmárik  
[ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk)

**Parish Centre Manager:** Señorita Evans  
07948 834 867 [senoritaevans@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:senoritaevans@rcdow.org.uk)  
(BOOKINGS TAKEN BY PHONE MON, THURS, FRI 7.00-8.30AM, AND TUES/WED 4.00-5.00PM, OR BY EMAIL)

**PARISH NEWSLETTER:** Please note that this is the Summer Edition of the Newsletter for the month of JULY & AUGUST. This was introduced from 2013. For Group Meetings & Other Events – please see the notices displayed in the Church Porch.

### **1) 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.*

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

*A Confirmation email or mail regarding your registration is not sent out to you. So if you would like one please email at [hounslow@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hounslow@rcdow.org.uk) after summer holidays.*

### **2) SIGNING THE CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP) FOR CATHOLIC 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 any of the Parish Clergy.
- 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 school application is ready, then sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) with the

Priest and please submit your applications immediately to Council & Schools.

• The Certificate of Catholic Practice are signed:  
(A). For Secondary Transfer - Year 7 (in Sept -Oct), Reception (in Dec -Jan) & Nursery (in Mar- Apr), please keep reading the Newsletter near the time for Online appointment(s) with the Priest & visit the Parish Website for more information.

(B). For School years (Yr1 to Yr6) or other School years (Yr8 onwards), please make an appointment directly with the Priest, Contact details available on the Newsletter & Website.

• 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.**

### **3) MASS ATTENDANCE CARD (SEPT TO JUNE):**

a. Mass Attendance card are for children in Primary School Year 5 and under ONLY.

b. Stickers will be given when you **ENTER THE CHURCH BEFORE MASS BEGINS.**

c. Please ensure your card has a recent PHOTO of your child and his/her FULL NAME.

d. Please take great care of your Mass attendance card – remember that this is the evidence on which Certificates of Catholic Practice (CCP) are issued by the Priest.

e. Please put cello-tape over each row, so that stickers will not peel off over time.

f. Many parents are worried that they will lose their cards over the summer or in the years ahead. In the month of July you are invited to obtain a Mass Attendance Card Certificate for that year (highly recommended). Those who have missed these appointments, please keep your card safely.

g. Stickers will not be issued in the months of July and August.

h. NEW ATTENDANCE CARDS will be issued in the CHURCH on the weekend of 7/8 September 2019.

### **4) 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**

#### **5) 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:

A) by any COUPLE who have already undergone a CIVIL MARRIAGE and now wish to have the marriage celebrated through a simple Church ceremony.

B) by anyone looking for a "LETTER OF FREEDOM".

C) by anyone who is thinking of getting married in the Catholic Church whether here or abroad – in their own country.

#### **6) ALTAR SERVERS**

To be an altar server you must have already received your First Holy Communion. Training for new altar servers will be announced on the Newsletter. Please keep reading the newsletter for training dates and

time. The next meeting will be on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

#### **7) 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.

#### **8) 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.

**Application is made via the blue form only.**

#### **9) WALK WITH ME**

Children in Year 2 or above who don't attend a Catholic school and wish to prepare to receive the Eucharist (or Baptism) must attend a Walk With Me programme first. It 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. Times and dates to be confirmed, depending on number of applicants. Register online: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/sacramental-prep/walk-with-me-2/>.

**Closing date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

#### **10) FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The FHC programme is open to children in Year 3 or above. Please register online: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/sacramental-prep/fhc/>

**Closing date: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019.**

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 Church, a copy of his/her baptism certificate must be dropped into the Parish Office letterbox in an envelope stating "**Baptism Cert - FHC**" or emailed to [Colette-colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Colette-colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk). *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, 14th September at 10:30am**, in the Parish Centre. The first session will take place on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 10.30am – 12noon.**

Parents will be expected to follow a programme at the same time as the children. The children will receive the Eucharist for the first time in May or June 2019.

### **11) CONFIRMATION**

This programme is open to young people in Year 9 or above. Candidates are required to register online. Please register online: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/sacramental-prep/confirmation/> **The closing date will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 5.00pm**

If a candidate has not been baptised in St. Michael and St. Martin Church, a paper copy of his/her baptism certificate must be dropped into the Parish Office letterbox - in an envelope stating "**Baptism Cert - Confirmation**" or emailed to Hounslow Catechist – [hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk). *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 14<sup>th</sup> September at 12.00pm**, in the Parish Centre. The first candidate's session will be on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. Parents will be expected to attend three sessions throughout the course. The candidates will be confirmed on a date to be advised.

### **12) BECOMING A CATHOLIC (RCIA)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a programme for

a) Adults who have never been Baptised and wish to become Catholic.

b) Adults who have been Baptised in another Christian tradition and now wish to become Catholic.

c) Catholics who have been Baptised and now wish to receive the Eucharist and be Confirmed.

Next Enquiry Session: **Tues, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 7.30 - 8.30pm**. You can apply online all year round at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/sacramental-prep/rcia/>

### **13) ADULT BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS**

normally take place at the **Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2020**. Adults who wish to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation only will be invited to join the group in Lent 2020.

### **14) BIBLE TIMELINE – James: Pearls for Wise Living**

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 **Program begins: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

### **15) 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019**

### **16) YOUNG ADULTS**

Age range 18 -35years| 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. Contact person Ivan Cizmarik.

**First day back: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

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| <b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 3/4 AUGUST 2019</b> |                   |
| Envelope                                     | £ 2,848.84        |
| Loose  | £ 2,135.68        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                 | <b>£ 4,984.52</b> |

The **CHURCH DIARY FOR MASS INTENTIONS IS FULLY BOOKED** until the end of the year 2019. Therefore, any requests for Mass offerings will be sent to the '**Spiritan Communities**'.

**REPOSITORY IS ONLY OPEN DURING MORNING MASSES ON SUNDAY.**