SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

This Parish is served by the Spiritans

NEWSLETTER

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+ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 27th September 2020

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

The coronavirus pandemic has significantly affected the income of the parish negatively. This situation is understandable as many parishioners have lost their jobs, and are no longer able to support the church financially. This development has led to our monthly expenditure outweighing the monthly income by **approximately THREE TO ONE ratio** for about five months. In the light of this downward trend, and considering the huge amount of money which was spent on the **recently completed Parish Office Extension Project,** we passionately appeal to everyone, especially those who have the financial capabilities, to kindly **SUPPORT OUR PARISH.** Your financial assistance during this period will help the parish to continue to fulfil her commitments to the parish employees, maintain efficient operation of the Parish Office structure, contribute to the monthly Diocesan Assessment Fees, monthly Inter-Diocesan Fees and sustain the parish regular maintenance works. To donate: please make **cheques** payable to: **SS Michael & Martin Church Hounslow**, or follow the **link** on the parish website, **DONATE TO OUR PARISH**, for online transfers. Thank you very much for your anticipated kindness and generosity.

GUIDANCE FOR THE SAFE USE OF THE CHURCH

As coronavirus infection rates continue to increase exponentially, it is critically important for us to follow the established guidance to ensure that our church remains open and safe for public worship. Please continue to maintain social distancing from others who are not in your household. **This includes avoiding all physical contact such as hugging or shaking hands.** Remember to wash your hands regularly, use the hand sanitiser as you enter and exit the church, and wear a face covering while inside the church. We recognise that some people are medically exempt from wearing face coverings. Thank you.

SUNDAY MASSES
Sat Vigil 6.15pm
7:30am
9am
10.30am
12noon
6pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon – Sat 9am
Mon -- Thu 6pm
Fri 7pm

PARISH OFFICE TIMES:
Monday – Thursday:
9.30am – 1pm

CONFESSIONS
Please contact any of the Priests through email for confessions.

PARISH OFFICE: MONDAY – THURSDAY 9.30am – 1pm

Parish Priest: Fr Augustine (Austin) Nwosu, CSSp.
augustinenwosu@rcdow.org.uk (*Day off: Mon*)
Assistant Priest: Fr Gerald Bonaventure Peter, CSSp.
bonaventuregerald@rcdow.org.uk (*Day off: Wed*)
Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow Airport:
Fr Daniel Adayi, CSSp.
danieladayi@rcdow.org.uk (*Day off: Thu*)

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST DIRECTLY FOR APPOINTMENT

Parish Administrator: Priya Joseph
priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk

Assistant Administrator: Ryagina Khortiyeva
ryaginakhortiyeva@rcdow.org.uk
Parish Catechist: Lionel Pereira
hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk
Youth Worker: Ivan Čižmárik
ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk
Parish Centre Manager: Señorita Evans
07948 834 867
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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 Safeguarding Representative: Mary Pierre-Harvey
hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Case Report)

PARISH NOTICES

CHANGING FROM 2M SOCIAL DISTANCING TO 1M PLUS - With the compulsory wearing of face coverings in the church, we have changed from 2m to 1m plus social distancing rule.

GRATITUDE TO STEWARDS/USHERS - We are profoundly grateful to the Stewards/Ushers who have been helping in the church since it was opened for both private prayers and public worship. The sacrifice of your time and commitment to ensuring that our parish follows all the laid down guidelines have not gone unnoticed. You are simply outstanding in the way you provide quality, selfless, and thankless services to our parish community. We appreciate you and wish you the very best in life. God bless you!

SIGNING OF THE CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP) FOR SECONDARY TRANSFER – Please contact any of the Priests directly through email for signing of CCP. You will be given an appointment in the parish office through email.

RCIA CELEBRATIONS – The celebrations of Adult Baptism, Reception into the Catholic Church, First Holy Communion and Confirmation take place in the church today, Sunday 27th September 2020, at the 12.00 noon Mass.

COLLECTION OF PLANNED GIVING BOXES – If you want to collect your Planned Giving Box, during Office hours, from Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 1pm, please contact the Parish Office, and speak to either the Parish Administrator, Priya Joseph, or the Assistant Administrator, Ryagina Khortiyeva. They will assist you in collecting your Planned Giving Box. If it is only convenient for you to collect your Planned Giving Box during the weekend, then, contact any of the Priests, and arrange a suitable time for its collection.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES IN OUR PARISH – This is to inform everyone that the daily live streaming of Masses in our parish is as follows: Monday to Thursday at **6pm;** Friday at **7pm;** Saturday at **6.15pm;** and Sunday at **10.30am.**

ONLINE OFFERING/DONATION TO THE CHURCH – With the vast majority of our parishioners, currently participating from their respective homes, during the celebration of Sunday Masses, it has become critically important for us to adopt **online offering and/or donation to the church,** especially through **Standing Order.** A new Standing Order Form, which the Diocese sent to us recently, has been uploaded to the parish website. **Online offering/donation to the church** will help our parish to continue to fulfil its financial obligations, including the ongoing maintenance of the Church, Presbytery, Parish Centre, and Parish Office.

MASS INTENTION/OFFERING – Please email your Mass intention(s), with date(s) and time(s), for the Mass to **hounslow@rcdow.org.uk** Kindly note that granting your request, will depend on the availability in our Mass Diary. Payment can either be made **online**, through the parish website, using the link **'Donate to our Parish'**, or simply drop your money, enclosed in an envelope, clearly marked, **'For Mass Intention(s)'** into the red mailbox outside the church. Alternatively, you can drop your envelope, with money enclosed, inside the Presbytery mailbox, on the entrance door. Your contact name and phone number, should be written on the envelope as well. The **minimum amount** for any Mass stipend is £5.

REGULAR NOTICES

NEW PARISHIONER OR FAMILY? ANY CHANGES 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 (Red) in front of the Church.

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

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 is used to indicate the presence of a family at Mass. This is temporarily suspended as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

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 Certificates 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) or you have missed the online appointments*, please make an appointment directly with the Priest, **contact details are available on the Newsletter & Website.**

PLANNED GIVING: 2020-2021. Those who would like to have a box of envelopes please fill in the Planned Giving registration (White colour). If you prefer a Standing Order, please complete a peach colour form.

If you are a UK Tax payer, the parish will receive 25p more for every £1 you give. So please sign the Gift Aid Declaration Form.

EVERY FAMILY SHOULD HAVE A WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION BOX – so, please sign up. For those who have recently signed up, the box of envelopes will be issued shortly. If you would like to cancel your box due to a change of circumstances or have any other query related to Planned Giving, please contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE PAPERWORK – A GENTLE REMINDER – you need to give **6 MONTHS NOTICE of MARRIAGE** – whether it is taking place HERE or ABROAD. 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.

MARRIAGE PAPERWORK PREPARATION (OVERSEAS) - The following are some NEW DIOCESAN REQUIREMENTS with regard to overseas marriage paperwork.

A couple is required to obtain the written consent of the Parish Priest in the country where the wedding will take place. The Parish Priest will indicate in his email, the confirmation of the wedding date, and his willingness to accept scanned Baptism and Confirmation Certificates, which may be more than SIX MONTHS from their dates of issue, if obtaining updated certificates is not possible.

A couple is required to obtain the written consent of the Diocesan Chancery where the parish is located, through email, indicating that the Chancery will accept approved scanned marriage paperwork which will be sent to them from Westminster Diocesan Chancery. In addition, the designated Chancery will indicate that they will accept Baptism and Confirmation Certificates which may be more than SIX MONTHS from their dates of issue, if obtaining updated documents is not possible.

A couple is required to forward the above mentioned emails to any of the Parish Clergy after receiving them.

Marriage paperwork process (overseas) can **ONLY** commence when the above conditions are fulfilled.

Please make an appointment directly with the Priest. Contact details available overleaf.

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM – With the recent Guidelines on the Celebration of Baptism, published by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW), we have resumed the celebration of Baptism in our parish on Saturday, 1st August 2020. At this time, baptisms in the church will be for **single families.** Multiple family baptisms are suspended until further notice. With regard to this guideline, and in recognition of the outstanding Baptism celebrations in our parish, since the Covid-19 lockdown began on 23rd March 2020, we will therefore celebrate Baptism on **Tuesday** and **Friday** as well. This will help us to attend to several families who want their children baptised as soon as possible. The maximum number of people allowed to attend the Baptism ceremony is **30.** The **child to be baptised** should be **held by the parents only.** Other members of the family, including godparents and grandparents will be socially distanced in household groups (or bubbles) in the church (Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales).

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE - Registration for the Baptism preparation course have now resumed. Instead of the paper form, an online registration form has been uploaded to the Parish website. Registrants are allotted to the upcoming course on a first-come-first-served basis and the overflow are allotted to the next available course. The September course is now full and registrants are currently being allotted to the October course. Please check the Parish website for programme details. For further assistance, please contact the Parish Catechist, Lionel Pereira.

WALK WITH ME - programme currently remains suspended. The Parish catechist will contact the families of children who began the course in Feb/Mar directly by email when it resumes.

CHILDREN LITURGY - remains suspended until further notice. Kindly visit the Parish Website (Home > Sacramental Preparation > Children's Liturgy) for online resources to help families follow the liturgy of Mass on Sundays and to pray at home with children.

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

26th Sunday in OT

Ezekiel 18:25-28 – When the sinner renounces sin he shall certainly live

Psalm Response – *Remember your mercy, Lord!*

Philippians 2:1–11 – Be united in your love

Matthew 21:28-32 –Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

27th Sunday in OT

Isaiah 5:1-7 – Against the Lord's vineyard

Psalm Response – *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel!*

Philippians 4:6-9 – If there is anything you need, pray for it

Matthew 21:33-43 – This is the landlord's heir: come, let us kill him

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

19th/20th September 2020

Envelopes:	£ 1,963.82
Loose:	£ 1,344.68
TOTAL:	**£ 3,308.50**

IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Calistus

RIP: Bernadette Nwosu, Joaquim Agostinho, Jeff Nicholson, Veronica Roache, Florence Tsang, Stan Tucker, Elizabeth Gallego, Cynara Stephanie Ferrao, David Payne, Stefania Wolanska, Jack Nicholl, Nick Cheand, Lorna Newman, Pedro Simbe.

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS

The Confirmation celebrations are scheduled to take place in the church from Saturday, 3rd to Sunday, 11th October 2020. The candidates will be assigned to different groups, dates and times. The necessary social distancing rule will apply in the church during those celebrations. The Parish Catechist, Lionel Pereira, will communicate the details to the candidates and their parents. The maximum number of guests allowed for each candidate inside the church is **SIX (6),** including his/her Sponsor. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has given **special FACULTY to the Priests** to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Our Parish SVP team are here to help in a time of real need for all who are struggling! All of our volunteers are DBS checked and will be washing their hands regularly and avoiding unnecessary physical contact (2m distance). If there are any families/senior citizens looking for

1. A friendly phone call
2. Material help (**NO financial help**)
3. Urgent supplies
4. IT Help (Skype set up, video calling etc.)
5. Posting mail
6. Prayer companion

Please contact us on 07551 558951.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

The CAFOD Family Fast Day in Lent and at Harvest time has been a feature of our year since 1979. This year, times are very hard for many of us due to the Coronavirus pandemic, but there are many countries where there is little or no support, either medically or financially. There will be no direct appeal this year. However, if you feel you can donate a little, please do it online at **CAFOD.org.uk/give**

Please pray for all affected by this dreadful virus.