

SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

This Parish is served by the Spiritans

NEWSLETTER

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th November 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

As we enter this second 'lockdown' and loss of communal celebration of Mass, I wish to add these few words.

This is a time for us to show our strength. And by that I do not mean strength in defiance.

I mean strength in mutual support; strength in service; strength in perseverance and hope.

I mean, then, the strength of our faith in action.

The first act of faith is the praise of God. It is deep and constant prayer. This must be at the root of our lives, as individuals, as families, as households. I urge you, then, to stay faithful to daily patterns of prayer. Pray privately; pray together at home; come to church to pray; pray without ceasing. I thank God that our churches remain open to be places of peace and prayer, and the live streaming of the Mass, celebrated every day in our churches, is a great help. But that too must be rooted in our own life of prayer.

Only by receiving the living water from the Lord will we pass through this arid time. Indeed, if we stay close to the Lord, we will be changed for the better by this time of crisis.

The second act of faith is humble service. This is the road we are to follow: service of each other; outreach to the lonely; nourishment for the hungry; compassion for the sick, the isolated, the dying, especially those facing death alone, and those who mourn. Let's do it.

These are the strengths we have, the strengths we must contribute to our society's way of life. Only in this day-to-day practice can we shape a different future, a better future, one that is more compassionate, more just, more charitable. This is the future which must come out of this crisis. We cannot just wait to 'get back to normal'. This is a time to rebuild a better family, a better household, a better neighbourhood, a better world.

May God bless and sustain us all in the weeks ahead.

Yours devotedly,

Cardinal Vincent Nichols,
Archbishop of Westminster.

SUNDAY

MASSES

Sat Vigil -

6.15pm

Sunday - 10am

WEEKDAY

MASSES

Monday to

Friday -

6pm

PARISH OFFICE

TIMES:

Monday –

Thursday

10am – 12noon

NO

CONFessions

PARISH OFFICE: MONDAY – THURSDAY, 10am – 12noon.

Parish Priest: Fr Augustine (Austin) Nwosu, CSSp.

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Fr Daniel Adayi, CSSp.

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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

[\(Case Report\)](mailto:hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

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

Parish Administrator: Priya Joseph

PARISH NOTICES

ANNUAL HOUNSLOW DEANERY BLESSING OF GRAVES - In the light of the current situation, and given the heightened levels of uncertainty in our society, Hounslow Deanery has decided to suspend this year's annual blessing of graves. This is a very sad but necessary decision. Nonetheless, we will intensify our prayers for all the departed souls during the month of November. The date for the Annual Parish Bereavement Mass will be communicated later. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in perfect peace. Amen.

COLLECTION OF PLANNED GIVING BOXES – If you want to collect your Planned Giving Box, during Office hours, from Monday to Thursday, 10am to 12noon, 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 Friday at **6pm**; Saturday at **6.15pm** and Sunday at **10.00am**. The link to the live-streaming of these celebrations is <https://tinyurl.com/ssmmlive>

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 DIARY 2020 - Our Mass Diary for this year is fully booked. Any further Mass Intention(s) which we receive will be celebrated in any of our Spiritan Communities. The Mass Diary for 2021 will be launched in December 2020.

DONATION FROM THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM) - On behalf of all parishioners, we want to sincerely thank the members of Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) of our parish, who recently made another donation of £50 to the church. Their goodwill gesture will assist the church in meeting up with some of her multiple financial obligations. We assure you of our prayers, and wish you God's blessing in abundance.

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 - 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 submit your applications 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.

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 yellow 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

WHERE TO FIND THE LATESTS UPDATES ON SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: The **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** section of the parish website is always updated first. Parishioners are advised to first check there for the latest updates before sending an email or calling on the phone. The next place to check is the Parish Newsletter. If the information you seek is not found on either of these, kindly send an email to the Parish Catechist. Phone calls are the least effective mode of communication due to availability.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS 2020/2021 - Online registrations for the 2020/2021 programmes of Walk with Me, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA, will be uploaded to their respective pages on the parish website on Monday 9th November. Parents are requested to register their children at earliest as the number of places available are limited. For further information, please email the Parish Catechist, Lionel Pereira. His email address is available on the front page of the parish newsletter.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM – As per the new guidelines from the government, the church will remain closed for Baptisms. Those families who have been given dates for Baptisms this month will be contacted directly by the Parish Catechist with updates after the lockdown.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE – As we are unable to conduct Baptisms due to the lockdown and as we already have many registrations, we will suspend new registrations until further notice. Families that have already registered will be contacted by the Parish Catechist with new dates for the course when we are able to resume. Registrations will reopen once we are able to proceed with Baptisms.

WALK WITH ME: SPRING 2020 batches – Children that began the Walk with Me programme in Feb/Mar 2020 will continue the sessions online. The Parish Catechist will contact the parents directly with dates and times, and further instructions.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – The 'Children's Liturgy' in our Parish remains suspended until further notice. Parents may register for the free online children's liturgy run by CAFOD every Sunday at 10am. Links for these sessions have been posted on our Parish website on the Children's Liturgy page. You will also find links to our Dioceses' resources for children's liturgy to use at your own pace.

During the lockdown, all parishioners are encouraged to attend the online Masses of our Parish online at home, so that they may be spiritually nourished, remain connected to our Parish community and receive timely updates. Search for the **SSMMLIVE** channel on YouTube.

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

32nd Sunday in OT

Wisdom 6:12-16 – Wisdom is found by those who look for her.

Psalm Response: *For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.*

Thessalonians 4:13-18- Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus.

Matthew 25:1-13– The wise and foolish virgins.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

33rd Sunday in OT

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20,30-31 – A Perfect wife – who can find her?

Psalm Response: *O blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

Thessalonians 5:1-6 - God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.

Matthew 25:14-30 – You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness.

OPENING THE CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS

During this second lockdown, places of worship are permitted to be open for private prayers only. However, certain guidelines apply to opening the church for private prayers. We are willing and ready to open our church for private prayers, but we need Volunteer Stewards who will help with ushering people in the church, enforcing the required guidelines and cleaning/sanitising the church as often as necessary. At the moment, we have limited number of Stewards who have volunteered to assist in opening the church for private prayers. The first implication of this limited number of Stewards is that we will not be able to open the church every day for private prayers. The second implication is that the church will remain open for reduced number of hours. It is important for us to understand that we have to follow the necessary guidelines like wearing of face coverings, (except for those who are medically exempt), sanitising our hands, maintaining the required social distancing, and not coming to the church if you have any symptoms or feel unwell. The other necessary guidelines will be placed on the notice boards of the church and equally

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

31st Oct/1st Nov 2020

Envelopes: £ 3,140.31

Loose: £ 2,245.55

TOTAL: **£ 5,385.86**

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, Esther Pereira

uploaded on the parish website. In conclusion, let us remember that it is our collective responsibility to continue to make our church a safe place for parishioners to gather for private prayers and meditation.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary continue to intercede for us before the Throne of mercy and grace especially during these uncertain and challenging times.

Fr Austin.

UPDATES ON LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

With regard to the current lockdown guidelines, the maximum number of people allowed in the church for the FUNERALS only are: Thirty (30).

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION

Please, those parishioners who collected the envelopes last weekend can drop them in the red mail box located outside the Church (next to the bicycle stand) or through the Presbytery door. Thank you.

LIVE-STREAMING OF MASSES

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