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Archdiocese of Westminster

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NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B) — 7th March 2021

2021 A YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Pope Francis has declared a year dedicated to St Joseph, from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021. The Holy Father insists that 'Joseph teaches us that faith in God includes believing he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture.'

NOVENA OF ST JOSEPH

Since this year is dedicated to St Joseph, we will begin a parish novena of St Joseph on Thursday 11th March, and end it on Friday 19th March, the Solemnity of St Joseph.

LENTEN RETREAT

Our Parish Lenten Retreat will take place on Sunday 14th March in the church. The retreat will begin at 4.15pm and end with Benediction at 5.30pm. Due to the limited capacity allowed in the church at the moment, the retreat will equally be streamed live, for the benefit on those who cannot make it to the church. If you have any questions that you would like us to answer concerning the Lenten Season and Holy Week, kindly forward such questions through **email** to the **first Assistant Priest, Fr Damian-Mary.** His email address is on the front page of the parish newsletter, and on the parish website. The deadline for submission of questions is on Friday 12th March.

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

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

CONFESSIONS
If it is absolutely necessary.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN

Parish Priest: Fr Augustine (Austin) Nwosu, CSSp.
augustinenwosu@rcdow.org.uk

1st Assistant Priest: Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.
damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk *(Day off: Wed)*

2nd Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow Airport: Fr Gerald Bonaventure Peter, CSSp.
bonaventuregerald@rcdow.org.uk *(Day off: Thu)*

Resident Priest: Fr Daniel Adayi, CSSp.
danieladayi@rcdow.org.uk

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST DIRECTLY FOR APPOINTMENT

Parish Administrator: Priya Joseph
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Assistant Administrator: Ryagina Khortiyeva
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Parish Catechist: Lionel Pereira
hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk

Youth Worker: Ivan Čižmárik
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Parish Centre Manager: Señorita Evans
07948 834 867 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 Safeguarding Representative: Mary Pierre-Harvey
hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Case Report)

PARISH NOTICES

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN – Due to the current national lockdown, the parish office is **CLOSED** until further notice. For **any office matters**, including booking of Masses, please send emails to either the Parish Administrator, Priya Joseph or Assistant Administrator, Ryagina Khortiyeva. For **pastoral matters**, kindly contact any of the Priests.

SIGNING OF CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP)

Please contact any of the **Priests through email** for signing of the Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP).

FACE COVERING

If there is any reason why you cannot wear face covering inside the church during this second wave of coronavirus pandemic, we recommend that you stay at home. Our duty is to protect everyone inside the church during public worship.

GRATITUDE TO THE STEWARDS/USHERS

We are profoundly grateful to all the Stewards/Ushers, who have made it possible for our church to remain open for public worship. Your commitment to serve, especially during this pandemic, is simply amazing. We are proud of you. Thank you very much for your dedicated service.

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.

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 **7pm** Saturday at **6.15pm** and Sunday at **10.30am.** The link to the live-streaming of these celebrations is **https://tinyurl.com/ssmmlive**

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 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 Priests.

PLANNED GIVING 2021-2022

Thank you to all the Parishioners that collected their Planned Giving envelope boxes (green envelopes) for 2020-2021 or who have set up a Standing Order account. It is greatly appreciated.

The remaining Planned Giving Envelope boxes that were NOT collected for the year 2020-2021, have all been deleted. If you would like to continue to donate through Planned Giving Envelopes, please fill in a new form, or you can set up a Standing Order account.

When the NEW Planned Giving Envelope boxes arrive for 2021-2022, we will inform you on how, when and where they can be collected.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

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 NEW DIOCESAN REQUIREMENT applies to overseas Marriage paperwork preparation.

A couple is required to obtain a **written consent** from 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** in his parish.

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

Marriage paperwork process (overseas) can **ONLY** commence when the above condition is fulfilled.

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

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ON SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: The SACRAMENTAL section of the parish website has general information on the programmes. This page is always updated first and parishioners are advised to first. 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. Kindly reserve phone calls for urgent matters.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS 2020/2021 - Registrations have concluded and the Sacramental programmes begin this month. The parish Catechist will be in contact via email. Frequent changes in the guidelines have affected the schedule of these programmes. Your patience and understanding are very much appreciated.

BAPTISMS - Following the recent guidelines received, Baptisms will resume in the church, **not earlier than 17th May,** with **thirty (30)** people allowed. There will be no restrictions on numbers, as from 21st June 2021.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE – As Baptisms have been temporarily suspended, the preparation courses have been suspended too. The registration form for this course has temporarily been taken down from the Parish website. It will return when we are able to resume Baptisms.

WALK WITH ME: SPRING 2020 batches –The lockdown has delayed our intended start date. The Parish Catechist will contact the parents directly with revised dates & 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.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend the 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 MASSES

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17 – The Law given at Sinai

Psalm Response – *You, Lord, have the message of eternal life*

Corinthians 1:22-25 – The crucified Christ, the power and wisdom of God

John 2:13-25 – Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

4th Sunday of Lent

Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 – God's wrath and mercy are revealed in the exile and release of his people

Psalm Response – *O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

Ephesians 2:4-10 – You have been saved through grace

John 3:14-21 – God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

27th/28th Feb 2021

Envelopes:	£1,333.86
Loose:	£1,427.29
TOTAL:	**£2,761.15**

IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Ifeanyi, Sick Parishioners

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, Veronica Lapworth, Harry Duddy, Lourdes Norton, Patrick Kinneally, Francis De Souza, Martha D'Souza, Cecilia Souza, Andreas Chrysanthou

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
And defend us from every evil. Amen.

(This prayer was specially composed by Pope Francis for the Year of St Joseph; 8 December 2020 – 8 December 2021)

MARRIAGES IN THE CHURCH

With the latest Government guidelines on easing of the national restrictions, we have received instruction from the Ecclesiastical Authorities to resume the celebration of marriages in the church from Monday 8th March 2021. The total number of people allowed in the church during any wedding celebration, including the bride and groom, is **SIX (6).** This number will increase to fifteen (15), as from 12th April. Additionally, the number of people allowed in the church will increase to thirty (30), as from 17th May. Finally, from 21st June, there will be **no restrictions on numbers.** All the couples, whose marriages in the church were postponed, due to the current national lockdown, **should contact the Parish Priest, Fr Austin,** as soon as possible, **through email,** in order to arrange for possible new dates.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY –

The SVP continues with the Parish Food Bank. Kindly note the new schedule:

When: Every 2nd and 4th Sat of month
Time: 11am to 12pm
Location: Church Car Park

All safety guidelines are adhered to (Note: If you want to donate food then you can either do that during the above time slot or **before/after weekday/weekend masses in the Church**. Contact the number below for more information).

SVP Contact: Either contact Vincent or call 075 515 58951 (For food donation and also for all volunteering opportunities).

ONLINE MASS BOOKING AND MASS ATTENDANCE

We kindly request every parishioner, who has booked for participation in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, to endeavour to come to the church, latest, **FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES** before the beginning of that particular Mass. Please remember that it takes some time to get everyone inside the church, following the necessary coronavirus protocols. If you are late for any Mass, which you have booked, you may lose your spot. The church doors will be closed, once the maximum capacity is reached.