SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

This Parish is served by the Spiritans

NEWSLETTER

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5th Sunday of Easter — 2nd May 2021

PROPER WEARING OF FACE COVERING IN CHURCH

Following the necessary Covid-19 protocols, we appeal to everyone to wear your face covering properly whenever you are inside the church. **Face mask/covering is meant to cover your mouth and nose.** During this pandemic, if there is any reason why you would not like to cover both your mouth and nose inside the church, we advise that you please stay at home and worship through the live streaming method. The health of everyone and protection of general wellbeing inside the church is our primary concern.

CONTACTLESS GIVING MACHINES

These digital devices have been installed in our church. One is at the back of the church, close to the exit door. The second one is installed in Our Lady Chapel. To use the device, please select the amount you want to donate from the available options, and then use either your debit or credit card. There is also room for you to select any other option that is not on the screen of the device. Let us support our parish as it goes through very difficult financial situation during the pandemic. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

This will take place on Tuesday 4th May 2021. Let us join together in praying for victims and survivors of Abuse.

MAY: MONTH OF THE ROSARY – Please remember to pray the Rosary daily with your family especially during this month of May.

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 OPENING HOURS:
MONDAY – THURSDAY, 9:30AM – 1PM

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

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)*

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST DIRECTLY FOR APPOINTMENT

Parish Administrator: Priya Joseph
priyajoseph@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 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

VACCINE CONFIDENCE WEBINAR

A Covid-19 vaccine confidence webinar has been organized for the Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, with the cooperation of Hertfordshire County Council and Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and other local authorities. It will take place on Saturday 15th May 2021 from 10am to 11.30am and will feature a panel of eminent medical experts led by Prof Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health London. The panel will share the latest information on COVID-19 vaccination. There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions anonymously. To join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/99627319556 **Passcode: 546617**

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

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.

REGULAR NOTICES

NEW PARISHIONER OR FAMILY? ANY CHANGES TO THE EXISTING RECORD? -

Please fill in the Parish Registration Form **(YELLOW COLOUR)** available in the Church porch & drop the completed form in the Parish Office Mail Box.

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 *(orange envelopes) for 2021-2022 and who have set up a Standing Order account*. I am in the process of **issuing and emailing Parishioners who have requested and filled in forms for New Planned Giving boxes. Please check your emails for**

notification to collect the envelope box at the Presbytery/office, during office hours. 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 CELEBRATIONS

The Confirmation celebrations this year will be on Saturday 8th May (11am and 2pm), Sunday 9th May (2pm), and Saturday 15th May (11am and 2pm). On the other hand, the First Holy Communion celebrations will be on Sunday 16th May (2pm), Saturday 22nd May (11am and 2pm), Saturday 29th May (11am and 2pm), and Sunday 30th May (2pm). Both the Confirmation and First Holy Communion celebrations will be in accordance with the necessary coronavirus protocols. Simply put, **attendance is strictly by invitation.** Sadly, the number of invited guests will be very limited.

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

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 – Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey

Psalm Response *– You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.*

John 3:18-24 – The commandment of faith and love

John 15:1-8 –I am the vine, you are my branches.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 – The pagans have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have

Psalm Response *– The Lord has shown salvation to the nations.*

John 4:7-10 – Let us love one another, since loves comes from God

John 15:9-17 – You are my friends if you do what I command you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

24th/25th April 2021

Envelopes:	£747.78
Loose:	£501.28
TOTAL:	**£1,249.06**

IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Angela Buffin

RIP: Bernadette Nwosu, Agnes Lobo, Anita Saldanha Martha D'Souza, Cecilia Souza, Andreas Chrysanthou, Terri Boyd, Renato Rae Rodas.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY, VIA LIVE-STREAM FROM WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, ON SATURDAY 15TH MAY 2021 AT 3.00PM

The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy/parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email), and these details will be sent to those organizing this celebration. An Order of Service can be downloaded from the Cathedral website before the event - **www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.**

RESPECT OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are here to help you. They have the right to work in a safe environment. Verbal, physical abuse, aggressive, offensive, intimidating or disrespectful behaviour will **NOT** be tolerated.

GENTLE REMINDER

As a result of the current national lockdown, parishioners are reminded to **leave the Church premises immediately after the Mass and return home.**

SIGNING OF CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP)

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

PROTECTING YOUR ONLINE BANKING ACTIVITIES

Many banking activities are now handled online. Please make conscious effort to protect your online banking activities. If you are not very careful, cyber-criminals or identity thieves might take advantage of the situation, with hacks, email scams (phishing), phone scams (vishing), and text message scams (smishing). The Parish SVP/SCS Team will organise online workshops to share best practises and training on **"how to protect yourself online".**

CLERK TO THE GOVERNING BODY

The Governors at St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls, Pound Street, Carshalton, Surrey, are seeking to appoint the following position**: Clerk to the Governing Body**. Further details and an application form are available by emailing recruitment@stphils.org.uk or contacting the HR Officer on 020 8642 2025, or can be downloaded from our school website: http://www.stphils.org.uk/join-us/vacancies. Signed by: Ms M Noone, Headteacher.