

# SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow  
Archdiocese of Westminster

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## NEWSLETTER

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

30<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF OUR CHURCH

With the latest Government's guidelines on the increasing number of cases of Indian variant of the coronavirus in Hounslow Borough, we have now reverted to **2m plus** social distancing rule, with all the **mitigating factors** in place. This implies the correct wearing of face coverings in the church, sanitising of hands, opening the windows of the church for proper ventilation, no congregational singing, sanitising the church after use and leaving the church immediately after each communal worship and returning home safely. Currently, the maximum capacity of our church, given the **2m plus** social distancing rule is **120**. We ask everyone to demonstrate improved levels of patience and understanding. Our assurance is that this difficult and challenging period will not last forever.

### BAPTISM

We have resumed the celebration of Baptism in our church after the latest easing of restrictions by the Government. Only single family baptisms are permitted at the moment. The maximum number of participants during Baptism celebration is 30, excluding the Priest.

### WEDDING

The maximum number of participants at any wedding celebration in the church is 30, excluding the Priest and Altar Servers.

### FUNERALS

As regards the latest Government's guidelines, the number of participants at any funeral celebration is determined by the Covid-19 maximum capacity of the church. In our church, it is currently **120**.

### 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](mailto:augustinenwosu@rcdow.org.uk) (Day off: Mon)

**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Priest:** Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.

[damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk) (Day off: Wed)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow**

**Airport:** Fr Gerald Bonaventure Peter, CSSp.

[bonaventuregerald@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:bonaventuregerald@rcdow.org.uk) (Day off: Thu)

**Parish Administrator:** Priya Joseph

[priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk)

**Parish Catechist:** Lionel Pereira

[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 Safeguarding Representative:** Mary Pierre-Harvey

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

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

## PARISH NOTICES

### **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.

### **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.

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 (**GREEN 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

The **SACRAMENTAL** section of the parish website has the latest updates and also general information on the programmes. This page is always updated first and parishioners are advised to check here 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.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2020/2021 —

The Sacramental programmes for 2020-21 will conclude on Sun, May 30th. The parish catechist wishes to thank the candidates, their parents/carers, volunteer catechists, our priests, parish team, parish stewards, and all who helped in one way or another, for your hard work and cooperation. Our parish is one of the few in the Diocese to have conferred the Sacraments of Initiation this year and it would not have been possible without your dedication & patience. May God bless you abundantly always.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2021/2022 —

Registration for next year's programmes will open in the summer. **Registration forms will be made available on the parish website. We cannot accept registration via email.**

**VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS** — Our parish requires more volunteer catechists to aid in the Sacramental preparation of our children. If you wish to serve the parish, and are willing to contribute your time in this role, then, please send an email to [hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk). Prior experience is helpful, but not necessary.

**CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM** — in our parish has resumed as of May 17th. Parishioners who registered for the Baptism preparation courses in January, March and May have been contacted directly by the parish catechist with dates for the courses and for Baptism upon completion of the preparatory course. Completion of preparation and Baptism of these children is expected to take until the end of August 2021. Each Baptism service may have up to 30 participants, excluding the priest.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** — Parents of new-borns and those seeking Baptism are advised that the registration for the next Baptism preparation course will open on June 1st 2021. The course will be held in July and Baptisms in September. The registration form will be made available on the Baptism page of the Parish website on June 1st.

## WALK WITH ME: SPRING 2020 batches —

The lockdown has prevented us from starting this year. The Parish Catechist will contact the parents directly with revised dates & times and further instructions when we are able to resume.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The 'Children's Liturgy' in our Parish remains suspended until further notice. Please visit the parish website for resources to use at home.

All parishioners who cannot come to church in person, 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 SSMMLIVE on YouTube or visit <https://tinyurl.com/ssmmlive>

## TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASSES

### **The Most Holy Trinity**

**Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40** – The Lord is God indeed: he and no other

**Psalm Response** – *Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own*

**Romans 8:14-17** – The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God

**Matthew 28:16-20** – Go and make disciples of all nations.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

### **Corpus Christi**

**Exodus 24:3-8** – This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you

**Psalm Response** – *The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name*

**Hebrews 9:11-15** – The blood of Christ can purify our inner self

**Mark 14:12-16, 22-26** – This is my blood; this is my blood.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

Envelopes: £1,306.37

Loose: £939.18

**TOTAL: £2,245.55**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

## **ST ANTHONY'S NOVENA**

The 9th Annual St Anthony's Novena will start from **4th June till 12th June**.

Due to Parish guidelines, the novenas will be streamed **ONLINE at 7pm**. For more details, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ssmmlive>.

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY –**

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

**When:** Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the 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).

## **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).

## **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.