

# SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow  
Archdiocese of Westminster

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## NEWSLETTER

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**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**18<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

### STATEMENT FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

#### **SUNDAY – IT IS OUR DAY!**

On 19th July, the current legislative powers which assist the mitigations against the covid-19 virus transmission will be rescinded by HM Government. Nevertheless, there will be an encouragement to personal and corporate responsibility in this area; as the Prime Minister said in his most recent statement “The pandemic is not over.” **Even without this legislation in place, the Church in England and Wales will be adopting a cautious approach to capacity and activity within our buildings, especially at corporate acts of worship. We are mindful of the certain fact that the Covid-19 virus is still circulating in society.** Vaccines provide genuine protection against the worst effects of the virus, yet we recognise the legitimate fear on the part of some who otherwise desire to gather for Holy Mass. It is our continuing judgement, therefore, that it is not possible at the present time for all of the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday thus fulfilling their duty to God. It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church (**Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales**).

#### **GENERAL ELECTIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE SPIRITANS**

The Parish Priest and the two Assistant Priests working in our parish will be away from July 19th to 23rd 2021. This will enable us to participate in the forthcoming General Elective Assembly of our Religious Congregation in Chester. A supply Priest, Fr Benedict Egbuevule, CSSp., who will support the parish while we are away, has already arrived. Please keep us in your prayers. We will in turn pray for you and your loved ones.

#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

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

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Mon – Sat 9am  
Mon – Thu 6pm  
Fri 7pm

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Please contact  
any of the  
Priests.

**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**)

**Parish Administrator:** Priya Joseph  
[priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk)

**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Priest:** Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.  
[damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk) (**Day off: Wed**)

**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)

**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 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)

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

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Mary Pierre-Harvey  
[hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) (Case Report)

## PARISH NOTICES

### **MITIGATING FACTORS IN CHURCH**

The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales insists that "it is important to mitigate against the risks of virus transmission." As a result of this development, "Churches should continue to provide hand sanitiser at entrances and exits, and **face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn by those in church.** Ensuring people wear face coverings properly will reduce aerosol or droplet spread" (**Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales**).

### **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**

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 2021/2022** – Registration for the Walk With Me, First Holy Communion & Confirmation courses will **OPEN ON Tue, July 6th 2021** and **CLOSE ON Fri, 6th**

**August OR earlier, when the limit is reached.** Registration forms will be made available on the parish website on their respective pages. **We are unable to accept registration via email.**

**VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS** – Our parish is seeking for more Volunteers to assist the Parish Catechist in Sacramental preparations 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.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** – Parents of new-borns and those seeking Baptism may register for the course using the online form available on the Baptism page of the Parish website. Currently, each Baptism service is for individual families and may have up to 30 participants, excluding the priest.

## **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>.

## **PARISH CATECHIST OFFICE HOURS (FLEXIBLE FURLOUGH)**

The Parish Catechist will be in the Catechist's Office (**Parish Centre**) every Tuesday and Thursday from **10am to 1pm**, and also every **Sunday from 10am to 12 noon**. You can access the catechist office in the parish centre through the side door which is close to St Mark's School fence.

## TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASSES

### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6** – I will gather together the remnant of my flock and raise up shepherds for them

**Psalm Response** – *The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.*

**Ephesians 2:13-18** – Christ Jesus is the peace between us

**Mark 6:30-34** – They were like sheep without a shepherd.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

### **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2 Kings 4:42-44** – They will eat, and have some left over

**Psalm Response** – *You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.*

**Ephesians 4:1-6** – One Body, on Spirit one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God

**John 6:1-15** – The feeding of the five thousand

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Envelopes: £1,442.21

Loose: £775.41

**TOTAL: £2,217.62**

**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, Manuelina Saldanha, Baby Mary Mercy Nazareth, Jack Nicholl.

## **25TH PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF FR AUSTIN NWOSU, CSSP.**

It is with immense pride and joy that we would like to inform all parishioners about the forthcoming 25th Priestly Ordination Anniversary of our Parish Priest, Fr Austin Nwosu, CSSp. on 10th August 2021. Since that day is a working day (Tuesday), the celebration of this great anniversary is scheduled for **Saturday 21st August 2021**. The Holy Mass will start at 12 noon in our church, and reception will follow afterwards. You are cordially invited to the Silver Jubilee celebration of our Parish Priest.

**Fr Austin wants to inform everyone that this celebration will be privately funded by him, friends and well-wishers. In other words, the Silver Jubilee celebration of Fr Austin Nwosu, CSSp. will NOT be funded through the parish account.** However, if anybody wants to contribute anything towards the successful celebration of the 25th Priestly Ordination Anniversary of our Parish Priest, kindly contact the Chair of the Silver Jubilee Planning

Committee, Priya Joseph. Her phone number is **02085701693** (Monday to Thursday between 9am and 2pm), and her email address is: [priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk).

Fr Austin looks forward to celebrating this special day with the parishioners and his friends who will visit from different countries, subject to the necessary coronavirus protocols.

## **POST LOCKDOWN/RESTRICTIONS PERIOD**

The Government has announced that all restrictions will be lifted on Monday 19th July. But the Government has also warned that the pandemic is **NOT** over due to the rising number of new infections. As a result of this development, **we will adopt a CAUTIOUS APPROACH in our parish**, as we seek to gradually return to normalcy level. We ask everyone to continue to maintain some level of personal hygiene. For those of us living in Hounslow Borough, where the cases of the delta variant are very high, **we should NOT throw caution in the wind.**