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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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13th February 2022

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION UPDATES

A quote of £41,376.00, inclusive of VAT, meant for the renovation work in the Parish Centre has been approved by the Parish and the Diocese. The total contribution from parishioners for this project is currently £15,611.02. Our target is £42,000. We are very grateful to all those who have donated to the Parish Centre Renovation Project. We kindly appeal to parishioners and friends to collect the **BLUE ENVELOPE** as you leave the church, enclose your donation for Parish Centre Renovation, and return it to us. Please tick the box for the **BUILDING FUND.** If you are a UK tax payer, kindly complete the Gift Aid Declaration Section. It will enable the parish to get additional money from Her Majesty Revenue Office. We rely on the support of everyone for the completion of the Parish Centre Renovation Project. Thank you very much for your anticipated support. God bless you.

SIGNING OF CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP) FOR NURSERY APPLICATIONS

Annually, we sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for Nursery applications in the month of March. We kindly ask parents to be patient until next month before requesting the priests to sign CCP for their children. Information concerning signing of CCP for Nursery applications will be provided next month through the parish newsletter and parish website.

PARISH CATECHIST ON ANNUAL LEAVE

The PARISH CATECHIST Lionel Pereira is on annual leave from 11th February and will return on Saturday 26th February 2022. Emails will remain unanswered until his return.

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat Vigil 6.15pm 7:30am 9am 10.30am

> 12noon 6pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon – Sat 9am Mon -- Thu 6pm Fri 7pm

CONFESSIONS

Fri 6pm -6:30pm Sat 9.30am-10.15am Sat 4.30pm

- 5.15pm

BAPTISM

Saturday 12noon

BENEDICTION

Saturday 4:30pm – 5:30pm

PARISH ROSARY Mon – Sat 8:15am

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY, 9:30AM - 1PM - Tel: (020) 8570 1693

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

1st Assistant Priest: Fr Alphonsus Beni CSSp. alphonsusbeni@rcdow.org.uk (*Day off: Wed*)

2nd Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow Airport: Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp. damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk (*Day off: Thu*)

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST
DIRECTLY FOR APPOINTMENT
Tel: (020) 8570 1693

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

LIGHTING OF CANDLES IN CHURCH

As part of gradual restoration of normal activities in the church, we have brought back VOTIVE CANDLES for our use. Please drop your candle donation in any of the boxes provided in the church. Some of those boxes are attached to the walls of the church. Labels are placed around the boxes to direct you properly. It is important to note that all those candles have met the required Health and Safety Standards. Please **DO NOT** bring candles from elsewhere, and light them in the church. The Health and Safety of everyone, and of the church, should matter to all of us.

CHURCH REPOSITORY

The Repository is open on Sundays from morning until 1.15pm. We are very grateful to the Repository Manager, Clarita Gomez, and her Assistant, Lorna Rodrigues, for the sacrifice of their time.

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 is recommended in places of worship. Ensuring people wear face coverings properly will reduce aerosol or droplet spread" (Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales).

CHURCH CLEANLINESS

Please ensure you do not leave any rubbish behind such as tissues, face masks, wrappers etc, on the pews. The Ushers are only volunteering to sanitise the Church after Mass. We **ALL** are equally responsible for keeping our Church neat and clean.

VENTILATION OF THE CHURCH

There is ever increasing need to ventilate the church properly in order to mitigate against the spread of Omicron variant. We therefore request everyone to please wear warm clothing/jacket while coming to church.

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 livestreaming of these celebrations is https://tinyurl.com/ssmmlive

REGULAR NOTICES

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome all new parishioners to St Michael and St Martin Catholic Church Hounslow. We want you to feel at home in the parish. The first thing to do is to complete the PARISH REGISTRATION FORM which is available in the parish office and also in the porch area of the church. Thereafter, you are requested to slip the completed parish registration form into the MAILBOX in the Presbytery door. Your completed form will be processed later by the Parish Administrator. Old members who have not registered in the parish are requested to complete the PARISH REGISTRATION FORM without further delay. The second thing to do if you are new in the parish is to read the weekly parish newsletter. Please note we DO NOT have ONLINE REGISTRATION **FORM.** If you are a visitor or worshipping with us for the first time, you are very welcome to our parish family.

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 children. **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 and visit the
Parish Website for more information.

(B). For School years (Yr1 to Yr6) or other School years (Yr8 onwards). Please make an appointment directly through email with any of the Priests for the signing of CCP.

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. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

MARRIAGE PAPERWORK – GENTLE REMINDER You are required 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.

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

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ON PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

Parishioners are to first check the SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION section under the PARISH LIFE header on the parish website; it has general information on the programmes. The next place to check is the Parish Newsletter. If the information you seek is not found on either of these then send

an email to the Parish Catechist. Please reserve phone calls for urgent matters.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021-22

The 9th session (Eucharist 4) will be held on Sat, 26th Feb. The link to the session will be posted on the dedicated FHC 2021-22 webpage.

CONFIRMATION 2021-22

The *confirmandi* will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral in Westminster on Saturday, 21st May 2022. In preparation, all *confirmandi* will visit the Cathedral during the midterm break on Tue, 15th Feb in two groups. A tour of the cathedral has been arranged and a head-count will be requested shortly. CANDIDATES MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE CATHEDRAL BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT. The 6th session will be held on Sun, 27th Feb at 3:30pm; the link will be posted on the dedicated 2021-22 Confirmation webpage.

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. The next course will be run in March 2022. Please Read the Baptism webpage for requirements & other details.

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.

WALK WITH ME 2021-22

The start of the Walk With Me programme has been delayed. The Parish catechist will contact parents of children on the programme directly via email with the programme schedule when it is possible to begin. 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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8 – A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord

Psalm Response – Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord

Corinthians 15:12,16-20 – If Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins

Luke 6:17,20-26 — Happy are you who are poor, who are hungry, who weep.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23 — Do not lift your hand against the Lord's anointed

Psalm Response – The Lord is compassion and love
1 Corinthians 15:45-49 – The first Adam became a living soul, the last Adam, a life-giving spirit
Luke 6:27-38 – Love your enemies.

GROUP MEETINGS

SINHALESE ETHNIC CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 13th February 2022 at 4:00pm in the church.

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 20th February 2022 at 4:00pm in the church.

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS: Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Church. All are welcome.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: Every Thursday from 5pm in the Church.

DIVINE MERCY: Is held on first Friday of the month at 3pm – 5pm.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday 16th February at 5.15pm in the Church.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

05th/06th February 2022

Envelopes: £1,560.29 Loose: £2,446.29

TOTAL: £4,006.58

Standing Order/Online donations: £5,481.00 (JAN 2022)

Thank you for your generosity.

IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Steve, Eby, Uchey, Sandra, Flavia D'Sa.

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, Baby Sarah Fernandes, Dina Filomena Mazzaschi, Hilda Vaz, Alice Rozario, Charles Bryne, Cresencia Cortez, Francisco D'Souza, Benny Leong and Antonio Dias.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

MEETINGS are held on Weekday, Weekend: 2 & 4 Saturday at 10am in the Church. New members are welcome.

LIVING WORD CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP invites parishioners to our ONLINE prayer meeting/Fellowship every Friday evening. Please email us at livingwordccr@gmail.com or/contact Sam (+4474503585567) or Graham (+447908287917) for the link and/or other enquiries.

PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO SOME PARISHIONERS

We are profoundly grateful to some of our parishioners who recently made the following donations to the Parish Centre Renovation Project: £500, £400, £100 and £100. God bless all of you.

GIFT AID TAX REFUND CLAIM

Received in 2021 is £18,630.44.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son in the Eucharist. We now place before you all the sick and housebound of our parish. As they share in this Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and, the joy, the peace and healing of your presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.