

SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

This Parish is served by the Spiritans

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th February 2022

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS AND STICKERS

We will resume the distribution of Mass Attendance Cards and Stickers from the weekend of **5th and 6th March 2022**. Parents are reminded to take note of this development, and to remember that **they are responsible** for bringing their children to the church for weekend Masses, and on time as well. We will stop issuing stickers at the beginning of the First Reading of each Mass.

LONDON REGION SPIRITAN MASS SWAP

There will be a quarterly Spiritan Mass swap between St Andrew's Catholic Church Thornton Heath and SS Michael and Martin Catholic Church Hounslow, on the weekend of 26th and 27th February 2022. A Priest from our parish will go to St Andrew's Catholic Church Thornton Heath to celebrate all their weekend Masses. In turn, a Priest from that parish will come to our church to celebrate all the weekend Masses here. This is one of the ways of fostering solidarity in our diverse Spiritan missions.

HEADS OF PARISH GROUPS AND ETHNIC CHAPLAINCY GROUPS

All the heads of different parish groups, including choral groups, and ethnic chaplaincy groups are requested to forward their names, email addresses and phone numbers to the Parish Administrator, Priya Joseph, on or before Thursday 24th February 2022. For administrative purposes, it is important for us to know the leaders of all the parish groups and ethnic chaplaincy groups in our parish.

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**)

Parish Administrator: Priya Joseph
privajoseph@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Catechist: Lionel Pereira
hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk

Youth Worker: Ivan Čižmárik
ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Centre Manager: Señorita Evans

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(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)

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

Tel: (020) 8570 1693

PARISH NOTICES

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 **£15,911.02**. 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.

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: £300 and £100. God bless all of 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARISH YOUTH CHOIR

We want to congratulate our Parish Youth Choir, led by Mary Pierre-Harvey, for their amazing performance in Westminster Cathedral yesterday. Our Youth Choir was invited by the Diocese to perform during the Diocesan Synodal Pathway Listening Process with Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

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**).

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 live-streaming 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 2022-2023

Please note all Planned Giving Boxes which were not collected for 2021/2022 have now been closed. We have ordered the boxes for 2022/2023 for all the active Planned Giving Boxes. Date of collection will be confirmed in due course. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity towards the parish. God bless you.

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. 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

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

Psalms 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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8 – The test of a man is in his conversation

Psalms Response – *It is good to give you thanks, O Lord*

1 Corinthians 15:54-58 – Death is swallowed up in victory

Luke 6:39-45 – Can the blind lead the blind?

GROUP MEETINGS

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.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday 22nd February at 5.15pm in the Church.

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 (+447450355567) or Graham (+447908287917) for the link and/or other enquiries.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

12th/13th February 2022

Envelopes: £1,470.50

Loose: £2,333.79

TOTAL: £3,804.29

Thank you for your generosity.

IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Steve, Sandra, Flavia D'Sa and Evelyn Fernandes.

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 and Antonio Dias.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, ON SATURDAY 14TH MAY 2022 AT 3.00PM

The Cardinal will be celebrating 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 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your following details to the Parish Administrator via email: 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.

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

Beginning from the month of March 2022, the 6pm Mass of the last Sunday of each month will be designated as the Parish Youth Mass. All the youth of our parish are invited to participate actively in those Masses. We want to encourage our youth to take more active leadership role in the parish.

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.