

SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th February 2022

PARISH SYNODAL PATHWAY FEEDBACK

A heartfelt 'Thank You' to the 325 parishioners who participated in our Parish Synodal Listening Events - the majority of which were children, young people, and young adults. There were 15 Listening Events. 10 completed questionnaires were returned. Church closure, death of parishioners and no funeral Masses during the peak of the pandemic caused much pain and sadness, as well as the loss of people who have left the parish (relocated) or have not yet returned. Daily live streaming of parish Masses and the excellent work of those involved in the Food Bank brought joy and relief to many. Participants are happy to belong to a vibrant parish where they feel welcomed and included. Of particular significance was the strength of feeling for the empowerment of our youth and for their involvement in decision making. Of equal significance was the desire to revive and expand social activities and an awareness of the various parish groups, including the Parish Council, so that people could become more involved in the active life of the parish community, especially new parishioners, and get to know one another beyond seeing people at Mass. This will assist in the removal of barriers to integration. Dreams for greater unity of our parish community as one church and less segregation were expressed, as well as for increased diversity in the Mass and liturgy. Desires for greater partnership with local churches on outreach activities, an understanding of the mission of our church – local, diocesan, universal, and the continuation of the parish synodal spiritual listening were widely expressed. Overall, participants felt that the Holy Spirit is inviting us to greater UNITY as a community, to EMPOWER our young people, to WELCOME and INCLUDE new parishioners, to SEEK OUT those we do not see/who are missing, and to live out the MISSION of the church, alongside our parish clergy. **Mary Pierre-Harvey (Parish Synodal Pathway Representative).**

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
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Parish Catechist: Lionel Pereira
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Youth Worker: Ivan Čižmárik
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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

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. **The new Mass Attendance Card (Purple Colour) (Mar 2022-Jun 2022) is for children in Year 5 and below only.** This Card will be requested by the Priest for signing of the *Certificate of Catholic Practise (CCP) for Catholic Schools*. Stickers will be given when you [ENTER THE CHURCH BEFORE MASS BEGINS](#).

- Please ensure your card has a recent [PHOTO](#) of your child and their [FULL NAME](#).
- All parents are reminded that a sticker will only be issued if the [child is present](#) for the Mass.
- Stickers will not be given if the card is not presented.

LONDON REGION SPIRITAN MASS SWAP

We welcome Fr Sylvester Adeniyi, CSSp. to our parish. He is from St Andrew's Catholic Church Thornton Heath, Archdiocese of Southwark. This is part of the quarterly London Spiritan Region Mass Swap which is taking place this weekend. Fr Alphonsus Beni, CSSp. has gone to St Andrew's Catholic Church Thornton Heath to celebrate their weekend Masses.

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 **£17,331.02**. 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: £1,000, £200, £100, £100, £20 & £100. God bless all of you.

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

We will sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for **Nursery applications on Tuesday 15th and Friday 18th March 2022**. The time will be provided later. Parents will be asked to present the current Mass Attendance Cards and Stickers before the Priests can sign the CCP for their children.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 4th March 2022 has been declared as the World Day of Prayer. There will be a special prayer session in our church, which includes Holy Hour at 3pm. Everyone is invited to participate at this special prayer session.

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.

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 is

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.

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

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?

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

1st Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 – The creed of the Chosen People

Psalms Response – *Be with me, O Lord, in my distress*

Romans 10:8-13 – The creed of the Christian

Luke 4:1-13 – The temptation in the wilderness

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

19th/20th February 2022

Envelopes: £1,603.08

Loose: £1,871.19

TOTAL: £3,474.27

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.

GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 6TH March 2022 at 3:00pm 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 9th March at 5.15pm in the Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) MEETINGS

are held on 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on 2nd March 2022. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten Season. It is a day of **FASTING** and **ABSTINENCE**. We will celebrate the following five Masses in our parish on that day: 7.30am, 9am, 12noon, 6pm and 7.30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Throughout the Season of Lent, we have Stations of the Cross every Friday in the church after the 9am Mass, led by a lay faithful, and 7pm Mass, led by a Priest. In addition, Stations of the Cross, led by a lay faithful, takes place every Saturday after the 9am Mass.

PRAYING FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Let us unite in praying for peace in Ukraine. Peace is better than war. There is complex global crisis in the offing. We ask our Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, to intercede for the world, so that we can overcome the impending global crisis. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

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.