

SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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01st Sunday of Lent

06th March 2022

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2022

HEAT or EAT? Help those facing this choice. Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2022

This year, we celebrate 10 years of Caritas Westminster, the social action agency of the Diocese, working with parishes to restore hope, and enable people to lead a life of dignity. Funds raised in this year's Cardinal's Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic are making daily life harder for all. Price rises mean many families face an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? The Church is responding, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. Just as a mosaic is made up of many different coloured pieces, each one unique, each person's contribution to this mosaic of hope will bring light into the lives of people across our Diocese. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. **Thank you for your generosity.**

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

The CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 11th March 2022. However, the collection will be done on the weekend of 12th and 13th March 2022. CAFOD simply means the "Catholic Agency for Overseas Development." CAFOD counts on our kindness and generosity for the success of their work of evangelisation.

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
priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk

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

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 have resumed the distribution of Mass Attendance Cards and Stickers this weekend 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. It is important for parents to staple the pictures of their children on their Mass Attendance Cards for identification purposes.

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 March from 10am to 1pm; 5pm to 6pm. Also, on Friday 18th March 2022 from 10am to 1pm.**

Parents will be asked to present the current Mass Attendance Cards and Stickers before the Priests can sign the CCP for their children.

IMPORTANT MEETING DATES WITH THE PARISH PRIEST IN THE CHURCH

1. Meeting of Lectors/Readers with Fr Austin – Saturday 19th March 2022 from 10.30am to 11.45am.
2. Meeting of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist with Fr Austin – Saturday 26th March 2022 from 10.30am to 11.45am.
3. Meeting of Altar Servers with Fr Austin and, Welcoming/Training of New Altar Servers – Saturday 2nd April 2022 from 10.30am to 11.45am.

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 **£17,941.02**. 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: £200, £100, £100, £100, £50, £40, £20. God bless all of you.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES IN CHURCH

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**. There are plenty of candles provided in the Church.

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.

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. **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 10th session (Eucharist 5) will be held on Sat, 12th Mar and the 11th session will be held on Sat, 26th Mar. The link to the session will be posted on the dedicated FHC 2021-22 webpage.

CONFIRMATION 2021-22

The 7th session will be held on Sun, 13th Mar at 3:30pm; the link will be posted on the dedicated 2021-22 Confirmation webpage. The Rite of Election Mass will be held on Sun 20th Mar at 2:00pm. Sponsors and parents of the candidates must attend.

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 May 2022. Read the Baptism webpage for requirements & other details.

RCIA

On Sat, 5th March, we sent forth our catechumens to the Cathedral, where the Archbishop formally acknowledged their readiness and called them to the Sacraments of Initiation. The catechumens will now be called the Elect. Please pray for Niroshan & Muhammad as they prayerfully prepare for full communion with the Catholic Church.

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

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18: God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith

Psalms Response – *The Lord is my light and help*

Philippians 3:20 – Our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes Christ to transfigure us

Luke 9:28-36 – Jesus is transfigured before them.

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. 07551 558 951.

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

26th/27th February 2022

Envelopes: £1,519.70

Loose: £2,485.33

TOTAL: £4,005.03

Thank you for your generosity.

IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

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.

FLOWERS DURING LENT SEASON

We ask parishioners **NOT** to bring flowers to decorate any of the statues or the side altars during Lenten season please.

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S DAY

March 8th is celebrated worldwide as International Women's Day. We want to wish all women of our Parish a joyful celebration. We thank them for the important role they play in our Church, in their respective families and in our Community.

SINCERE GRATITUDE TO ANNE URHOGHIDE

Our parish is sincerely grateful to Anne Urhoghide, who donated a beautiful Ciborium to the church last Sunday 27th February 2022, before relocating to Kent with her family. May God bless and reward her generosity abundantly through Christ our Lord. Amen.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross every Friday & Saturday in the church after the 9am Mass, led by a lay faithful, and Friday after 7pm Mass, led by a Priest.

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.