

# SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow  
Archdiocese of Westminster

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS AND STICKERS

This is to bring to our attention that the stewards who are helping to distribute the Mass Attendance Cards and Stickers to our children during weekend Masses are acting on my instructions. I will appreciate it if all parents are polite to them, and not use any abusive words on them. The guidelines for distributing the Mass Attendance Cards and Stickers are clearly shown on page two of the parish newsletter, and the porch area of the church. As clearly indicated, Stickers will **NOT BE GIVEN** to anyone who arrives in the church when the First Reading has already started. We want to remind parents that it is their responsibility to bring their children to the church **ON TIME**. Also, stickers will **NOT** be given if there is neither **name** nor **picture** of the child on the Mass Attendance Card. Fr Austin (Parish Priest).

### SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF WAR IN UKRAINE

There will be an appeal for financial support towards the victims of the ongoing war in Ukraine in all our Masses next weekend. There is so much devastation going on in Ukraine, and many people there are in need of the basic necessities of life. Millions of Ukrainians have been displaced from their homes. As members of the global human family, we should not be indifferent to such unimaginable sufferings in Ukraine. Time is of the essence. We have to act to make a difference. We will count on your kindness and generosity, as we continue to pray for the end of war and the reign of peace.

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We congratulate all the mothers as we celebrate you in a special way today. You gave birth to us, nursed us, sacrificed so much for us. Your love, patience, kindness, support and sacrifices have made tremendous difference in our lives. Without you, life would have a different story for us. We love you and offer special prayers to God for you today. We wish you the very best in life. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

### 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 & 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](mailto:augustinenwosu@rcdow.org.uk) (**Day off: Mon**)

**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Priest:** Fr Alphonsus Beni CSSp.  
[alphonsusbeni@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:alphonsusbeni@rcdow.org.uk) (**Day off: Wed**)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow**

**Airport:** Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.  
[damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk) (**Day off: Thu**)

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

**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)

**Parish Centre Manager:** Señorita Evans  
[senoritaevans@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:senoritaevans@rcdow.org.uk)

(BOOKINGS CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO RENOVATION)

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

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

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## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **MEETING WITH THE ALTAR SERVERS WITH THE PARISH PRIEST IN THE CHURCH**

Meeting of Altar Servers with Fr Austin and, Welcoming/Training of New Altar Servers – Saturday 2nd April 2022 from 10.30am to 11.45am.

### **INAUGURAL YOUTH MASS**

The inaugural Youth Mass will take place today at 6pm in our church. We encourage our youths to participate actively in this Mass which is designed to give expression to their desire to engage in some leadership roles in the parish.

### **MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS AND STICKERS**

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 before 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. We will stop issuing stickers once the First Reading starts.

### **PARISH BOOKKEEPER VACANCY**

There is vacancy for a Parish Bookkeeper in our parish. If you are qualified and experienced in bookkeeping, kindly indicate interest by applying for the role through the following link: **<https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-bookkeeper-hounslow-parish/>**

### **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 **£21,521.02**. 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.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS (LENT SEASON)**

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.

### **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, £190, £100, £100, £100, £50, £20, £5. God bless all of you.

### **LIVE WAY OF THE CROSS 2022 - (LWOTC)**

The SCS Team continues their journey of the 12th annual enactment of the Live Way of the Cross. They have now completed the LWOTC enactment at Cranford Church and Heston Church. The next enactment is at Feltham - St. Lawrence R.C. Church on Friday, 1st April, 7:30 pm. All the dates of this enactment are on the poster displayed in the Church porch area and the parish website. If you would like to know more or support with transport, please call 07551 558951 or email **[ssmmscs@gmail.com](mailto:ssmmscs@gmail.com)**.

## **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**

Planned Giving Boxes for 2022/2023 is ready for collection from the Parish Office after **any weekend Mass**. The boxes can also be collected from Monday – Thursday during Parish Office hours ONLY. Please ensure you have your box number ready. The boxes cannot be collected on behalf of anyone else without their consent. 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.

### **RCIA**

Our 'Elect' Mohammad & Niroshan, will attend their Scrutinies on Sat, 26th Mar at the 6:15pm Mass and Sun, 3rd April at the 12:00pm Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021-22**

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. The Rite of Acceptance Mass will be held on Sun 27th Mar at 2:00pm. Parents are to attend with the candidates, family members are welcome. Attendance stickers will be distributed at this Mass..

### **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.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The 'Children's Liturgy' in our Parish remains suspended. Please visit the parish website for online 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

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Joshua 5:9-12** – The Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the Promised Land

**Psalm Response** – *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21** – God reconciled himself to us through Christ

**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32** - The prodigal son.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Isaiah 43:16-21** – See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink

**Psalm Response** – *What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.*

**Philippians 3:8-14** – I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ

**John 8:1-11** – 'Let the one among you who has not sinned be the first to throw a stone'.

## GROUP MEETINGS

### **SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Sunday 03<sup>RD</sup> April 2022 at 3:00pm in the church.

### **ST ANTHONY NOVENAS**

St Anthony's novena will resume weekly from **Tuesday 5th April at 7pm** in the Church.

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:livingwordccr@gmail.com) or/contact Sam (+447450355567) or Graham (+447908287917) for the link and/or other enquiries.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**19<sup>TH</sup>/20<sup>TH</sup> March 2022**

Envelopes: £2,203.75

Loose: £3,105.84

**TOTAL: £5,309.59**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Steve, Sandra, Flavia D'Sa and Savina Rodrigues and Carson Javier Dabasia.

**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, Antonio Dias and Maria De Jesus Laporte.

## END OF TERM SCHOOL MASSES

The End of Term St Mark's School Masses will take place in our church on Friday 1st April at 9.15am and 11.30am respectively. As a result of this development, the parish normal morning Mass will be at 8.15am, instead of 9am. Parishioners are kindly requested to take note of this change of time for our morning Mass on Friday 1st April, and respond to it accordingly. Please do NOT attend the End of Term School Mass on that day. It is strictly for the staff and students of St Mark's Catholic School Hounslow.

## PARISH CENTRE KITCHEN

This is to request all groups who have a cupboard in the Parish Centre kitchen, to contact the Parish Centre Manager, Señorita Evans, in order to arrange with her and empty the cupboards as soon as possible. The Parish Centre Renovation work will commence on 4th April 2022. The contractor will be at liberty to dispose of any item(s) still left in the cupboards on 4th April 2022, and the contractor will NOT bear any responsibility for such an action.

***British Summer Time - A reminder that the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1:00am on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> March.***

## 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.