

SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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5th Sunday of Lent

03rd April 2022

INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Please carefully read all the instructions about the Holy Week celebrations on the Easter Service Cards and obey those instructions. We want everybody to respect the stewards who have been working so tirelessly to help us maintain a healthy environment for worship in our church. If you think that their work is so easy, please try and volunteer to be a steward. The stewards are **NOT** paid staff of the parish. They are simply **VOLUNTEERS** who desire to serve our parish family with their time and talents. The stewards make significant sacrifices in serving us. They deserve our respect and appreciation.

EASTER SERVICE CARDS

Please collect a copy of the Easter Service Card as you exit the church. The Easter Service Card contains all our liturgical programmes from Palm Sunday to Easter Monday (10th - 18th April). The dates and times for Easter Confessions, especially with Guest Confessors, are also shown on the Easter Service Cards. **Please do not arrive in the last 10 minutes of the designated times for Easter Confessions.**

PARKING OF VEHICLES DURING HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

During the Holy Week celebrations, starting from Palm Sunday, all cars will be parked in St Mark's School Compound. **The Entrance and Exit is ONLY** through St Mark's School gate. The Church car park will not be available.

CHURCH AND PARISH CENTRE HALLWAY

The hallway between the Church and the **Parish Centre is CLOSED** to parishioners from Monday 4th April 2022 until the completion of the renovation of the Parish Centre. Parishioners are to enter and exit the Church through the main wooden doors. The hallway will be used exclusively by the Giggles Nursery kids and staff. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat Vigil 6.15pm

7:30am

9am

10.30am

12noon

6pm

WEEKDAY

MASSES

Mon – Sat 9am

Mon – Thu 6pm

Fri 6pm

EASTER CONFESSIONS

See the Service Card

BAPTISM

Saturday 12noon

BENEDICTION

No Benediction

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
ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Centre Manager: Señorita Evans
senoritaevans@rcdow.org.uk

(BOOKINGS CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO RENOVATION)

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

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 **£23,071.02**. 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: £1000, £200, £120, £50, £50, £40, £40, £30, £20 God bless all of you.

LIVE WAY OF THE CROSS ENACTMENT

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, Heston and Feltham Churches. **The next enactment is at Hayes Immaculate Heart of Mary R.C. Church on Saturday 9th April, 5:00pm.** The Live Way of the Cross will be enacted in our church on Palm Sunday 10th April at 1.30pm, and on Good Friday 15th April at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to participate in these very important passion narratives as dramatized by the Sport and Cultural Society of our parish (SCS). We equally appeal to all parishioners to support the initiatives of this wonderful group. 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 **ssmmcs@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 Office. Please allow at least two weeks for the Parish Registration forms to be processed, as we deal with large volumes of forms every week. To obtain your family ID number, please send an email to the parish office **hounslow@rcdow.org.uk**, providing your full name and date of birth. 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 Sun, 3rd April at the 12:00pm Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

5th 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’.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7 – I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed

Psalm Response – *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Philippians 2:6-11 – Christ humbled himself but God raised him on high

Luke 22:14-23:56 – The Passion.

GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 03RD 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 6th April 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

26th/27th March 2022

Envelopes: £1,921.65

Loose: £3,149.81

TOTAL: £5,071.46

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.

SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF WAR IN UKRAINE

There will be second collection for support towards the victims of the ongoing war in Ukraine in all our Masses this 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 in all the troubled regions of the world.

GRATITUDE TO THE GHANAIA COMMUNITY

We want to express our sincere gratitude to the members of the St Michael and St Martin Ghanaian Community Hounslow for the generous donation of £1000 towards the Parish Centre Renovation Project. Thank you so much, and God bless you all.

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.