

# SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow  
Archdiocese of Westminster

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### EASTER SUNDAY

17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### EASTER MESSAGE

Christ our Paschal Lamb is truly risen, and death does not have power over him because he is the Author of life. For the first disciples of Jesus Christ, his resurrection was profoundly ecstatic and equally confusing. The post resurrection appearances of Christ, and subsequent encounters with his disciples, confirmed their faith in the Risen Lord. Thus, the crisis of identity which the disciples suffered as a consequence of the death of Jesus gave way to a renewed sense of discipleship after his resurrection. St Paul argues that "if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14).

Viewed from a Christian perspective, the resurrection of Christ inaugurated a new era in our relationship with God. The Risen Christ is our Light and Conqueror of darkness and evil. It is imperative for us to understand that having defeated evil with his resurrection, Christ did not eliminate evil from our world. Therefore, as Christians, part of our mandate is to continue to combat evil, and equally to transform our world by making it a more humane environment of relationships rooted in love, justice, compassion and peace. As such, when we celebrate Easter, we are acknowledging our death to sin and our new life established in God which is made possible through the Risen Christ.

Easter invites us to develop a deep sense of gratitude to God for the salvific work of Christ accomplished through his death and resurrection. In the same manner, we should remember to extend our gratitude to others for the love and fellowship which bind us together as children of God. In the context of our parish community, throughout the year, people continue to offer meritorious service of their time, talent and resources in order to make our church a home for all. We are profoundly grateful to you! **P.T.O**

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Sat Vigil 6.15pm  
7:30am  
9am  
10.30am  
12noon  
6pm

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon – Sat 9am  
Mon – Thu 6pm  
Fri 7pm

#### BAPTISM

Saturday  
12noon

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

**Airport:** Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.  
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**Parish Administrator:** Priya Joseph  
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**Parish Centre Manager:** Señorita Evans  
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(BOOKINGS CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO RENOVATION)

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Mary Pierre-Harvey  
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**PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST  
DIRECTLY FOR APPOINTMENT**

**Tel: (020) 8570 1693**

We thank the Spiritan Priests for their vital contributions to the growth and development of our parish family. We recognise and appreciate the selfless service of the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee, Parish Office Team including the Volunteers, Parish Centre Manager, Stewards, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers, Projector Slides Team, Lectors/Readers, Live Way of the Cross Team, Church and Presbytery Cleaners, Flower Decorators, Music Groups, Money Counters, Sacristans, Repository Manager and Assistants, Catechist Lionel Pereira and the numerous Volunteer Catechists, Youth Coordinator – Ivan Cizmarik, Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM), Prayer Groups, Ethnic Chaplaincies, Live Streaming Coordinators led by Vincent Fernandes and a resounding **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!**

In spite of the devastating war in Ukraine and troubling conflicts in different parts of the world, let us celebrate Easter with joy and hope in a better global future. We are Easter people and our song is ALLELUIA! Our faith in the Risen Christ informs us that regardless of the tragedies which befall us, we will certainly prevail. The power of the Risen Christ is greater than any existential force in our world. Armed with this assurance of the supreme force of Love and Resurrection, we should never give in to despondency. Easter offers us hope, strength, encouragement, inspiration and renewed desire to continue to announce the Good News to everyone.

**HAPPY EASTER TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES!**

**Fr Austin Nwosu, CSSp. (Parish Priest)**

## **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 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 **£23,441.02**. 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, £60, £10 God bless all of you.

## **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](mailto: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.

### **MONTHLY YOUTH MASS**

The monthly Youth Mass will be on Sunday 24th April at 6pm. All the youth of our parish are invited to participate in the Mass which is designed specifically for them.

### **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

### **Easter Sunday**

**Genesis 1:1-2:2** – God saw all that he had made, and indeed it was very good

***Psalm Response*** – *Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

**Genesis 22:1-18** – The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith

**Mark 16:1-8** – Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

### **Divine Mercy Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

**Acts 4:32-35** – The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul

***Psalm Response*** – *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

**John 5:1-6** – Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world

**John 20:19-31** – Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them.

## GROUP MEETINGS

### **GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Sunday 17<sup>TH</sup> April 2022 at 4:00pm in the church.

### **ST ANTHONY NOVENAS**

St Anthony's novena **Tuesday 19th 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:livingwordccr@gmail.com) or/contact Sam (+447450355567) or Graham (+447908287917) for the link and/or other enquiries.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**9<sup>TH</sup>/10<sup>TH</sup> April 2022**

Envelopes: £1,581.29

Loose: £4,836.41

**TOTAL: £6,417.70**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Steve, Sandra, 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.

## **EASTER MONDAY**

Easter Monday, 18th April is a Bank Holiday. There will be only one Mass in the morning at 10am. The church doors and gate will open at 9am. There will be NO evening Mass on that day.

## **MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS AND STICKERS**

We will resume issuing stickers after the Holy Week/Easter celebrations on the weekend of 23rd/24th April. Parents are gently reminded of their responsibility towards their children by bringing them to Mass on time, and having their names together with their pictures attached to their Mass Attendance Cards.

## **ANNUAL LEAVE FOR THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

The Parish Administrator, Priya Joseph, will be on annual leave from Tuesday 19th to Monday 25th April 2022. She will not be available for any office matter during this period. She will resume work on Tuesday 26th April 2022.

## 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.