

SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2nd Sunday of Easter (Feast of the Divine Mercy)

24th April 2022

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The infinite love and mercy of God are revealed to us through the Paschal Lamb who sacrificed his life on the Cross of Calvary, and rose triumphantly from the grave, as he foretold. The resurrection of Christ is our hope and victory as his disciples. Faith in the Risen Christ gives credibility to our witness of his mercy and love to the world. But, increasingly, our world is engulfed in conflicts, divisions and wars at different levels. Most troubling of these dangerous situations in the modern world is the current war in Ukraine. The effects of this war, and others of its kind, are absolutely devastating. The first words of the Risen Christ to his disciples are **"PEACE BE WITH YOU"**. We need peace. Our world is in urgent need for peace, which is predicated on justice and compassion. The song of St Francis of Assisi becomes very relevant in our modern context, "make me an instrument of your peace". Let us work tirelessly to become God's instruments of peace, mercy, forgiveness and love in our local contexts and global situations. Particularly today, as we celebrate the **Divine Mercy Sunday**, let us invoke the Mercy of God in our hearts, families, places of worship, country and nations of the world. May we experience Divine Mercy in its fullness, and in turn, continue to show mercy to one another. We pray for the end of war and the reign of peace in Ukraine, and other regions of the world that have been in turmoil. Let there be peace and love among us! **Fr Austin Nwosu, CSSp.**

FR AUSTIN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Fr Austin will be away from the parish for his annual retreat from Monday 25th to Saturday 30th April. **He will not have access to his emails and official phone.** Please contact either Fr Alphonsus or Fr Damian-Mary for any pastoral issue during this period of retreat for Fr Austin.

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 (**Day off: Mon**)

1st Assistant Priest: Fr Alphonsus Beni CSSp.
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**2nd Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow
Airport:** Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.
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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 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

PARISH NOTICES

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS AND STICKERS

The issuing stickers after the Holy Week 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.

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.

CHURCH AND PARISH CENTRE HALLWAY

The hallway between the Church and the **Parish Centre is CLOSED** to parishioners 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.

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 **£23,221.02**. 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: £70, £50, £30 God bless all of you.

ANNUAL LEAVE FOR THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

The Parish Administrator, Priya Joseph, is 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.

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.

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

The monthly Youth Mass will take place today Sunday 24th April at 6pm. All the youth of our parish are invited to participate in this 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

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd 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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32,40-41 – We are witnesses to all this: we and the Holy Spirit

Psalm Response – *I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

Apocalypse 5:11-14 – The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given riches and power

John 21:1-19 – Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.

GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 01st May 2022 at 3:00pm in the church.

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

St Anthony's novena **Tuesday 26th 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 27th 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.

EASTER OFFERTORY COLLECTION

23rd/24th April 2022

Envelopes: £2,579.30

Loose: £10,665.90

TOTAL: £13,245.20

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.

A BIG THANK YOU

We want to say **A Big Thank You to all parishioners** for your generous contributions during the past few weeks for the following collections:

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal – £413.76

CAFOD Collection – £237.36

Good Friday Collection (Holy Places) – £5,822.13

Support for War Victims in Ukraine – £1,358.35

CONFESSIONS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES

The first reconciliations for the First Holy Communion candidates will be in the Church on Saturday 30th April from 10.30am to 12.30pm. There will be **NO BAPTISM** ceremony in our church on that day. The affected Baptisms have been rescheduled to take place in the Church on Friday 29th April at 12noon.

CONFESSIONS FOR THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Confessions for the Confirmation candidates will take place in the Church on Friday 6th May from 5pm to 6.30pm. This scheduled confessions is strictly for the candidates involved in our Confirmation preparatory programme.

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.