

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 Easter

15th May 2022

RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST

We are encouraged to read the latest document from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales titled: **"RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST"**. Copies of this document are displayed on the notice boards of the church and on the parish website. This document essentially seeks to restore the obligation to physically attend Mass on Sunday, except for those who are sick and/or vulnerable. According to the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, participating in the celebration of Mass through online channels is no longer sufficient for those who are healthy. We are asked to return to the physical celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Church every Sunday.

MORE VOLUNTEERS CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED

We request for more Volunteer Catechists for our next sacramental programmes (Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA). Beginning from the 2022/2023 sacramental programmes in September 2022, we will resume face to face catechetical classes. To safeguard our children properly, more Volunteer Catechists are needed so that the programmes can be organised successfully. If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Catechist, please forward your name and contact details to the Parish Catechist, Lionel Pereira. He will organise the initial training for Volunteer Catechists. Thereafter, the Volunteer Catechists will still be offered opportunities for further training as the need arises. It is important for parents to note that if we do not get the required number of Volunteer Catechists to organise our different catechetical programmes successfully in accordance with the relevant Safeguarding policy, we will therefore reduce the number of children who will be admitted to our First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOR FR DAMIAN-MARY MONEKE, CSSP.

Fr Damian-Mary will travel to Nigeria on Monday 16th May for his annual holiday. He will return to the parish on 13th June 2022. We wish Fr Damian-Mary a refreshing holiday period.

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

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 NOTICES

PRIEST TRAINING FUND – THANK YOU

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. We collected a total amount of **£1,616.27**. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Our parish is planning to attend World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon with the Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry. If you are interested in attending WYD, please contact the parish Youth Worker, Ivan Cizmarik, **E: ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk** to confirm your expression of interest. Please be aware that the Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry will only be able to take individuals above the age of 18 at time of travel. Dates for World Youth Day 2023: Tuesday 1 August 2023 – Sunday 6 August 2023, Location: Lisbon, Portugal. Further details to be confirmed.

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 **£24,951.02**. 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 contributed a total of **£900** last week to the ongoing Parish Centre Renovation Project. God bless all of you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVP continues with the Parish Food Bank. Kindly note the new schedule:

When: Saturday 14th May 2022

Time: 10:30am to 12pm

Location: Church Car Park

All safety guidelines are adhered to (Note: If you want to donate food then you can either do that during the above time slot or **before/after weekday/weekend masses in the Church**. Contact the number below for more information) SVP Contact: Either contact Vincent or call 075 5155 8951 (For food donation and also for all volunteering opportunities).

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.

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 Easter

Acts 14:21-27 – They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them

Psalms Response – *I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

Apocalypse 21:1-5 – A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, the bride of the Lamb

John 13:31-33, 34-35 – In the Son of Man, God has been glorified.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 – It has been decided by the Spirit and by ourselves not to burden you with any burden beyond these essentials

Psalms Response – *Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.*

Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23 – He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven

John 14:23-29 – A peace the world cannot give is my gift to you.

GROUP MEETINGS

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 15TH May 2022 at 4:00pm in the church.

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

St Anthony's novena **Tuesday 17th May at 7pm, followed by rosary during the month of May** 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. All are welcome.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday 18th May at 5.15pm in the Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) MEETINGS

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

7th/8th May 2022

Envelopes: £1,946.43

Loose: £3,398.88

TOTAL: £5,345.31

Thank you for your generosity.

IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Steve, Sandra, Flavia D'Sa 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 Maria De Jesus Laporte and Savina Rodrigues.

PARISH YOUTH CONFIRMATION MASS

The Parish Youth Confirmation Mass this year will take place in Westminster Cathedral on 21st May 2022. Candidates and their Sponsors are requested to arrive at the Westminster Cathedral on time. Candidates are reminded to strictly observe all the Westminster Cathedral protocols on that day.

LEPRA APPEAL COLLECTION

LEPRA Agency works to **find, treat and rehabilitate** people with leprosy and promote their rights in India, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. LEPRA Agency appeals for our support with regard to her mission objectives. There will be a retiring collection in support of LEPRA Agency after all the weekend Masses.

INAUGURATION OF PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Members of the Parish Social Committee are requested to make out time for their inauguration on Sunday 29th May 2022 during the 12noon Mass.

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.