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PENTECOST SUNDAY

05th June 2022

PENTECOST REFLECTION

Today is the day of Pentecost! A day of great rejoicing. On this day, God shared with humanity the life of His Son, Jesus Christ. On this day, God filled the world with His Spirit. On this day, we celebrate the birthday of the Church. On this day, people who spoke different languages from many nations of the world were able to speak in one voice, and equally professed one faith to the glory of God. On this day, the preferred language of humanity is LOVE! On this day, UNDERSTANDING AND UNITY became distinctive characteristics of the new people of God. On this day, the spirit of cowardice gave way to COURAGE AND EMPOWERMENT in the lives of the disciples of Christ. On this day, God sent forth his Spirit and renewed the face of the earth. On the day of Pentecost, the Church is animated and commissioned to continue the mission of Christ in the world. This mission is oriented towards giving HOPE to the hopeless; **HEALING** to the broken hearted; **UNITY** to those who are divided; **PEACE** to those in conflicts and/or wars; JUSTICE to the oppressed; LIGHT to those in darkness, and LOVE to those who thrive in animosity, bitterness and hatred. On this day of Pentecost, when we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the people of God, our celebration of the Easter Season ends. In a genuine liturgical sense, therefore, the RESURRECTION, ASCENSION, AND PENTECOST constitute what theologians refer to as the EASTER EVENT. The Holy Spirit is the source of holiness and understanding. The Holy Spirit leads us to the TRUTH, and equally SANCTIFIES the Church. The Holy Spirit can help us restore the broken unity of the human family. The Holy Spirit motivates humanity to love. On the contrary, greed, arrogance and ignorance compel us to hate one another, and treat people with indifference and/or disrespect. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate, Counsellor, Comforter, and Giver of gifts. The gifts of the Holy Spirit include the following: WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING, COUNSEL, FORTITUDE, KNOWLEDGE, PIETY, and FEAR OF THE LORD. On this day of Pentecost, let us receive anew the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.. Continued on page 2

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. alphonsusbeni@rcdow.org.uk (*Day off: Wed*)

2nd Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow Airport: Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.

damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk (on annual leave)

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST DIRECTLY FOR APPOINTMENT

Tel: (020) 8570 1693

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 (Incident Report)

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

HAPPY PENTECOST CELEBRATION!

Fr Austin,
Parish Priest.

PARISH NOTICES

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION NETWORK COLLECTION – THANK YOU

We collected the sum of £96.74 last weekend in support of the Catholic Communication Network. Thank you for your generosity.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The UCM are organising a coach to Walsingham on Tuesday 5th July. The cost per person will be £60. The coach will leave at 7am outside our Church. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church and call Iona De Souza on 07846 317201 to confirm.

10TH ANNUAL ST ANTHONY'S NOVENA AND FEAST MASS

The nine days St Anthony's novena will start from 4th to 12th June at 7pm in the Church and after weekend Masses (Saturday after 6:15pm Mass and Sunday after 6pm Mass). The Feast of St Anthony will be celebrated on 13th June at 6:30pm. This will be the 10th anniversary of St Anthony's Feast. If you would like to offer petitions, or would like to donate bread or food for the novenas or feast Mass, please contact any member of the S.C.S Team after the novena. All are welcome.

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 £25,701.02. 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 £100 last week to the ongoing Parish Centre Renovation Project. 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, 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 <u>a letter</u> 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**

<u>or their websites.</u> Once your school application is ready, then sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) with the Priest and submit your applications to Council & Schools. <u>The Certificates of Catholic Practice are signed:</u>

(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.

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.

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

PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-11 – They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

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

Romans 8:8-17 – Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God

John 20:19-23 – As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Proverbs 8:22-31 – Before the earth came into being, Wisdom was born

Psalm Response – How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

Romans 5:1-5 – The love of God has been poured into our hearts

John 16:12-15 – The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 5th June at 3pm in the church.

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

St Anthony's novena from 4th June – 12th June at 7pm, in the Church. All are welcome.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday 08th June at 5.15pm in the Church. All are welcome.

<u>DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND</u> IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:

Every Thursday from 5pm in the Church. All are welcome.

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

28TH/29TH May 2022

Envelopes: £1,544.64 Loose: £3,472.92 **TOTAL:** £5,017.56

Thank you for your generosity.

IN YOUR KINDNESS PLEASE PRAY FOR

PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Steve, Sandra, Flavia D'Sa and Carson Javier Dabasia and John Norris.

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.

MISSION APPEAL BY THE SPIRITANS

The Archbishop of Westminster Archdiocese, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, has given permission to the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (SPIRITANS), British Province, to undertake MISSION APPEAL in all the parishes within the Diocese. The Mission Appeal is in support of the global missionary outreach of the Spiritans. A representative of the Spiritans will visit our parish on the weekend of 11th and 12th June 2022 in order to undertake the approved Mission Appeal. Some of the Spiritan Mission Appeal Envelopes are available in the Church. Please collect an envelope as you exit the church, enclose your donation in it, and return it next weekend. If you are a UK taxpayer, please complete the Gift Aid Declaration section on the Mission Appeal Envelope. It will assist the Spiritans to get additional 25 per cent of your donation from Her Majesty Revenue Office. Let us remember that the Spiritans are serving our parish, and we should support the Mission Appeal of their Religious Congregation. We count on your generosity to make this Mission Appeal a remarkable success. God bless you.

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.