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Archdiocese of Westminster

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

14TH August 2022

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

There are four Marian Dogmas officially defined by the Roman Catholic Church namely, Mary Mother of God, Perpetual Virginity, Immaculate Conception and Assumption. These Dogmas reveal Mary's role and identity in our salvation history. In other words, they bring to light Mary's association with Jesus Christ our Saviour. Although they have no direct and express scriptural references, their root in the Sacred Scripture is not excluded. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on the 15th of August every Year. On 1st November 1950, Pope Pius XII promulgated by the Apostolic Constitution "Munificentissimus Deus", the Assumption, as a dogma revealed by God that: "Mary the Immaculate, perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven". It pleased the Omnipotent God that the body of the Blessed Virgin Mary, like her Son Jesus Christ, would not suffer corruption (cf. Ps. 16: 10; Acts 13: 35). Therefore, Mary enjoys the beatific vision made possible by Jesus, not only in the soul, but also in body. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary testifies the bodily resurrection of the dead, which we look forward at the Lord's second coming (cf. 1 Cor. 15: 22-23; Mt. 27: 52-53). It is argued by theologians, that as Mary had an intimate share in Christ's battle against Satan and His victory over Satan and sin, she must also have participated intimately in his victory over death. So, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary flows from her divine maternity. God preserved from decay, the body of her who carried His Own Son, and gave birth to the world the Author of life. The Assumption is a grace to the world, and inaugurates the assumption of the humanity in God. Like Mary, we know that we bear in our body, which is the temple of the Holy Spirit, the germ of eternity. By implication, this solemnity reminds us of the sanctity and sacredness of the human body. It challenges us to keep our soul and body pure. We ask the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mediatrix of all graces, to give the grace of divine purity. **Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.**

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 (*Day off: Thurs*)

Parish Administrator: Priya Joseph
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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)

**PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST
DIRECTLY FOR APPOINTMENT**

Tel: (020) 8570 1693

PARISH NOTICES

MARRIAGE PAPERWORK (AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2022)

All couples who want to do their marriage paperwork in the parish in August and September 2022, should contact either Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp. or Fr Alphonsus Beni, CSSp. Fr Alphonsus will support couples with their marriage paperwork **only** in August 2022. Fr Austin will endeavour to conclude all the marriage paperwork processes that he started in June and July 2022 before travelling out of the country in August. Fr Austin will **NOT** be available to undertake any new marriage paperwork in either August or September 2022. Thank you for your understanding and anticipated cooperation.

SIGNING OF CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP)

Parents are to contact either Fr Alphonsus Beni, CSSp. or Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp. for signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for their children. Fr Austin Nwosu, CSSp. is currently busy with other important pastoral commitments.

PARISH MASS DIARY 2022

The Parish diary for Mass intentions is **fully booked** for the year 2022. Any requests for Mass intentions will be sent to other Spiritans Churches and will be celebrated as intended. Kindly note that the **stipend** per Mass intention is a **minimum of £10**. (Diocesan Guidelines).

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 **£28,246.02**. 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 **£150.00** 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: Every 2nd Saturday of the month

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

HOW TO REGISTER IN THIS PARISH?

The first thing to do is to complete the **PARISH REGISTRATION FORM (GREEN 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. Members who have not registered in the parish are requested to complete the **PARISH REGISTRATION FORM** without further delay. **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. We welcome all new parishioners to St Michael and St Martin Catholic

Church Hounslow. We want you to feel at home in the parish.

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 PROCESS

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.

WALK WITH ME | FIRST HOLY COMMUNION | CONFIRMATION

Registration for the 2022-23 sacramental preparation programmes began on 1st July 2022 and have now ended.

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 Sep 2022. Read the Baptism webpage for requirements & other details.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The 'Children's Liturgy' in our Parish remains online. Please visit the parish website for online resources to use at home.

RETURN TO MASS

Recently, the bishops of England and Wales issued a statement about the obligation of Sunday Mass for those who wish to be practising Catholics. The text '**Returning to Mass at Pentecost**' is linked on the homepage of the parish website. In essence they say: "We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply". The statement is called an "Invitation" for all to be putting Sunday and Holy Day worship in first place as of Pentecost Sunday. *The Church has long held that those unable to exercise their Sunday obligation due to poor health are exempt.*

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASSES

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Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10 – A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman adorned with the sun

Psalm Response – *On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold*

1 Corinthians 15:20-26 – Christ will be brought to life as the first-fruits and then those who belong to him

Luke 1:39-56 – The Almighty has done great things for me

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:18-21 – They will bring all your brothers from all the nations

Psalm Response – *Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good news.*

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13 – The Lord trains the one he loves

Luke 13:22-30 – The last shall be first and the first last

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

GOAN CHAPLANCY MASS

Sunday 21ST August at 4pm in the Church.

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

St Anthony's novena **every Tuesday at 7pm** in the Church. All are welcome.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday 24TH August at 5.15pm 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.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

First Friday of each month at 3pm 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

06th/7th Aug 2022

Envelopes: £1,616.16

Loose: £3,618.29

TOTAL: £5,234.45

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, Amy Burns, Caroline Cheand, Terry Lynch and Igor Sitarska.

RIP: Alice Rozario, Charles Bryne, Cresencia Cortez, Francisco D'Souza, Antonio Dias Maria De Jesus Laporte and Savina Rodrigues.

TRANSFER OF FR ALPHONSUS BENI, CSSP.

This is to inform all parishioners that Fr Alphonsus Beni, CSSp., an Assistant Priest in the parish, has been transferred to the Archdiocese of Southwark in London, where he will become the Parish Priest of St Francis de Sales Parish Hartely, Longfield, Kent. Fr Alphonsus will leave our parish at the end of this month. Some FAREWELL GIFT ENVELOPES for Fr Alphonsus are available at the exit points of the church. Please feel free to take an envelope, enclose your appreciation gift for Fr Alphonsus therein, and return it to the church before the end of the month. You can equally return your envelope directly to Fr Alphonsus, or to the parish office during office hours. Thank you very much for your usual kindness and generosity.

FUNERAL MASS OF BRIAN SASU

The funeral Mass of the Late Brian Sasu, the 15-year-old student of St Mark's Catholic School Hounslow, will take place in our church on Thursday 18th August 2022 at 12 noon. The burial service will be at the Hounslow Cemetery after the funeral Mass. The family of the Late Brian Sasu extend invitation to parishioners to join them in bidding farewell to Brian Sasu on that day. We pray for the parents and siblings of the Late Brian Sasu as they mourn the loss of their beloved son and brother. May the soul of Brian rest in perfect peace, and rise to glory. Amen.

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.