

SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th August 2022

FR ALPHONSUS'S FAREWELL MASS

Everyone is invited to the farewell mass and celebration of Fr Alphonsus which will be on Tuesday 30th August at 6pm. The SCS choir will lead in the singing during the Mass. After the Mass, please join us for refreshments in the car park and bid farewell to Fr Alphonsus.

FR AUSTIN'S TRIP

The Parish Priest, Fr Austin Nwosu, CSSp., has travelled to Nigeria for official assignment of his Religious Congregation. He will return to the parish on Monday 12th September 2022. He will **NOT** have access to his emails and phone line during this period. Please do not send any emails to him or call his office line while he is away. Kindly contact any of the Assistant Priests for any pastoral matter. We wish Fr Austin journey mercies and abundant blessing from God.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 24th September 2022, led by Cardinal Vincent and the Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese. For Registrations, please email hounslow@rcdow.org.uk. We need your **FULL NAME(S), CONTACT DETAILS AND NUMBER OF SEAT(S) REQUIRED**. The fee is £23 per person. Please ensure you enclose the correct amount in an envelope with your **FULL NAME(S), CONTACT NUMBER and add the reference as 'Walsingham Trip', and drop it in the Parish mailbox**. This will help the parish office confirm your booking for the trip. To avoid any disappointment, please **ENSURE** the details mentioned are complete. Bookings will close on Friday 16th September 2022.

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 (*currently away*)

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
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)

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

Tel: (020) 8570 1693

PARISH NOTICES

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS AND STICKERS

We will resume the distribution of Mass Attendance Cards and Stickers from the weekend of 3rd/4th September 2022. 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 (Yellow Colour) (Sept 2022- Jun 2023) 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.

SVP ASDA VOUCHER SCHEME

In the current crisis and as part of ongoing support to needy families, the St Vincent de Paul (SVP) conference of our Parish will be providing ASDA voucher scheme. As part of this scheme, any needy families are encouraged to contact the SVP team to access these vouchers. Priority will be given to our parishioners and then to wider community too. These are limited vouchers, so please contact any member of the SVP team or speak to Vincent by calling the SVP number on 075 5155 8951.

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.

REPAIR WORKS IN ST MARK'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL PREMISES

The repair works in St Mark's Catholic School premises started few days ago. The implication for us is that the parking spaces in the school will no longer be available for use during weekend Masses. We ask parishioners to look for alternative parking spaces, if the parish car park is full. The expected duration of the repair works in St Mark's Catholic School is two weeks. We kindly request parishioners to exercise patience during this period. At the completion of the repair works in the school, we will resume using the parking spaces during weekend Masses. Thank you for your understanding.

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 **£28,652.12** 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 **£246.10** last week to the ongoing Parish Centre Renovation Project. God bless all of you.

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 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 away.

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31 – Behave humbly, and you will find favour with the Lord

Psalm Response – *In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor*

Hebrews 12:18-1, 22-24 – You have come to Mount Zion and to the City of the Living God.

Luke 14:1, 7-14 – Everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18 – Who can divine the will of God?

Psalm Response – *O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

Philemon 9-10,12-17 – He is a slave no longer, but a dear brother in the Lord

Luke 14:25-33 – Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLANCY MASS

Sunday 4th September 3pm 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 31st 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

20th/21st Aug 2022

Envelopes: £1,266.91

Loose: £3,814.55

TOTAL: £5,081.46

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 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 Savina Rodrigues, John Norris and Villa Furtado.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Monday 29th August is a national bank holiday. There will be **ONLY ONE MASS** at 10am on that day. The church doors and gates will be locked after the celebration of the Holy Mass. There will be **NO EVENING MASS** on the day. Happy Bank Holiday in advance.

THANK YOU TO SRI LANKAN CHAPLANCY

We are profoundly grateful to the Sri Lankan Chaplaincy for donating of the sum of £160.00 towards the Parish Centre Renovation project. God bless you.

ST ANTHONY'S NOVENA 30TH AUGUST

Please note on Tuesday 30th August St Anthony's Novena will be at **5:30pm** **NOT** at 7pm. We will be celebrating Fr Alphonsus's farewell Mass at 6pm. All are welcome.

MISSIO 'RED BOX' APPEAL

We will welcome Fr Liam Durrant MHM to our parish this weekend to give the five-year Red Box Appeal. Through the Red Box, we care for our Church family around the world. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission – Missio – and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box.

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.