

SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th September 2022

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN RIP

On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.' Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unfailing way in which she fulfilled that declaration. Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II. At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity. In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.' This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.

Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation. Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.

We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother.

God save the King.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Archbishop of Westminster

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 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 David Atuanya, 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
hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Incident Report)

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

Tel: (020) 8570 1693

PARISH NOTICES

MASS HEAD COUNT

The yearly Mass Head Count will take place in the church during all the weekend Masses from the 18th September, as directed by the Diocese. We are very grateful to Clarita who assumes this responsibility on yearly basis.

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 (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.

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.

MARRIAGE PAPERWORK (SEPTEMBER 2022)

All couples who want to do their marriage paperwork in the parish in September 2022, should contact Fr

Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp. Fr Austin will **NOT** be available to undertake any new marriage paperwork until the 12th September. Thank you for your understanding and anticipated 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 **£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.

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 OF CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP)

Parents are to contact Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp. for signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for their children. Fr Austin Nwosu, CSSp. is currently away till the 12th of September.

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 November 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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 – The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened

Psalm Response – *I will leave this place and go to my father*

1 Timothy 1:12-17 – Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

Luke 15:1-32 – There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7 – I will never forget your deeds, you who trample on the needy

Psalm Response – *Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.*

1 Timothy 2:1-8 – Pray for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved

Luke 16:1-13 – You cannot be the salve of both God and money.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SINHALESE-MALABAR CHAPLANCY MASS

Sunday 11th September 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 14th September 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

03rd / 04th September 2022

Envelopes: £1,783.67

Loose: £4,472.12

TOTAL: £6,255.79

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, Villa Furtado and Delicia Rose.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross will be on Wednesday 14th September 2022. We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Cross is a sign of salvation and victory over evil. We should bear our sufferings, pains and challenges in relation to the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in order to emerge victorious.

THE COST OF LIVING MARKETPLACE

This event organised by the local council and supported by Caritas Westminster (and partners) will offer advice, guidance and support on everyday issue to debt to wellbeing. Join us in a pressure free environment and meet council services and experts from the voluntary sector and community. Its' free and you can join anytime on **14th September between 9:30am to 1pm at Hounslow House TW3 3EB**. For any other information, please contact our Parish Caritas Rep Vincent Fernandes.

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.