

SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th September 2022

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

During the recently concluded Provincial Chapter of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, Province of Nigeria, South East, our Parish Priest, Fr Austin Nwosu, CSSp. was elected as the next **Provincial Superior of the Province**. Numerically speaking, this is the biggest Province in the Congregation of the Holy Spirit worldwide with about 500 members. The challenges of this new role are enormous. We are confident that by the grace of God, Fr Austin Nwosu, CSSp. will excel in his new responsibilities. It is important for us to keep Fr Austin in our thoughts and prayers. Fr Austin will return to Nigeria before the end of September 2022. His tenure in office will begin on 2nd October 2022. Congratulations to Fr Austin! We wish him the very best in his ministry. God bless Fr Austin!

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR AUSTIN NWOSU, CSSP.

There will be a Thanksgiving Mass for our outgoing Parish Priest, Fr Austin Nwosu, CSSp. on Saturday 24th September 2022 at 6.15pm. Parishioners are invited to participate at this Thanksgiving Mass in appreciation of the work that Fr Austin has done in our parish. There will be get-together in the Parish Centre immediately after the Thanksgiving Mass. Parishioners will have opportunity to express their sentiments of gratitude to Fr Austin in the Parish Centre. If anybody wants to contribute anything (non-cash) towards the get-together, please contact the Parish Administrator, Priya Joseph via email hounslow@rcdow.org.uk.

FAREWELL GIFT ENVELOPES FOR FR AUSTIN NWOSU, CSSP.

It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to Fr Austin. However, it is with great joy that we thank God for his graces upon Fr Austin for his election as the next Provincial Superior of the Province. To show our gratitude and appreciation for his devoted service to our parish in these four years, there are some Farewell Gift Envelopes available at the back of the Church. Please feel free to give the envelope directly to Fr Austin (before the 28th September) or drop it in the Parish Office. **Thank you and God bless you all.**

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.
davidatuanya@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

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

HAND OVER PERIOD

One of the implications of my recent election as the next Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, Province of Nigeria, South East, is that I will step aside as the Parish Priest of St Michael and St Martin Catholic Church Hounslow. Considering that the transition period is very short, I will dedicate the remaining part of my stay in Hounslow to ensure a proper hand over process to my successor. In the light of the foregoing, I humbly ask parishioners to kindly contact either Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp. or Fr David Atuanya, CSSp. for any office matter. This will enable me to support my successor effectively during this hand over period.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II – 1926-2022

On Monday 19th September, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral is declared a National Bank Holiday. Prayer cards available in the Church, please feel free to take one. Parishioners are advised that there will be **ONLY ONE** Mass on that day at 10am **NOT** 9am. There will be **NO** evening Mass. Church doors will open at 9am and closed immediately after Mass.

PARISH NOTICES

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.

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 Nwosu, CSSp. is **NO LONGER** available to undertake any marriage paperwork in the parish. 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 **£28,702.12** 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 **£50** 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)

Please contact either Fr Damian-Mary or Fr David for the signing of CCP for your children. It is a formal requirement to present your child's previous and current Mass Attendance Cards before a priest will sign the CCP as requested. Kindly note that Fr Austin Nwosu, CSSp. is no longer available 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 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

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1,4-7 – Woe to those who live in luxury

Psalm Response – *My soul, give praise to the Lord*

1 Timothy 6:11-16 – Do all that you have been told, until the Appearing of the Lord

Luke 16:19-31 – Dives and Lazarus

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

GOAN CHAPLANCY MASS

Sunday 18th 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 21st 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

10th/11th September 2022

Envelopes: £2,026.97

Loose: £4,571.29

TOTAL: £6,598.26

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, Delicia Rose and Maxine Ferguson.

HOME MISSION DAY

There will be collection for Home Mission Appeal during all the weekend Masses. Please let us support this appeal. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

MASS HEAD COUNT

The yearly Mass Head Count will take place in the church during all the weekend Masses from this weekend, as directed by the Diocese. We are very grateful to Vincent for taking up this responsibility while Clarita is currently away.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Bookings for the annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham 2022, is now closed.

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.