

# SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow  
Archdiocese of Westminster

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**25<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

### THANK YOU SO MUCH

I have mixed feelings as I write this final edition of the parish newsletter as your Parish Priest. Indeed, it has been a fruitful and spiritually rewarding period of four years for me serving in the parish. We have come a long way. As Religious Missionary Priests, we are open to answering affirmatively to the invitation of Christ, through the action of the Holy Spirit, to go over to the 'other side', in order to continue with the work of evangelisation. As I prepare to return to Nigeria in order to assume the role of the Provincial Superior in the Province of Nigeria, South East, I remember the wonderful moments that we have shared together as a parish family. We have succeeded in building a vibrant and dynamic worshipping community within this period of our stewardship in the parish. We give God all the glory and thanksgiving. In addition, I want to thank everyone for your support, encouragement and prayers. They mean a lot for me. Thank you so much for your love and friendship. In a special way, I want to thank my fellow priests, Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp, Fr David Atuanya, CSSp., and the other Assistant Priests who have worked in our parish for their sense of dedication to service and for their fraternal support. The Parish Administrator, Priya Joseph, has been of immense assistance in the administration of the parish. The Parish Catechist, Lionel Pereira, Parish Youth Worker, Ivan Cizmarik, Parish Centre Manager, Senorita Evans, Parish Bookkeeper, Juste Goek, and Presbytery Cleaner, Maria Southey, have all distinguished themselves in their respective roles. Vincent Fernandes and Joe Fernandes deserve our heartfelt gratitude for all the magnificent work they have been doing in our parish. I am deeply grateful to the team of Volunteer Catechists, Repository Managers, Sacristans, Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, Live Streaming Team, Stewards, Altar Servers, Projector Slides Team, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors/Readers, Cleaners, Decorators, Counters, Choral Groups, Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM).. **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 OFFICE OPENING HOURS: MONDAY – THURSDAY, 9:30AM – 1PM - Tel: (020) 8570 1693**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Augustine (Austin) Nwosu, CSSp.  
[augustinenwosu@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:augustinenwosu@rcdow.org.uk) (**Day off: Mon**)

**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Priest:** Fr David Atuanya, CSSp.  
[davidatuanya@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:davidatuanya@rcdow.org.uk) (**Day off: Wed**)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow**

**Airport:** Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.  
[damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk) (**Day off: Thurs**)

**Parish Administrator:** Priya Joseph  
[priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk)

**Parish Catechist:** Lionel Pereira  
[hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk)

**Youth Worker:** Ivan Čižmárik  
[ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk)

**Parish Centre Manager:** Señorita Evans  
[senoritaevans@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:senoritaevans@rcdow.org.uk)

(BOOKINGS CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO RENOVATION)

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Mary Pierre-Harvey  
[hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) (Incident Report)

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DIRECTLY FOR APPOINTMENT**

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Sport and Cultural Society (SCS), St Vincent de Paul Team (SVP), those who contributed to the Food Bank and Christmas Hampers Initiatives and everyone who is dedicated to making our parish a better place of worship. From the depth of my heart, thank you so much for everything. Please remember me in your prayers. **God bless you! Fr Austin.**

## **INTRODUCTION OF THE NEXT PARISH PRIEST**

I have the privilege to introduce to you our next Parish Priest, Fr Daniel Adayi, CSSp. Fr Daniel served in this parish for two years as second Assistant Priest and the Catholic Chaplain at Heathrow Airport Chaplaincy from 2018 to 2020. Fr Daniel is familiar with the dynamics of the parish and we hope that he will not have any problem in adjusting to the demands and challenges of being a Parish Priest in this massive parish. I sincerely appeal to everyone to continue to support and encourage him with your prayers and positive feedback. We wish Fr Daniel the very best in his ministry as the Parish Priest of St Michael and St Martin Catholic Church Hounslow.

## **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.

## **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. **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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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.

### **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

### **26<sup>th</sup> 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

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

### **27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4** – The upright man will live by his faithfulness

***Psalm Response*** – *O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts'.*

**2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14** – Never be ashamed of witnessing to our Lord

**Luke 17:5-10** – Say, 'We are merely servants'

## PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

### **SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLANCY MASS**

Sunday 02<sup>nd</sup> October 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:livingwordccr@gmail.com) or/contact Sam (+447450355567) or graham (+447908287917) for the link and/or other enquiries.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**19<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Envelopes: £2,096.40

Loose: £3,936.79

**TOTAL: £6,033.19**

**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.

### **29TH SEPT THURSDAY FEAST OF**

### **ARCHANGELS ST MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL**

To celebrate the feast of one of our Parish Patron Saints, St Michael, there will be two Masses on Thursday 29th September 2022 9am and 6pm (Evening Mass will be led by the SCS team/choir).

### **2ND ANNUAL WORLD MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS 2022**

The World Health Organisation recognises World Mental Health Day in October every year. The overall objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health especially as the pandemic has had a major impact on people's mental health. The Parish S.C.S and the S.V.P teams would like to invite you to on Sunday 2nd October to join us for tea/coffee after the 9am and 10:30am mass in the Parish centre to know more about Mental health, challenges and taking care of yourself and others. All are welcome (and also if you would like to join the SVP, you can enroll with the SVP team at these sessions).

### **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.**