

SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

27th November 2022

ADVENT AGAIN! Advent reminds us of the twofold coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ. On the one hand, Advent informs us of the first coming of Jesus Christ into the world through the instrumentality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On the other hand, Advent points to the second and final coming of Christ. Essentially, the primary characteristic of both comings of Jesus Christ is preparation. During Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (John 1:14). In a sense, it is right to argue that Advent evokes a deep sense of longing or yearning in us. The world longs for the birth of the child Jesus. Similarly, we yearn for the peace, love and joy that his birth brings to the world. Advent reminds us of our incompleteness without God. As much as our world tries very hard to remove God from the scheme of things, we can testify from the standpoint of faith profession and existential realities that God is still very relevant in our lives. Jesus Christ offers us peace and love which are capable of calming the troubled waters of life if we are open to his grace. In this regard, Advent encourages us to be people of hope in the midst of the uncertainties of life. This hope is not deceptive. It is rather proactive to the extent that it introduces a certain level of reassurance in our lives. Advent motivates us to be witnesses of hope and joy in our world that is increasingly filled with hatred, ignorance, bitterness, wickedness and scandals of various kinds. Advent beckons on us to stay awake and to be shining light in the midst of darkness that is enveloping our world. Advent equally urges us to renew our faith and commitment in the service of God and humanity. Advent provokes a sense of awareness in us that despite the unfolding challenges, tensions and uncertainties of life, faith, hope and love will triumph. Best wishes for a transformative Advent season.

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat Vigil- .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 Daniel Adayi, CSSp.

danieladayi@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

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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

senoritaevans@rcdow.org.uk

(BOOKINGS CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO RENOVATION)

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

Tel: (020) 8570 1693

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Mary Pierre-Harvey

hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Incident Report)

WANT TO MAKE A DONATION?

If you wish to make a donation to the parish, kindly consider donating any of the following items:

Priest liturgical vestments, altar overall covers, candle stands, sacred linens, please approach any of our priests.

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH NOTICES

WHAT IS GIFT AID?

Please feel free to pick up the Gift Aid leaflets from the back of the Church. The leaflet explains in depth and a better understanding of what gift aiding your donation means.

PARISH HOLY SOULS MASS

The Parish Holy Souls mass will be on 30th November 2022 at 6pm. Please feel free to pick up the envelopes for offerings, which are now available at the back of the Church.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

The Parish Priest, Fr Daniel will meet with the Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday 3rd December at 10:30am in the Church.

ADVENT PLAY AND CAROL SINGING

Please join us for our 11th Annual Carol singing and an Advent play "The Innkeepers Dilemma" on Sunday 11th Dec at 7:15pm in the Church.

YOUTH DAY – 2022 COLLECTION

We raised a total of £170.70 from our collection last Sunday. Thank you for your generous donation.

LAST SUNDAY CAKE-SALE FOR LISBON 2023

Amount realized: £806.87. Thank you for your support.

WHITTON CHURCH PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

Monday 19th June to Monday 26th June for 7 nights full-board. Flight will be from Stanstead airport and the hotel will be Beau Site. Cost per person based on a shared room will be £680. Single supplement £175. Please contact Rosemary Parsons on 07974 006679.

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. All couples who want to do their marriage paperwork in the parish **should contact** either Fr Daniel Adayi, CSSp, or Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp via email. Thank you for your understanding and anticipated cooperation.

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.

CCP SIGNING

For CCP signing;

- **Tuesdays or Thursdays** (10am – 12noon).

Please ensure you have your Mass attendance card from the previous year. If you are new to the parish, bring a letter from your PREVIOUS parish confirming your attendance. No appointments required!

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**. Please allow at least two weeks for the Parish Registration forms to be processed. 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. 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.

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.

CONFIRMATION 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 Mass Attendance Cards for Confirmation is (Red Colour), (Sept 2022- Jun 2023)** those who need new cards or need replacements, must contact the Catechist directly. 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.
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BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Parents of infants 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 January 2023. Read the Baptism webpage for requirements & other details.



TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASSES

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5 – The Lord gather all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom

Psalm Response – *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'*

Romans 13:11-14 – Our salvation is near

Matthew 24:34-44 – The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10 – A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse

Psalm Response – *In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails*

Romans 15:4-9 – Christ is the saviour of all men

Matthew 3:1-12 – The one who follows me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO MALABAR CHAPLAIN MASS

Sunday 4th December at 3pm in the church.

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

St Anthony's Novena **Every Tuesday at 7pm** in the Church.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Wednesday 30th November at 5.15pm in the church.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:

Every Thursday from 5pm in the church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) MEETINGS

weekend: 2 & 4 Saturday at 10am in the church.

LIVING WORD CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

online prayer meeting/fellowship every Friday evening.

Email: livingwordccr@gmail.com or/contact Sam (+447450355567) or graham (+447908287917) for the link and/or other enquiries.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

19th/20th November 2022

Envelopes: £1,914.67

Loose: £3,571.74

TOTAL: £5,486.41

Thank you for your generosity.

IN YOUR PRAYERS - REMEMBER

OUR SICK: Steve, Sandra, Flavia D'Sa and Carson Javier Dabasia and Amy Burns, Caroline Cheand, Terry Lynch and Igor Sitarska.

DECEASED: Charles Bryne, Cresencia Cortez, Francisco D'Souza, Antonio Dias Maria De Jesus Laporte, Savina Rodrigues, John Norris, Villa Furtado, Delicia Rose, Maxine Ferguson, Philomena Banger De Souza, Rita Atuanya & Sarah Patricia Trollope.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS: GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS COLLECTION

There will be a collection for the Christmas flowers next weekend during all Masses. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

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 joy, the peace and healing of your presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.