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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4th December 2022

Jacob's Angels 2022 - Charities for this year are Shooting Star Children's Hospice, Hounslow Community Foodbox, Storehouse Riverside Vineyard Centre, Trinity Homeless Projects and Life, a UK pregnancy and maternal support charity.

Things to know and how you can help:

<u>Display of Jacob's Angels</u>- The angels bearing the name, age and gift idea for a child/person, will be displayed on the notice boards in the Mother Mary chapel at all Masses beginning this weekend. Parishioners are invited to choose an angel and purchase the Christmas gift written on it.

<u>Jacob's Angels Drop-Off</u> – Kindly place your gift unwrapped in a paper gift bag along with the paper angel so that your gift reaches the right person/child. Please bring your gift bags to church for the evening Mass on Sat 10th Dec. and any Mass on Sun 11th Dec. and leave them at the Mother Mary Chapel. This year's Confirmation candidates will help collect and put these away.

<u>Volunteer Drivers Needed</u> – We are seeking people with cars to help take the Christmas gifts from the Jacob's Angels project to the local charities on a weekday between 10am & 2pm. Please email Lionel hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk your name and hours available if you can help. Thank you!

Christmas Hampers Donation - Annually, as a parish, we prepare Christmas Hampers to assist the families in need during the festive season. This kind gesture provides a lot of relief to such families, and they rely on us to make their Christmas celebration a happy one. We therefore appeal to everyone to kindly donate some food items which will be distributed to the families in need. Please do not bring perishable food items. Thank you very much for your anticipated kindness and generosity.

Advent Retreat - The Parish Advent Retreat will take place in the Church on Saturday 10th December 2022 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. It will conclude with a Benediction. There will be no confessions in the evening. All are invited!

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 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)

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT
Tel: (020) 8570 1693

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)

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

GIFT AID LEAFLETS

Please, feel free to pick up the Gift Aid leaflets from the back of the Church. The leaflet gives a simplified understanding of what gift aiding your donation means.

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 <u>ENTER THE CHURCH</u> <u>BEFORE MASS BEGINS.</u>

- Please ensure your card has a recent <u>PHOTO</u> of your child and their <u>FULL NAME</u>.
- 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

Parents are advised to come to the Parish office, during parish office hours between 10am-12noon, either on **Tuesdays or Thursdays** for signing of the CCP. 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!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME CARDS

Our December Christmas Season programme cards will be released this week. In the cards you will find the schedule of Masses for the season and the timetable for Christmas confessions. We have arranged to have visiting priests to come in for the confessions. There is also a session for children and young adult. Confessions will begin on Monday 19th and end on Friday 23 December.

SENIORS' PARTY

St Mark's School invites our parishioners for the Senior Citizens Party at the School on Wednesday, 7th December. If you are interested or know anyone who is interested, please contact Brenda, one the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Please, indicate your interest as soon as possible.

VINCENT FERNANDES WINS WESTMINSTER AWARD

Our own Vincent Fernandes emerged as winner of the Outstanding Service to a Parish award at the recent Westminster Volunteering Awards presided over by Cardinal Vincent. There were 70 nominations for 6 categories and Vincent was chosen for his outstanding and dedicated service to our parish. We congratulate Vincent and the vibrant network of volunteers in the parish! May God bless you for the great works you are doing!

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 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 <u>PHOTO</u> of your child and their <u>FULL NAME</u>.
- 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.

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.

TEXTS FOR THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6,10 – God himself is coming to save you **Psalm Response** – Come, Lord, and save us

James 5:7-10 — Do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon

Matthew 11:2-11 – 'A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen'

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SINGALESE CHAPLAIN MASS

Sunday 11th December at 4pm 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 7th December at 5.15pm in the church.

<u>DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND</u> 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

<u>PRAYER GROUP</u> online prayer meeting/fellowship every Friday evening.

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

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

26th/27th November 2022

Envelopes: £3,482.36 Loose: £1,636.76 TOTAL: £5,119.12 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 Bangera De Souza, Rita Atuanya & Sarah Patricia Trollope.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS COLLECTION

There will be a collection for the Christmas flowers this weekend during all Masses. Thank you for your anticipated generosity. We are deeply grateful to the church flower team for helping with the decoration of the church throughout the year.

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.

FUNERAL OF SARAH PATRICIA TROLLOPE

The death has been announced of Sarah Patricia Trollope, fondly called Pat, who died peacefully at home in the afternoon on November 16. She was aged 97. Pat started attending our parish when she moved to Hounslow in 1961 and was very active in many of the parish associations She was awarded the Benemerenti Medal at a special service a few years ago. Her funeral mass will be on Wednesday, December 14 by 11am.