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NEWSLETTER

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1st January 2023

NO ONE CAN BE SAVED ALONE

“Now, concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you, yourselves, know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night” (1Thessalonians, 5:1-2).

With these words, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Thessalonian community to remain steadfast, their hearts and feet firmly planted and their gaze fixed on the world around them and the events of history, even as they awaited the Lord's return. When tragic events seem to overwhelm our lives, and we feel plunged into a dark and difficult maelstrom of injustice and suffering, we are likewise called to keep our hearts open to hope and to trust in God, who makes himself present, accompanies us with tenderness, sustains us in our weariness and, above all, guides our path. For this reason, Saint Paul constantly exhorts the community to be vigilant, seeking goodness, justice and truth: “So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober” (5:6). Covid-19 plunged us into a dark night. It destabilized our daily lives, upset our plans and routines, and disrupted the apparent tranquillity of even the most affluent societies. It generated disorientation and suffering and caused the death of great numbers of our brothers and sisters.

Nor can we overlook the fractures in our social and economic order that the pandemic exposed, and the contradictions and inequalities that it brought to the fore. It threatened the job security of many individuals and aggravated the ever-increasing problem of loneliness in our societies, particularly on the part of the poor and those in need. Only rarely do individuals and societies achieve progress in conditions that generate such feelings of despondency and bitterness, which weaken efforts to ensure peace while provoking social conflict, frustration and various forms of violence. **Cont 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

PARISH OFFICE

TIMES:

Monday –

Thursday

9:30am – 1pm

CONFESSIONS

Please contact any of the Priests through email for confessions

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: MONDAY – THURSDAY, 9:30am – 1pm.

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**)

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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)

Indeed, the pandemic seems to have upset even the most peaceful parts of our world and exposed any number of forms of fragility. Today we are being asked: What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place? Certainly, after directly experiencing the fragility of our own lives and the world around us, we can say that the greatest lesson we learned from Covid-19 was the realization that we all need one another. Our greatest and yet most fragile treasure is our shared humanity as brothers and sisters, children of God. And that none of us can be saved alone. Consequently, we urgently need to join together in seeking and promoting the universal values that can guide the growth of this human fraternity. We also learned that the trust we put in progress, technology and the effects of globalization was excessive and turned into an individualistic and idolatrous intoxication, compromising the promise of justice, harmony and peace that we so ardently sought. In our fast-paced world, the widespread problems of inequality, injustice, poverty and marginalization continue to fuel unrest and conflict, and generate violence and even wars.

What then is being asked of us? Let our hearts be changed by our experience of the crisis, to let God, at this time in history, transform our customary criteria for viewing the world around us. We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think about the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; instead, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a widespread good. In sharing these reflections, I hope we can journey together in the coming New Year, valuing the lessons that history has to teach us.

(Excerpt from Pope Francis' Message for 56th WORLD DAY OF PEACE 1 JANUARY 2023)



PARISH NOTICES

MASS DIARY 2023

The parish Mass diary for 2023 is now open! Please note that **only TWO INTENTIONS per person** will be taken, this is due to the large number of parishioners we have and to ensure we are fair to all our parishioners. Any additional requests for Mass intentions will be sent to other Spiritans Churches and will be celebrated as intended. Kindly note that the **stipend** per Mass intention is a **minimum of £10** (Diocesan Guidelines). **Cash or online transfer, NO CARD PAYMENT can make payment.** Bookings will resume from 4th January during parish office hours.

CRIB OFFERING 2022

This Christmas, our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society to support their work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese.

NEW ROLE WITHIN THE FOOD TEAM AT CARITAS WESTMINSTER

Food Programme Support Officer (one-year fixed term contract). This role will be delivering the Caritas Emergency Supermarket Vouchers scheme (which continues into 2023, funded by the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal) and supporting communities to access more long-term programmes, as part of working together towards

the sustainable end of poverty (the deadline for applications is 9th Jan). For any further questions, please contact Caritas Parish Rep. Vincent Fernandes.

Please visit the link provided for further details: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/food-programme-support-officer-caritas-westminster/>

CHURCH CARK PARK ACCESS

Please note the Church car park will **NOT** be in use till the 2nd January. There will be a marquee in the Church car park to support the large crowd expected for Christmas and New Year Masses. The school car park will be open for cars to park, and entry and exit will be via St Mark's school car park.

REGULAR NOTICES

HOW TO REGISTER IN THIS PARISH?

The first thing to do is to complete the **PARISH REGISTRATION FORM (GREEN FORM)** available in the parish office and 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 email the parish office at hounslow@rcdow.org.uk, providing your full name and date of birth. If you are a visitor or worship with us for the first time, you are 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 are 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 must give 6 MONTHS' NOTICE of MARRIAGE – whether it is happening **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 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.

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.
- Stickers will not be given if the card is not presented. We will stop issuing stickers once the First Reading starts.

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 MASS

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Numbers 6:22-27 – They are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them

Psalm Response: *O God, be gracious and bless us.*

Galatians 4:4-7 – God sent his Son, born of a woman

Luke 2:16-21 - The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found the baby lying in the manger

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 –Here is my servant, in whom my soul delights

Psalm Response: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

Acts 10:34-38 – God had anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:13-17 – ‘This is my Son, the Beloved’.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO MALABAR CHAPLAIN MASS

Sunday 1ST January at 3pm in the church.

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

St Anthony's novena will resume weekly from Tuesday 10th Jan 2023 at 7pm in the Church.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

Will resume on Wednesday, 4th January 2023.

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: 2nd & 4th 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

24TH/25TH Dec 2022

Envelopes: £3,408.70

Loose: £13,932.84

TOTAL: £17,341.54

Thank you for your generosity.

IN YOUR PRAYERS - REMEMBER

OUR SICK: Steve, Sandra, Carson Javier Dabasia, 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.

FEAST OF EPIPHANY

Will be celebrated on Wednesday 6th January 2021. There will be three Masses on that day – 7:30am, 9am and 6pm.

INDUCTION MASS OF FR DANIEL ADAYI, CSSP

Date: Sunday, February 5, 2023

Time: 6.00 pm Mass.



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.