



SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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NEWSLETTER

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8th January 2023

JESUS' SOLIDARITY WITH THE SINNER

Having reached adulthood, Jesus began his public ministry by going to the River Jordan to receive a baptism of penance and conversion from John. What might seem paradoxical in our eyes happened. Did Jesus need penance and conversion? Of course not. Yet the One who is without sin put himself among sinners to have himself baptized, to make this act of penance. The Holy One of God joined those who recognized they needed forgiveness and asked God for the gift of conversion, that is, the grace to return to him with their whole heart, to belong totally to him. Jesus chose to join the ranks of sinners, to be in solidarity with them, expressing God's closeness.

Jesus shows his solidarity with us, with our efforts to convert and be rid of our selfishness, to break away from our sins, to tell us that if we accept him in our life, he can uplift us and lead us to the heights of God the Father. And Jesus' solidarity is not, as it were, a mere exercise of mind and will. Jesus truly immersed himself in our human condition, lived it to the end, in all things save sin, and understood our weakness and frailty. For this reason, he was moved to compassion; he chose to "suffer with" men and women to become a penitent with us. This is God's work which Jesus wanted to carry out: the divine mission to heal those who are wounded and give medicine to the sick, to take upon himself the sin of the world.

Excerpt from Homily of Pope Benedict XVI/ Feast of The Baptism of the Lord, 2013.

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

Friday 6pm –
6:30pm
Saturday 9:30am –
10:15am &
4:30pm – 5:15pm

PARISH ROSARY

Mon – Fri at
8:15am

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 (*Currently on leave*)

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 Čížmárik

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)

PARISH NOTICES

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME MASS Sunday 29th January 9am and 10:30am mass

On Sunday 29th January, we would like to invite all Parishioners who have registered since 2021 for “**NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME MASS**”. There will be special blessings for all new Parishioners at the 9am and 10:30am mass followed by refreshments in the Parish centre. You are welcome to attend either the 9am or 10:30am mass and after each mass, you are invited in the Parish centre where you will have the opportunity to know more about the Parish life and meet various groups so you can volunteer. Welcome to all New Parishioners.

INDUCTION MASS OF FR DANIEL ADAYI, CSSP

Date: Sunday, February 5, 2023

Time: 6.00 pm Mass.

MASS DIARY 2023

The parish Mass diary for 2023 is now open! 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 be taken during parish office hours.

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!

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.

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/>

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – VOLUNTEERING FOR CAFOD

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking people join us in our mission here in the Westminster diocese. Could you volunteer and help us raise awareness in either

parishes or schools about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out more by joining one of our volunteer meetings in Lambeth London on Saturday 21st January or Oakwood, North London on Wed 1st February. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208 449 6970

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.

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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 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'.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3,-5-6 – I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth

Psalm Response: *Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

1 Corinthians 1:1-3 – May God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace

John 1:29-34 – 'Look: there is the Lamb of God'

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SINHALESE CHAPLAIN MASS

Sunday 8th 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, 11th January 2023.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Every Thursday from 5pm in the church.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

First Friday of each month at 3pm 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

31st Dec 2022/01 Jan 2023

Envelopes: £2,722.96

Loose: £10,360.31

TOTAL: £13,083.27

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 Banger De Souza, Rita Atuanya & Sarah Patricia Trollope.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVP continues with the Parish Food Bank. Kindly note the new schedule:

When: Every 2nd Saturday of the month

Time: 10:30am to 12pm

Location: Church Car Park

All safety guidelines are adhered to (Note: If you want to donate food then you can either do that during the above time slot or **before/after weekday/weekend masses in the Church**. Contact the number below for more information) SVP Contact: Either contact Vincent or call 075 5155 8951 (For food donation and also for all volunteering opportunities).

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.