



# SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow  
Archdiocese of Westminster

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## NEWSLETTER

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Second in Ordinary Time**

**15th January 2023**

### BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD

The centre of today's Gospel is this message of John the Baptist: "*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*" Let us imagine the scene. We are on the bank of the River Jordan. John is baptizing; many people, men and women of various ages, have come to the river to receive baptism from the hands of the man who reminded many of Elijah, the great Prophet. John preaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, that the Messiah is about to reveal himself, and one must prepare, convert and act with righteousness. He begins to baptize in the River Jordan to give the people a tangible means of repentance. And thus, the moment arrives when Jesus appears on the river bank, among the people, the sinners — like all of us. It is his first public act, the first thing he does when he leaves his home in Nazareth at the age of 30: he goes down into Judea, goes to the Jordan and is baptized by John. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and the voice of the Father proclaims him the beloved Son. It is the sign that John has been waiting for. It is He! Jesus is the Messiah. John is disconcerted because He unimaginably manifests himself: in the midst of sinners, baptized with them, or rather, for them. But the Spirit enlightens John and helps him understand that in this way, God's justice is fulfilled, and his plan of salvation is fulfilled: Jesus is the Messiah, the King of Israel, the ***Lamb of God, who takes upon himself and takes away the sins of the world.*** Why have we focused so long on this scene? It is not an anecdote. It is a decisive historical fact! This scene is decisive for our faith, and it is also decisive for the Church's mission. The Church, every time, is called to do what John the Baptist did: point Jesus out to the people, saying, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!". He is the Lord, humble, in the midst of sinners, but it is He, and, all Powers belong to him, in all ages. -Excerpt from Pope Francis' Angelus on 15 January 2017

### 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](mailto:danieladayi@rcdow.org.uk) (*Day off: Mon*)

**1st Assistant Priest:** Fr David Atuanya, CSSp.

[davidatuanya@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:davidatuanya@rcdow.org.uk) (*Currently on leave*)

**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*)

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DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

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**Parish Administrator:** Priya Joseph

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**Parish Catechist:** Lionel Pereira

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**Youth Worker:** Ivan Čížmárik

[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)

## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **LIVE WAY OF THE CROSS 2023**

#### **(LWOTC 2023)**

The Parish S.C.S team will be enacting the LWOTC during Lent. If you are interested to be part of the team or would like to help with roles available: videography, photography or costume (and many more), please contact Vincent J Fernandes via email at ([ssmmscs@gmail.com](mailto:ssmmscs@gmail.com)) by **7pm 22nd Jan 2023**.

#### **CAR PARK NOTICE**

Parishioners are requested to avoid any drop offs at the car park entrance. This is a serious hazard and can cause an accident with other vehicles. All drop offs should be strictly in the car park.

### **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.

### **ENTERTAINMENT/SOCIAL FOR FR DANIEL'S INDUCTION**

Fr Daniel's Induction Mass will be at 6 pm on Sunday, 5 February, after which there will be a get-together [in the Parish Centre]. If you can help provide finger foods, please put your name down on the list on the porch.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA, SANTAREM & LISBON (25 – 29 April 2023)**

The Goan Chaplaincy UK will embark on a 4 Night / 5 Day visit to Fatima (visiting Santarem, Nazare & Lisbon). This pilgrimage will visit the principal places associated with the Apparitions in Fatima & will include visits to the Church of the Eucharistic

Miracle in Santarem, the birthplace of St Anthony in Lisbon, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Alcobaça & the seaside resort of Nazare. Package price from £650pp. **To register your place, please get in touch with Rev. Fr. Patrick Dsouza sfx - [patrickdsouza2008@gmail.com](mailto:patrickdsouza2008@gmail.com) / Tel: 07342 267 878.**

### **CATHOLIC PRACTICE CERTIFICATE (CCP) SIGNING**

Parents are advised to come to the Parish office, 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 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 please.** Bookings will be taken during parish office hours.

### **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 – THANK YOU

We have raised a total of £1,653.74. The 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

Countdown to *Fr Daniel's Induction*  
**THREE WEEKS**

## TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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'

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Isaiah 8:23-9:3** – In Galilee of the of the nations the people has seen a great light

**Psalm Response:** *The Lord is my light and my help*

**1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17** – Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves

**Matthew 4:12-23** – He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled.

## PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

### **SYRO MALABAR CHAPLAIN MASS**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm in the church.

### **GOAN CHAPLAINCY KONKANI MASS**

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 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, 18th January 2023.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Thursday after 9am Mass. Please give a hand for half an hour. Thank you

### **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.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**08<sup>th</sup>/09th Jan 2023**

Envelopes: £1,711.98

Loose: £3,654.33

**TOTAL: £5,366.31**

**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.

## **LIVING WORD CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP**

online prayer meeting/fellowship every Friday evening.

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

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

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

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