



SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

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Archdiocese of Westminster

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NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd January 2023

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

In today's liturgy, the Evangelist Matthew presents the beginning of Christ's public mission. It consisted essentially in preaching the Kingdom of God and healing the sick, showing that this Kingdom is close at hand and is already in our midst. Jesus began preaching in Galilee, the region where he grew up, the "outskirts" compared with the heart of the Jewish Nation, Judea, and Jerusalem. But the Prophet Isaiah foretold that this land, assigned to the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali, would have a glorious future. The people immersed in darkness would see a great light (Is 8: 23-9: 2). In Jesus' time, the term "gospel" was used by Roman emperors for their proclamations. Independently of their content, they were described as "good news" or announcements of salvation because the emperor was considered lord of the world and his every edict was a portent of good. Thus, the application of this phrase to Jesus' preaching had a strongly critical meaning, as if to say that God, not the emperor, is Lord of the world, and the true Gospel is that of Jesus Christ. The "Good News" that Jesus proclaims is summed up in this sentence: "The Kingdom of God is at hand" (see Mt 4: 17; Mk 1: 15). What do these words mean? They do not refer to an earthly region marked out in space and time but rather to an announcement that it is God who reigns, that God is Lord and that his lordship is present and actual; it is being realized. The newness of Christ's message is that God made himself close in him and now reigns in our midst, as the miracles and healings he works demonstrate. God reigns in the world through his Son, made man with the power of the Holy Spirit, called "the finger of God" (Lk 11: 20).

Excerpt from Pope Benedict's Angelus on 3rd Sunday, 2008

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat Vigil 6.15pm
7:30am, 9am,
10.30am, 12noon
6pm

WEEKDAY

MASSES

Mon – Sat 9am
Mon – Thu 6pm
Fri 7pm

CONFESSIONS

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

PARISH ROSARY

Mon – Fri at 8:15am

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

Saturday 4.30-5.30pm

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**

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Parish Administrator: Priya Joseph

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Parish Catechist: Lionel Pereira

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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)

PARISH NOTICES

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2023, MASS FOR THE SICK

Saturday, 11th February 2023, is the 31ST WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, the Memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes. There will be a Mass for the Sick at the Cathedral at 2.30 pm, celebrated by the Cardinal, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered.

Tickets are in three categories:

1. Wheelchair users who require anointing
2. Walking sick who require anointing
3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

These categories of tickets (which will be differently coloured) will also assist the priests at Mass in determining who requires anointing. Book **IMMEDIATELY** so that you can get your tickets before the event. The Cathedral Administrator will send your tickets for collection from the Parish Office. Please note that there is no direct booking for individuals.

For bookings, please email the parish office hounslow@rcdow.org.uk.

CHOIR LEADERS MEETING

A zoom meeting of the choir leaders with the Parish Priest, will hold on Wednesday 8th February at 7pm.

ADMISSION IN A HOSPITAL

If you are admitted to any hospital (or a family member), and desires to receive Holy Communion or Sacrament of Anointing, kindly inform the staff there to call a Priest on duty for you. You have to notify them by telling them that you are a Roman Catholic. There is a Priest on duty every day in any hospital. For those going to West Middlesex Hospital, all the parishes in Hounslow Deanery take turns to respond to hospital calls on daily basis. **St Michael and St Martin Church Hounslow covers West Middlesex Hospital every Thursday from 6am to Friday 6am.**

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) 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 / Tel: 07342 267 878.**

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.

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.

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

Parishioners who have not collected their Planned Giving Boxes for 2022/2023, please contact the parish office via email at hounslow@rcdow.org.uk if you wish to collect your boxes or not. The boxes will be closed on 1st of February 2023.

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.

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 March 2023. Read the Baptism webpage for requirements & other details.

Countdown to *Fr Daniel's Induction*
TWO WEEKS

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Psalms 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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13 – In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people

Psalms Response: *How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 – God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, to shame the wise

Matthew 5:1-12a – How happy are the poor in spirit

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

14TH/15TH Jan 2023

Envelopes: £1,791.25

Loose: £3,370.48

TOTAL: £5,161.73

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.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO MALABAR CHAPLAIN MASS

Sunday 5th February 3pm in the church.

SINHALESE MALABAR CHAPLAIN MASS

Sunday 12th February 4pm in the church.

GOAN CHAPLAINCY KONKANI MASS

Sunday, 19TH February 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, 25th 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.

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

CARITAS PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Caritas Representative Workshop – Caritas are relaunching the Parish Rep programme to recruit more volunteer REPRESENTATIVE FOR SOCIAL OUTREACH from each parish to help communication between the Parish and Caritas to Support and grow charitable activities. If you would like to volunteer to be one of such representatives, please contact Parish Caritas Rep, Vincent J Fernandes. We will then obtain consent from the Parish Priest.

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.