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Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th January 2023

THE WEAKNESS OF GOD IS STRONGER

It was clear through unlearned men that the cross was persuasive; it persuaded the whole world. Their discourse was not of unimportant matters but of God and true religion, the Gospel way of life and future judgement, yet it turned plain, uneducated men into philosophers. How the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and his weakness stronger than men! In what way is it stronger? It made its way throughout the world and overcame all men; countless men sought to eradicate the very name of the Crucified, but that name flourished and grew ever mightier. Its enemies lost out and perished; the living who waged war on a dead man proved helpless. For the good deeds that tax collectors and fishermen could accomplish by God's grace, the philosophers, the rulers, and the countless multitudes cannot even imagine. Paul had this in mind when he said: The weakness of God is stronger than men. The preaching of these men was indeed divine and is brought home to us in the same way. For how otherwise could twelve uneducated men, who lived on lakes and rivers and wastelands, get the idea for such an immense enterprise? How could men who perhaps had never been in a city or a public square think of setting out to do battle with the whole world? The evangelist makes clear that they were fearful, timid men; he did not reject the fact or try to hide their weaknesses. Indeed he turned these into proof of the truth! These men, who in Christ's lifetime did not stand up to the attacks by the Jews, set forth to battle with the whole world once Christ was dead, and they succeeded.

- St John Chrysostom (A.D 347 - 407)

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**)

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Parish Administrator: Priya Joseph

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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

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2023, MASS FOR THE SICK

Saturday, February 11th 2023, is the 31ST WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, the Memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Cardinal will celebrate a Mass for the Sick at the Cathedral at 2.30 pm and also perform the anointing of the sick. Book IMMEDIATELY so 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! To get a ticket, email: HOUNSLOW@RCDOW.ORG.UK.

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.

THANK YOU

A big 'Thank you' to the volunteers who helped tidy the choir loft, church garage and parish office areas last weekend. Thank you to Vincent Fernandes for organising the team. Your time, support and hard work is greatly appreciated. God bless you always.

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME MASS

Today we celebrate our first welcome Mass for new members of our Parish. We wish all new parishioners a spirit-filled and fulfilling time as members of Hounslow Parish. At the reception after the 9.00 am and 10 am Masses, you will get information on how to insert yourselves in the life of the Parish.

ENTERTAINMENT/SOCIAL FOR FR DANIEL'S INDUCTION

Next Sunday, at the 6.00 pm Mass, Fr Daniel Adayi, CSSp, will be inducted as the Parish Priest by Fr Gerard Quinn, Episcopal Vicar and Dean of Hounslow. The event will be followed by a brief get

together at the Parish Centre, notwithstanding the constraints of the renovation work.

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.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (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!

FR FEMI ORILUA, CSSP, LEAVES

Fr Femi, who has been with us for about a fortnight, will be leaving for Our Lady of Grace & St Edward, his place of posting, on Wednesday, February 1. We are grateful to Fr Femi for his support in Fr David's absence, and we wish him God's grace in his new place!

RAFID GOLBY JOINS THE SACRISTY TEAM

Mr Rafid has volunteered to serve the Parish as one of our Sacristans. He will be working with Mr Joseph Fernandes as custodians of the sacristy. We are immensely grateful to Rafid for making himself available for the role. Kindly give him all the support he will need as a Sacristan.

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.

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.

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.**

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.

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 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10 – Then will your light shine like the dawn

Psalms Response: *The goodman is a light in the darkness for the upright*

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 – The only knowledge I claimed was of the crucified Christ

Matthew 5:13-16 – Your light must shine in the sight of men

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

21st/22nd Jan 2023

Envelopes: £1,941.34

Loose: £3,155.14

TOTAL: £5,096.48

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.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO MALABAR CHAPLAIN MASS

Sunday 5th February 3pm.

SINHALESE MALABAR CHAPLAIN MASS

Sunday 12th February 4pm.

GOAN CHAPLAINCY KONKANI MASS

Sunday, 19TH February at 4pm.

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

St Anthony's novena every Tuesday at 7pm.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday, 01st February at 5pm.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursday after 9am Mass. Thank you

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Every Thursday from 5pm.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

First Friday of each month at 3pm.

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.

CHOIR LEADERS MEETING

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

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAY

The Women's World Day of Prayer 2023 will hold here in Saints Michael & Martin Church on Friday, March 3rd at 11.00 am. Everybody is welcome to join in praying for peace in our troubled world.

MEETING OF LITURGICAL GROUPS

There will be a Liturgical Meeting of the leaders of the following groups: the Choral Groups, the Ushers, the Sacristan, the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Leaders, and the Lectors on Saturday, February 11th, between 10.30 am - 11.30 am. The aim is to unify our preparations for the Lenten Season and Easter Celebrations.

Countdown to **Fr Daniel's Induction**
(NEXT SUNDAY, 6 pm)!