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NEWSLETTER

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th February 2023

THE PRIMACY OF DIVINE GRACE... STRONGER THAN SIN AND DEATH

The liturgical Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes has become World Day of the Sick. We all know that the Virgin expressed God's tenderness for the suffering in the Grotto of Massabielle. This tenderness, this loving concern, is felt vibrantly in the world precisely on the day of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, re-presenting in the liturgy, and especially in the Eucharist, the mystery of Christ, Redeemer of Man, of whom the Immaculate Virgin is the first fruit. In presenting herself to Bernadette as the Immaculate Conception, Mary Most Holy came to remind the modern world, which was in danger of forgetting it, of the primacy of divine grace, which is stronger than sin and death. And so it was that the site of her apparition, the Grotto of Massabielle at Lourdes, became a focal point that attracted the entire People of God, especially those who feel oppressed and suffering in body and spirit. "Come to me all of you who labour and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11: 28), Jesus said. In Lourdes, he continues to repeat this invitation, with the motherly mediation of Mary, to all those who turn to him with trust. We all know that Jesus stood before man in his wholeness to heal him completely, in body, mind and spirit. Indeed, the human person is a unity, and his various dimensions can and must be distinguished but not separated. The Church, too, proposes to consider people as such, and this conception qualifies Catholic healthcare institutions as well as the approach of the healthcare workers employed in them. At this time, I am thinking, in particular, of families with mentally ill members experiencing weariness and the various problems that this entails. We feel close to all these situations, especially where legislation is lacking, public structures are inadequate, and natural disasters or, unfortunately, wars and armed conflicts produce severe psychological traumas in people. These are forms of poverty which attract the charity of Christ, the Good Samaritan, and the Church, indissolubly united with him in her service to suffering humanity. **Continued 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

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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DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

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Parish Centre Manager: Señorita Evans

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(BOOKINGS CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO RENOVATION)

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Mary Pierre-Harvey

hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Incident
report)

With profound faith, let us present to her our human condition, our illnesses, a sign of neediness that is common to us all as we journey on this earthly pilgrimage to be saved by her Son, Jesus Christ. May Mary keep our hope alive so that, faithful to Christ's teaching, we renew the commitment to relieving our brethren in their sickness. May the Lord ensure that no one is alone or abandoned in a time of need but, on the contrary, can live illness too, following human dignity. With these sentiments, I wholeheartedly impart my Apostolic Blessing to you all: sick people, healthcare workers and volunteers.

Address of Pope Benedict XVI on XIV World Day of the Sick Saturday, 2006

PARISH NOTICES

INDUCTION MASS – A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

I express my profound gratitude to all the parishioners for the Induction Mass. It was a concerted effort with people working from different angles. Thank you for being so supportive, and please remember me in your prayers! May God bless and keep you all!

VOICE COACH NEEDED

Are you good at voice coaching? Can you spare some time to help our choir groups? Please, contact the Parish Priest at danieladayi@rcdow.org.uk or the Parish Office at hounslow@rcdow.org.uk.

CHOIR TEAM FOR SUNDAY 12PM

The Parish is inviting any singers and musicians to help form a choir for Sunday 12pm mass. This choir team will only have to manage the choir for 3rd and 4th Sundays every month. Interested parishioners, please get in touch with the Parish office. Due guidance will be provided!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMINGS

LENT – 22nd February Ash Wednesday, this starts our preparation for the celebration of EASTER. Masses will be at 7.30am, 9am, 11am, 6pm and 7.30pm with the distribution of ashes. There will be a **LENTEN COLLECTION** at each Mass our Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Charities and Our Food Bank

Outreach. **PLEASE REMEMBER:** On Fridays, there will be **Stations of the Cross** after Mass at 7pm. Also, on Saturday after 9am Mass. **FLOWERS:** DO NOT bring in flowers to decorate any of the statues or the side altars.

CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

RACIAL JUSTICE COLLECTION – THANK YOU

The amount realized is £311.81. Thanks for your support!

AN EVENING OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

On Saturday 18th February 2023 at 7:45pm to 09:45 in the Church (after 6:15 pm mass). It will feature the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet Praise and worship & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY - COFFEE MORNING, PANCAKE AND RAFFLE!

The Parish Sports and Cultural Society (SCS) team would like to invite you on **Sunday 19th February to join us for free tea/coffee after the 9am and 10:30am mass** in the Parish centre. We will also have a variety of delicious pancakes for your taste buds and raffle with surprise gifts to be won! All funds raised would be used to buy props/costumes for the Live Way of the Cross Enactment during Lent. Donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

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

Package price from £650pp. **To register your place, please get in touch with Rev. Fr. Patrick Dsouza sfx - patricksouza2008@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

For CCP, come to the Parish Office, between 10 am-12noon, on **Tuesdays or Thursdays**. 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!

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 BOXES

Planned Giving Boxes for 2022 have now been closed. Please note that you can set up a Standing order via your bank. Complete the Standing Order form (available in the Church porch area) or use contactless machines in the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21 – God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began

Psalms Response: *They are happy who follow God's law!*

1 Corinthians 2:6-10: God predestined wisdom to be our glory before the ages began

Matthew 5:17-37 – You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18 – You must love your neighbour as yourself

Psalms Response: *The Lord is compassion and love.*

1 Corinthians 3:16-23 – You belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God

Matthew 5:38-48 – Love your enemies

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

4TH/5TH February 2023

Envelopes: £2,006.67

Loose: £4,141.80

TOTAL: £6,148.47

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.

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.

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.

O my Mother, it is to your heart that I come to lay down the anguish of my heart; it is there that I draw strength and courage.

St Bernadette

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.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SINHALESE CHAPLAIN MASS

Sunday 12th February 4pm.

GOAN CHAPLAINCY 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, 15th 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 presbytery.