



SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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NEWSLETTER

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th February 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday begins the 40-day Lenten season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday — lasts 44 days, but the number of days for penance and fasting before Easter is still 40. Sundays are not days of fasting and abstinence. By the Lenten 40 days, the Church unites itself to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59, and abstinence binds from 14 onwards. Fasting means a person is permitted to eat one full meal – (two smaller meals may also be taken, both not equal to a full meal). After Ash Wednesday, we should participate in daily Mass, do self-imposed observance of fasting, and involve ourselves in charity to local, national, and world programs through Lent. Lent is an intense period appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing.

Usually, the ashes come from the palm branches of the previous Palm Sunday. They are equivalent to dust and human flesh and symbolize death and repentance. Anyone can receive it. By the Rites of Ashes, we indicate sorrow for our sins and our desire for repentance. We strive to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness in readiness for Easter. (From Multiple Sources)

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.

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

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(BOOKINGS CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO RENOVATION)

Parish Safeguarding Representative: Mary Pierre-Harvey

hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Incident
report)

PARISH NOTICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday after 7 pm Mass led by a priest and every Saturday after 9am Mass led by a lay faithful.

FLOWERS DURING LENT

From Ash Wednesday, it is not permitted to adorn the altar with flowers. Please, do not bring flowers to adorn the altar or the statues. Donations for flowers can be made at the appropriate donation box at the back of the Church.

COLLECTION FOR SVP AND FOOD BANK POSTPONED

In view of the many collections lined up for the first weeks of Lent, the announced collection for our parish SVP and FOODBANK is postponed indefinitely.

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.

SVP ASDA VOUCHER SCHEME

In the current crisis and as part of ongoing support to needy families, the St Vincent de Paul (SVP) conference of our Parish will be providing ASDA voucher scheme. As part of this scheme, any needy families are encouraged to contact the SVP team to access these vouchers. Priority will be given to our parishioners and then to wider community too. These are limited vouchers, so please contact any member of the SVP team on 07824 067524 or speak to Vincent.

HOUSEKEEPER AND CLEANER VACANCIES

Please, contact the Parish Priest.

DISMANTLING OF LIVE-STREAMING GADGETS

In line with Diocesan policy on live streaming, and with people's return to the Mass, we will dismantle the ad hoc system set up in response to the Covid-19 pandemic this week. The Parish is immensely indebted to Vincent Fernandes for improvising the system, without any cost to the parish. It helped to keep the Parish connected during the pandemic's dark days.

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!

CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

There will be a collection in all the Masses this weekend to support CAFOD's emergency response to the earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria. More than 42, 000 people have died, and about 23 million people have been affected, including about 1.4 million children.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL

The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal proceeds will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life, Youth & Evangelisation, The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

**Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May 2023
at 2:30pm.**

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). Please send these details to the parish office via email hounslow@rcdow.org.uk, deadline Wednesday 29th March.

REGULAR NOTICES

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!

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

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 – The Creation, and the sin of our first parents

Psalms Response: *Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

Romans 5:12, 17-19 – However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater

Matthew 4:1-11 – The temptation in the wilderness

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

11th/12th February 2023

Envelopes: £1,812.70

Loose: £3,248.30

TOTAL: £5,061.00

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

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 19TH February at 4pm.

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 05th March at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 12th March at 4pm

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

St Anthony's novena every Tuesday at 7pm.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday, 22nd February at 4:30pm.

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.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (YOUNG ADULTS MEETING)

The St Vincent de Paul (SVP) invites all Young adults to know more about the SVP and SVP 1833. Date: Tuesday 28th February at 7:30pm in the Church.

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.