



# SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow  
Archdiocese of Westminster

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## NEWSLETTER

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**26<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

### WHAT PLACE DOES GOD HAVE IN MY LIFE?

Reflecting on the temptations to which Jesus was subjected in the wilderness invites us to answer a fundamental question: What really counts in my life? In the first temptation, the devil proposes to Jesus that he turn a stone into bread to appease his hunger. Jesus retorts that man lives on bread as well but does not live on bread alone. Without a response to his hunger for truth, to his hunger for God, man cannot be saved. In the second temptation, the devil proposes the way of power to Jesus. He takes him up and offers him dominion over the whole world, but this is not God's way. Jesus is very clear that it is not worldly power that saves the world but the power of the Cross, humility and love. In the third temptation, the devil suggests to Jesus that he throw himself down from the pinnacle of the Temple of Jerusalem and have himself saved by God through his angels, that is, that he do something sensational to put God himself to the test; but the answer is that God is not an object on which to impose conditions of our own making; he is the Lord of all. What is the essence of the three temptations to which Jesus is subjected? It is the proposal to exploit God, to use him for one's own interests, for one's own glory and one's own success. And therefore, essentially to put oneself in God's place, removing him from one's own existence and making him seem superfluous. Each of us must consequently ask him-or herself: what place does God have in my life? Is he the Lord, or am I?

*Benedict XVI General Audience, Wednesday, February 13 2013*

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays after 7pm Mass and Saturdays after 9am Mass.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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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**Parish Administrator:** Priya Joseph

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**Youth Worker:** Ivan Čižmárik

[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**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY WENT WELL**

The Parish Priest expresses his sincere gratitude to the Parish Liturgical Committee for the efficient coordination of the Ash Wednesday Masses. It was pleasant to see how the different groups interfaced with each other for the smooth running of the different parts of the Masses. Keep it up!

### **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.

### **S.C.S COFFEE MORNING – THANK YOU**

The Parish Sports and Cultural Society (SCS) team would like to thank everyone for attending the Pancake coffee morning and also supporting the Raffle last Sunday. A Total of £167.48 was collected and will be allocated to buy props/costumes for the Live Way of the Cross Enactment during Lent. There are **5 raffle winners and winning numbers are 25, 98, 268, 459 and 466**. The winners are requested to kindly meet Vincent J Fernandes after any of the weekend masses to collect your gifts (please bring your raffle tickets).

### **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.

### **CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT**

On Thursday, March 16 2023, the Choir of Westminster Cathedral will perform Bach's St John Passion at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral. Please see the link below to book the tickets.  
<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F005D88>

**A31F16CD?did=saint50john**. Entering the offer code SJP50 will unlock the discount.

### **HOUSEKEEPER AND CLEANER VACANCIES**

Please, contact the Parish Priest.

### **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](mailto:danieladayi@rcdow.org.uk) or the Parish Office at [hounslow@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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 EMERGENCY APPEAL - THANK YOU**

The amount realized is £1,804.14. Thanks for your support!

### **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.

### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL**

The CAFOD's Family Fast Day is March 3. The Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Please pick an envelope for the Fast and return it next weekend!

### **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](mailto:hounslow@rcdow.org.uk), deadline Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](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**

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

### **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

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

### **2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 12:1-4** – All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you

**Psalms Response:** *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you*

**2 Timothy 1:8-10** – God calls and enlightens us

**Matthew 17:1-9** – His face shone like the sun

## PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

### **SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Sunday, 05<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm

### **SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm

### **GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm

### **ST ANTHONY NOVENAS**

St Anthony's novena Tuesdays at 7pm.

### **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 5pm.

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

Thursdays after 9am Mass. Thank you

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

Thursdays 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.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Envelopes: £1,748.35

Loose: £3,533.63

**TOTAL: £5,281.98**

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

## **WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAY**

On Friday 3rd, our Church will host the Women's World Day of Prayer for 2023. It will take place by 11 am here in the Church. Everyone is welcome to the prayer session for world peace!

## **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.