



SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2nd Sunday of Lent

05th March 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION

The Transfiguration reveals Christ's divinity and shows that he alone is the true home of the Christian. His face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. According to the senses, the light of the sun is the most intense ever known in nature. Still, according to the spirit, the disciples saw for a short time a brightness more intense: that of the divine glory of Jesus, which illuminates the whole history of salvation. The Transfiguration reveals "the profound interpenetration of his being with God, which becomes pure light. Jesus is 'light from light' in his oneness with the Father. St. Maximus the Confessor saw the change in Jesus' clothes as symbolic of the words of Sacred Scripture, which become apparent, transparent and bright. Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets, also appeared at the Transfiguration. This prompted Peter to suggest that the disciples set up three tents for them and Jesus. But Moses and Elijah vanished. Commenting on this passage, St. Augustine said this shows that the Christian has only one home: Christ. "He is the Word of God, the Word of God in the Law, the Word of God in the Prophets. The disciples, contemplating the divinity of the Lord, are thus prepared to confront the scandal of the Cross. As we continue our journey through Lent, today at Mass, we recall the Transfiguration of the Lord and how it prepared the Apostles for the coming scandal of the Cross. Strengthened by our faith in Jesus, true God and true man, may we be inspired, not scandalized, by the Cross given to our Saviour and our fellow Christians who suffer with him worldwide. *Pope Benedict XVI*

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays after 7pm
Mass and Saturdays
after 9am Mass

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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Youth Worker: Ivan Čižmárik

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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)

PARISH NOTICES

LONDON REGION SPIRITAN MASS-SWAP

The quarterly London Region Spiritan Mass-Swap takes place the **weekend of March 11th/12th 2023.** The Priests of Our Lady and St Michael, Garston will visit our parish and celebrate all our weekend Masses. Fr David Atuanya CSSp. will visit Our Lady and St Michael, Garston Catholic Church, celebrate their weekend Masses. We welcome Fr Benedict Baka, and Fr Fidelis Ifeanyi CSSp., to our parish community. We hope they will enjoy the uniqueness of our parish.

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S DAY

March 8th is International Women's Day. We wish all the women of our Parish a joyful celebration. We thank them for the important roles they play in the global Church, our families and our parish Community.

LENTEN ALMS COLLECTION

The Cardinal's Appeal Fund throughout Lent. Donations can be put into the box on the wall near the Sacred Heart altar & Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

JOB VACANCY AT GIGGLES

Nursery Apprentice - full time or part time (16 hours) not term time only.

Must be able to work in the UK and have a good level of spoken & written English. Full training offered: Apply: giggleshounslow@googlemail.com or at the Nursery in the Parish Centre.

SEEKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers who have experience in building construction, structure/ property management please see/contact the Parish Priest.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2023

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Join us on our pilgrimage/retreat to the Holy Land, led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. Dates: Sunday 19th November - 27th November. Route: Galilee - Jerusalem - Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow on BA. Cost is for full board £2265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Travel insurance essential. You can book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill

at Tangney Tours 01732 886666 or Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage office 0207 798 9173.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY ENVELOPES RETURN

This weekend, we return the envelope we collected last week for the CAFOD's Family Fast Day Lenten appeal. Please drop your envelopes in the baskets as you exit the church after the Mass. Thank you for being so supportive!

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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.

SVP WESTMINSTER FESTIVAL

"Westminster SVP Festival" - for SVP and non- SVP members. Date: 25th March from 10am to 2pm (with mass celebrated by Bishop Paul) - for more information please read the poster at the back of the church. All are invited.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVP continues with the Parish Food Bank. Kindly note the schedule below:

When: Every 2nd Saturday of the month

Time: 10:30am to 12pm

Location: Church Car Park

All safety guidelines are adhered to (Note: If you want to donate food then you can either do that during the above time slot or **before/after weekday/weekend masses in the Church**. Contact the number below for more information) SVP Contact: Either contact Vincent or call 07824 067524 (For food donation and also for all volunteering opportunities).

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.

WANT TO BUY RELIGIOUS ITEMS?

The repository opens on Sundays after 9am Mass. Payment only by cash, **NO CARD** payment please.

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

2ND 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

3RD Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7 – Strike the rock, and water will flow from it

Psalms Response: *O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts'.*

Romans 5:1-2,5-8 – The love of God has been poured into our hearts

John 4:5-42 – A spring of water welling up to eternal life

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 05th March at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 12th March at 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 19th March at 4pm

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

St Anthony's novena Tuesdays at 7pm.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday, 1st 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

25th/26th February 2023

Envelopes: £1,804.88

Loose: £3,810.37

TOTAL: £5,615.25

Thank you for your generosity.

IN YOUR PRAYERS - REMEMBER

OUR SICK: Steve, Sandra, Carson Javier Dabasia, Amy Burns, 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.

FUNERAL MASS: The funeral Mass for Arsenio Macaseib is on Friday 10th March at 10:30am. May he rest in peace!

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.

UNITED CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM) COFFEE MORNING

Date: Sunday 19TH March after 9am & 10:30am Masses in the Parish Centre.

WANT TO JOIN THE CAFOD TEAM?

Please contact Helen Kelliher via email hkelliher08@hotmail.com or on 07817001074.

RAFFLE TICKETS REMINDER

The Parish Sports and Cultural Society (SCS) team would like the remainder 3 Raffle winners (**winning numbers 98, 268 and 459**) to collect their gifts by contacting Vincent J Fernandes after any of the weekend masses. (Please bring your raffle tickets)