



SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday of Lent

12th March 2023

THE CLEANSING OF OUR TEMPLE IN THIS SEASON OF LENT

The Gospel of today tells about when Jesus did Cleaning to the Temple. The Passover was the greatest of Jewish feasts, like our Christmas. And it drew all kinds of pilgrims from all over the world to this capital city Jerusalem. They came to celebrate their deliverance from Egypt to the Promised Land. People travelled long distances, so they didn't bring animals for sacrifice with them. They bought them on the spot. People needed to exchange their various coins for the standard Temple currency, like in Lourdes, before they could buy things. At the Passover, the Temple became a shopping centre and mall. Animal business, money exchanged, buying and selling. When Jesus saw this, he became indignant. With a whip, he beat and drove them all and turned over all their tables in the Temple. What does it all mean? For John and the disciples, it remembered that it was fulfilling the prophecy that the Messiah would purify the Temple. The Temple needed radical cleaning, and, occasionally, so do our lives. That is the reason for Lent! Our lives need cleaning just like our homes and offices do. Over time, excess baggage, useless junk and dust balls tend to accumulate. Merchants and money changers must be driven out of the Temple of our lives. Therefore, Lent is a time to cleanse our Temple to remove, to expel severely and radically all our life's infidelities, sins and distortions. Every life needs regular spring cleansing, or else we can end up like some people who don't notice the sin and clutter around them anymore.

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 (*currently on leave*)

1st Assistant Priest: Fr David Atuanya, CSSp.
davidatuanya@rcdow.org.uk (*Day off: Wed*)

**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 Čížmárik
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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 this **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. We welcome Fr Benedict Baka, and Fr Fidelis Ifeanyi CSSp., to our parish community. We hope they will enjoy the uniqueness of our parish.

13TH ANNUAL LIVE WAY OF THE CROSS 2023 - (LWOTC)

This Lent, come and experience the Live Way of The Cross - A moving, dramatic and very vivid production of the betrayal, trial and crucifixion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This is the 13th year of #LWOTC2023 and is brought to you by the Sports & Cultural Society of Ss. Michael & Martin Church. This is a staged performance with lights, sound and dramatisation in 5 Churches (Mitcham, Feltham, Heston, Twickenham and Hounslow). Entry is FREE and everyone is invited to watch the enactments at any of the 5 churches listed. See poster for more details

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL

The CAFOD's Family Fast Day Lenten appeal last weekend yielded £2973.17. Thank you for being so supportive!

DONATION OF TWO GOTHIC BENEDICTION COPES

We are grateful to our parishioner (that wishes to remain anonymous) who has donated two sets of gothic Benediction Copes to the parish. May God bless and keep you!

FINAL REMINDER

The Parish Sports and Cultural Society (SCS) team would like the remainder **2 Raffle winners (winning numbers 98, and 459)** to collect their gifts by contacting Vincent J Fernandes after any of the weekend masses (please bring your raffle tickets). Kindly collect by 8pm Friday 17th March. Any unclaimed gifts will then be handed to the Foodbank.

LENTEN ALMS COLLECTION

The Cardinal's Appeal Fund throughout Lent. 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.

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.

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

3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Psalm 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-6,7,10-13 – David is anointed by Samuel

Psalm Response: *The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.*

Ephesians 5:8-14 – Anything exposed by the light will turn into light

John 9:1-41 – The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

04th/05th March 2023

Envelopes: £1,692.62

Loose: £4,262.91

TOTAL: £5,955.55

Thank you for your generosity.

IN YOUR PRAYERS - REMEMBER

OUR SICK: Steve, Sandra, Carson Javier Dabasia, Amy Burns, Terry Lynch, Igor Sitarska and John Lynch.

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

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 12th March at 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 19th March at 4pm

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 2nd April at 3pm

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

St Anthony's novena Tuesdays at 7pm.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday, 15th March at 5:15pm.

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.

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.

UNION CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM) MEETING

Date: Tuesday 14th March after 9am Mass in the parish centre

UNION CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM) COFFEE MORNING

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

MEETING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY EUCHARIST

Date: Saturday 1st April 2023 at 10.30am in church.