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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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19th March 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

As we celebrate Mother's Sunday, we are shifting the focus of this page to the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) and the obligation of women to live out their calling as women in the Church through the activities of the Union. In her celebration of womanhood, the American memoirist, poet and civil rights activist poignantly paints the dynamism of womanhood in these words, "It's the fire in my eyes, And the flash of my teeth, The swing in my waist, The joy in my feet. I'm a woman. And Phenomenally." There is a place in Catholic life that only the woman of faith can occupy, and they do it with pride, which comes from the joy of serving the Lord of their Salvation, the God who gifted them with womanhood. In our parish, the UCM is the emblematic banner for all mothers. It is not a pious society that women may join if they like their devotional life; it is the citadel of all Catholic women. The UCM is the platform for Catholic Mothers to proclaim their vocation and their unique place in the Church's mission of evangelization. All women in our parish are expected to be on the UCM register and participate in the Union's activities as much as their family and work responsibilities permit. So, do that today! Reach out to the UCM and put down your name and contacts to indicate your availability to support the role of Mothers in our parish. We commend the Maternal care of the Blessing Virgin Mary, all Catholic Women, as we celebrate Mothers' Sunday. The UCM will host the coffee/tea morning after 9 am and 10.30 am Masses at the Parish Centre. Stop by and find out how you can be part of the UCM in this parish.

I'M A WOMAN; AND PHENOMENALLY

-Fr Daniel

British Summer Time - A reminder that the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1:00am on Sunday, 26th March.

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 (Day off: Wed)

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** Tel: (020) 8570 1693

Parish Administrator: Priya Joseph priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Catechist: Lionel Pereira hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk

Youth Worker: Ivan Čižmárik ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Centre Manager: Señorita Evans senoritaevans@rcdow.org.uk

(BOOKINGS CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO RENOVATION) Parish Safeguarding Representative: Mary Pierre-Harvey

hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Incident

report)

PARISH NOTICES

LENTEN ALMS COLLECTION

There will be a '<u>Cardinal's Lenten Appeal' collection</u> at next weekend Masses. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We congratulate all the mothers as we celebrate you in a special way today. You gave birth to us, nursed us, sacrificed much for us. Your love, patience, kindness, support and sacrifices have made tremendous difference in our lives. Without you, life would have a different story for us. We love you and offer special prayers to God for you today. We wish you the very best in life. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

LOURDES 2023

All are invited to join the Diocese of Westminster's annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21st to 28th July 2023, led by HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Book now to avoid disappointment as places are limited via the Tangney Tours portal at:

https://www.tangneytours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminsterlourdes

DISNEYLAND PARIS 2023

The Ghanaian Community invites all to its Summer Family Break to Disneyland Paris (For Family and Friends) 14th – 17th August 2023. Interested, call Gina: 07915378952 Or Connie: 07949705385.

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. The presentations in Hounslow - SS Michael and Martin Church on Palm Sunday, 2nd April, 1:30 pm & Good Friday, 7th April, 7:00 pm.

Details of other performances on the posters!

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.

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 <u>PHOTO</u> of your child and their <u>FULL NAME</u>.
- 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 <u>a letter from your previous parish confirming your attendance</u>. 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 email the Parish Catechist Lionel Pereira on hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk. 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 May 2023. Read the Baptism webpage for requirements & other details.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The parents of children currently preparing for FHC will have a session with the parish priest on Saturday 25th June 2023 at 10:00am in the church. Attendance is mandatory.

CONFIRMATION – CONFESSION FOR YOUTH

On Sunday 26th March, we will have confessions for the confirmandi and all the youth of the parish in the church from 1:30pm onwards. This Lenten Confession is an opportunity for the young people of our parish to make their confession in preparation for Easter. Parents, encourage your children to make full use of this opportunity. Grown-ups are requested to use the other confession timings for their own confession.

YOUTH MASS

This month's Youth Mass will be held at 6:00pm on Sunday 26th March. As always, the Youth are invited to a gathering with music, snacks and games in the Parish Centre immediately after the Youth Mass.

NEW USHERS LEADERSHIP

Until a new leadership team emerges, Cedric De Souza will coordinate the activities of the ushers. We are immensely grateful to Vincent Fernandes for his leadership of the group!

FR PATRICK HERE FOR CONFESSIONS ON WEDNESDAYS (2ND & 4TH)

Fr Patrick, the Chaplain of the Goa Community, will be in our parish for the Sacrament of Reconciliations on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month. The confessions will be after the evening Masses. Please note!

CHOIR LEADERS MEETING

Date: Wednesday 22nd March, via Zoom at 7:30pm.

TEXTS FOR THIS 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 resorted.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14 – I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live

Psalm Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Romans 8:8-11 – The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you

John 11:1-45 – I am the resurrection and the life.

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

Wednesdays 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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

11th/12th March 2023

Envelopes: £1,936.13 Loose: £4,241.74

TOTAL: £6,177.87

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.

FUNERAL MASS: The funeral Mass for Edward Connelly on Thursday 23rd March at 12noon. May he rest in peace!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) MEETINGS

Weekend: 2nd & 4th Saturday at 10am in the presbytery.

<u>LIVING WORD CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC</u>

<u>RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP</u> online prayer meeting/fellowship every Friday evening.

Email: <u>livingwordccr@gmail.com</u> or/contact Sam (+447450355567) or graham (+447908287917) for the link and/or other enquiries.

UNION CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM) COFFEE MORNING

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

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.