



## SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow  
Archdiocese of Westminster

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

The Gospel of this Fifth Sunday of Lent tells us of the resurrection of Lazarus. It is the culmination of the miraculous “signs” worked by Jesus: this act is too great, too clearly divine to be tolerated by the high priests, who, learning of the fact, decided to kill Jesus (cf. Jn 11:53).

Lazarus had already been dead four days before Jesus arrived; and what he said to the sisters Martha and Mary is engraved forever in the memory of the Christian community. Jesus speaks like this: “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die” (Jn 11:25, 26). With this word of the Lord, we believe that the life of whoever believes in Jesus and follows his Commandment after death will be transformed into a new life, full and immortal. As Jesus is resurrected with his own body, though he does not return to earthly life, so too will we be raised with our bodies which will have been transfigured into glorified bodies. He expects us with the Father, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, who raised him, he will also raise those who are united to him.

Before the sealed tomb of his friend Lazarus, Jesus “cried with a loud voice: ‘Lazarus, come out!’. And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth” (vv. 43-44). This cry is an imperative to all men, because we are all marked by death, all of us; it is the voice of the One who is master of life and wants that we all may “have it abundantly” (Jn 10:10). Christ is not resigned to the tombs that we have built for ourselves with our choice for evil and death, with our errors, without sins. He is not resigned to this! He invites us, almost orders us, to come out of the tomb in which our sins have buried us.

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### SUNDAY MASSES

Sat Vigil 6.15pm  
7:30am, 9am,  
10.30am, 12noon  
6pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon – Sat 9am  
Mon – Thu 6pm  
Fri 7pm

### CONFESSIONS

Please refer to the  
Lent/Easter Schedule  
2023

### 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.

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**1st Assistant Priest:** Fr David Atuanya, CSSp.

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**2nd Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow**

**Airport:** Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.

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**Parish Administrator:** Priya Joseph

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**Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Mary Pierre-Harvey

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report)

He calls us insistently to come out of the darkness of that prison in which we are enclosed, content with a false, selfish and mediocre life. **“Come out!”**, he says to us, **“Come out!”**. It is an invitation to true freedom, to allow ourselves to be seized by these words of Jesus who repeats them to each one of us today. It is an invitation to let ourselves be freed from the “bandages”, from the bandages of pride. **For pride makes us slaves, slaves to ourselves, slaves to so many idols, so many things.** Our resurrection begins here: when we decide to obey Jesus’ command by coming out into the light, into life; when the mask falls from our face — we are frequently masked by sin, the mask must fall off! — and we find again the courage of our original face, created in the image and likeness of God.

Jesus’ act of raising Lazarus shows the extent to which the power of God’s grace can go, and, thus, the extent of our conversion, our transformation. Listen carefully: there is no limit to the divine mercy offered to everyone! There is no limit to divine mercy which is offered to everyone! Remember this sentence. And we can all say it together: “there is no limit to divine mercy which is offered to all people!”. Let us say it together: **“There is no limit to divine mercy which is offered to everyone!”**. **The Lord is always ready to remove the tombstone of our sins, which keep us apart from him, the light of the living.**

## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **PLANNED GIVING BOXES 2023/2024**

Please collect your planned giving boxes 2023/2024 after any weekend Masses 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure you have your box number ready when you come for collection. Boxes can also be collected from the Parish office (during parish office hours ONLY). 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.

### **LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE 2023**

Lent/Easter Schedule 2023 now available! Please collect a copy as you exit the church. **Please do not arrive in the last 10 minutes of the designated times for Easter Confessions.**

## **END OF TERM MASSES FOR ST MARK’S SCHOOL**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9.15am and 11:30am. The usual Parish morning Mass will be at 8am on that day not 9am.

## **SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Stations of the Cross for Ss Michael and Martin Primary school will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 1:45pm. Please note this is only for the children and their parents.

## **INSTALLTION OF NEW PROJECTORS**

The works will begin from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> with the installation of new projectors in the Church. Because of this, the Church will be closed immediately after morning Mass and Tuesday after confession and Friday after the Stations of the Cross in the morning. Please bear with us for that week!

## **PARISH CENTRE/HALL WORKS COMPLETE!**

Please note the Parish Centre/Hall is now available for hire! Please contact the Parish Centre Manager – Senorita Evans. Contact details are on the front page of the newsletter and the parish website.

## **PALM SUNDAY – BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

Please note the blessings of the Palms for all Masses will take place in the Church and NOT in the car park.

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

This Lent, come and experience the Live Way of The Cross - by the Sports & Cultural Society. 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!

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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.

### **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. Grown-ups are requested to use the other confession timings for their own confession.

### **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 beginning from April, every month. The confessions will be after the evening Masses. Please note!

## TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

### **5th Sunday of Lent**

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

**Psalms 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.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

### **Palm Sunday**

**Isaiah 50:4-7** – I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed

**Psalms Response** – *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

**Philippians 2:6-11** – Christ humbled himself but God raised him on high

**Matthew 26:14-24:66** – The Passion.

## PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 3pm

### **SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm

### **GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm

### **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.

### **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> March 2023**

Envelopes: £1,618.14

Loose: £3,975.13

**TOTAL: £5,593.27**

**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:** Edward Connelly, Sarah Patricia Trollope, 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.

## 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.

## LITURGICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 at 10.30am in Church.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVP continues with the Parish Food Bank. Our next foodbank is on 8th April, the foodbank will be from 10:30am to 11:30am only.

## EASTER FLOWERS COLLECTION

There will be a collection after all weekend Masses on the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April.

## 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.**