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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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4th Sunday of Easter

30th April 2023

DISCERNING THE VOICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The fourth Sunday of Easter, which we celebrate today, is dedicated to Jesus the Good Shepherd. The Gospel says that: "The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out". However, the Gospel says, there are other voices that are not to be followed: those of strangers, thieves and brigands who mean harm to the sheep. There is the voice of God, who speaks kindly to the conscience, and there is the tempting voice that leads to evil. They speak different languages. The voice of God never forces us: God proposes himself. He does not impose himself. Instead, the evil voice seduces, assails, forces: it arouses dazzling illusions, emotions that are tempting but transient. Another difference: the voice of the enemy distracts us from the present and wants us to focus on fears of the future or sadness about past bad memories. On the other hand, the voice of God speaks in the present: "Now you can do well, now you can exercise the creativity of love, now you can forego the regrets and remorse that hold your heart captive." Again: the two voices raise different questions in us. The one that comes from God will be: "What is good for me?" Instead the tempter will insist on another question: "What do I feel like doing?" What do I feel: the evil voice always revolves around the ego, its impulses and needs: everything straight away! It is like a child's tantrums: everything, and now. The voice of God, however, never promises joy at a low price: it invites us to go beyond our ego in order to find the true, good peace. Lastly, God's voice and that of the tempter, speak in different "environments": the enemy prefers darkness, falsehood, and gossip; the Lord loves sunlight, truth, and sincere transparency. The enemy will say to us: "Close yourself up in yourself, besides no one understands and listens to you! Goodness, on the contrary, invites us to open up, to be clear and trusting in God and in others. Let us pay attention to the voices that reach our hearts. Let us ask for the grace to recognize and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd! – Pope Francis (2020)

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 (May month of Rosary)

Mon – Fri at 8:15am

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

Saturday 4.30-
5.30pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – THURSDAY 9:30AM – 1PM (FRIDAY THE OFFICE IS CLOSED)

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**

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

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

Youth Worker: Ivan Čižmárik
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Parish Centre Manager: Señorita Evans
senoritaevans@rcdow.org.uk – (07542 531 956)
(BOOKINGS TAKEN BY PHONE MON, THURS,
FRI 7.00-8.30AM TUES/WED 4.00-5.00PM, OR BY EMAIL)

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:
hounslowsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Lorna – Admin)
hounslowsg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Chinyere)
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Harvey)

PARISH NOTICES

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood.

The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

The Coronation of the King comes up this week. We shall have a triduum of prayer (from Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th May), using the prayer leaflets available in the Church. On Friday evening (5th May), the Mass will be celebrated for the intentions of the King. On Sunday 7th May, the day after the Coronation, we shall pray for the King in our bidding prayers. Please pick up a copy of the prayer leaflets available in the Church.

MAY BANK HOLIDAYS

Monday, 1st and 8th of May is a Bank Holiday. There will be only **ONE** Mass in the morning at 10am. The church doors and gate will open at 9am. There will be **NO** evening Mass on those days.

PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR VISITS

The Provincial Superior of the Spiritans, British Province, Fr Ugo will be in Hounslow on a pastoral visit from May 1 - 4. The visit is part of Fr Ugo statutory duty of animation of the confreres working in parishes, chaplaincies, youth ministries and charity outreaches throughout the United Kingdom.

VOLUNTEERS MEETING WITH FR UGO

During his visit, Fr Ugo will celebrate the 6 pm Mass on Wednesday 03/05/2023 and address our parish volunteers immediately after the Mass in the Church.

PASTORAL COUNCIL IN MAY

The Parish Pastoral Council for May will be held on Tuesday 2nd instead of Tuesday 9th. Fr Ugo, the Superior

of British Province of the Spiritans who will be on Pastoral Visit that week, will address the council.

MISSIONARY CAMP – JULY 6th-20th 2023

The main objective of this camp is to strengthen the faith of the youths through an experience of **community life, prayer, liturgy, sports, tourism, catechesis, etc.** To register, please visit www.msptm.com or email casafornacionajofrin@gmail.com.

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.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes>

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 £2,265 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.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME

SUNDAYS/COFFEE MORNINGS: CALL FOR SOCIETIES HOST

The third Saturday of each is the Parish Coffee/Tea Morning, which occurs after 9am and 10.30am Masses in the Parish Centre. To this, we have added the welcoming of those who are new to the Parish since the preceding month. Societies or groups hosting the Morning will host the new and old members at the center and make leaflets with parish information available to the new members.

Societies are hereby called upon to indicate which month(s), between June and December, they wish to anchor the Coffee/Tea Mornings. The Parish Office will give the hosting groups all the supports they need with refreshments and information materials. To book a place, don't hesitate to contact the Parish Priest or the Parish Office

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.

PLANNED GIVING BOXES 2023/2024

Please collect your planned giving boxes 2023/2024 after any weekend Masses or 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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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.

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 June, every month. The confessions will be after the evening Masses. Please note!

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,36-41 – 'God has made him both Lord and Christ

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

1 Peter 2:20-25 – You have come back to the shepherd of your souls

John 10:1-10 – I am the gate of the sheepfold

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 – They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit

Psalm Response – *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

1 Peter 2:4-9 – Christ is the living stone, chosen by God and precious to him

John 14:1-12 – I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

22nd/23rd April 2023

Envelopes: £1,255.37

Loose: £4,103.55

TOTAL: £5,358.92

Thank you for your generosity.

IN YOUR PRAYERS – REMEMBER

OUR SICK: Andrew Logadasan, Steve, Sandra, Carson Javier Dabasia, Amy & Denzil Burns, Terry Lynch, Igor Sitarska, and Don Lynch.

DECEASED: John Lynch, Edward Connelly, Sarah Patricia Trollope, Charles Bryne, Cresencia Cortez, Francisco D'Souza, Antonio Dias Maria De Jesus Laporte.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 7th May at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 14th May at 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 21st May at 4pm

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

St Anthony's novena Tuesdays at 7pm, followed by Rosary during the month of May.

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.

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.

FIRST FRIDAYS EXPOSITION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and silent prayers from 10am till 6:30pm every first Friday of the month.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – MAY 5TH

The Sports and Cultural Society (SCS) invites everyone for Praise and Worship with Adoration/Benediction from after 7pm mass to 9pm on Friday May 5th. All are welcome (especially an invite to all our youth and young adults).

PARISH ROSARY

During the month of May, parishioners are encouraged to recite the Rosary together before the morning Mass 8:15am and 30mins before the evening Mass.

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.