



SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

This Parish is served by the Spiritans

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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5th Sunday of Easter

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THE TWOFOLD COMMANDMENT OF FAITH

This Sunday's Gospel proposes a twofold commandment of faith: believing in God and **Jesus**. In fact, the Lord said to his disciples: "**Believe in God, believe also in me**" (Jn 14:1). **They are not two separate acts but one single act of faith, full adherence to salvation wrought by God the Father through his Only-begotten Son.** The New Testament puts an end to the Father's invisibility. God has shown his face, as Jesus' answer to the Apostle Philip confirms: "**He who has seen me has seen the Father**" (Jn 14:9). Jesus also says, "**And he who sees me, sees him who sent me.**" With his Incarnation, death, and Resurrection, the Son of God has freed us from the slavery of sin to give us the freedom of the children of God, and he has shown us the face of God. **St Teresa of Avila** wrote: "The last thing we should do is to withdraw from our greatest good and blessing, which is the most sacred humanity of Our Lord Jesus Christ". Therefore, only by believing in Christ, by remaining united to him, may the disciples, among whom we too are, continue their permanent action in history: "**Truly, truly, I say to you,**" says the Lord, "**he who believes in me will also do the works that I do.**" St Augustine says that "it was necessary for Jesus to say: 'I am the way, the truth, and the life' (Jn 14:6) because once the way was known, the end remained to be known", and the end is the Father. For Christians, for each one of us, hence, the way to the Father is to allow ourselves to be guided by Jesus, by his word of truth, and to receive the gift of his life. The church's main task is the commitment to proclaim Jesus Christ, "the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6). Let us invoke the Virgin Mary so that she may always assist the Pastors and those in the different ministries to proclaim the Good News of salvation, that the Word of God may spread and the number of disciples multiplies. **Pope Benedict**

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 (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)

**PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST
DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

Parish Administrator: Priya Joseph
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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)
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PARISH NOTICES

PRIEST TRAINING FUND – THANK YOU

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to donate if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church or by contacting the parish office. We realised £1,240.00. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information or to donate, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR'S VISIT

The Spiritan Community Hounslow expresses gratitude to the Ss Michael & Martin parishioners for the reception of Fr Ugo, the Provincial Superior of the British Province. Fr Ugo was full of praise for the parishioners' vibrancy and their support for the parish clergy. He asked that you hold him in your prayers.

USHERS PLENARY ASSEMBLY

All ushers in the parish are invited to a crucial plenary session with the Parish Priest at the Parish Centre on Saturday 27 May by 10 am. All should be seated by 10am. It is very important that all ushers attend the meeting. Please, save the date!

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.

PENTECOST NOVENA 2023

The Parish Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Solemnity of Pentecost will begin on Friday, May 19, and end on Saturday, May 27. The novena time is one hour before the evening Mass and will last 45 minutes. The Spiritans observe Pentecost as their patronal feast and founding day.

SPIRITAN PENTECOST MISSION APPEAL & SUPPORT

The annual parish missionary drive of the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) for the support of the Missions will be on Sunday, June 04. Flyers and envelopes for the appeal will be available soon.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS

The International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians takes place annually on the Sixth Sunday of Easter,

which occurs on 14th May 2023. Organized by the Catholic charity Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) together with the Dicastery for Oriental Churches and the Eastern Catholic Churches, it offers an opportunity for Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India, to unite in prayer during Eastertide. See the posters for more information!

NEWCOMERS WELCOME SUNDAYS/ COFFEE MORNINGS: UPDATE ON HOSTING SOCIETIES

Societies or groups hosting the Coffee Morning will host the new and old members at the Centre and make leaflets with parish information available to the new members. Registered Hosts are UCM (June & July) and Catechists (September), Sports & Cultural Team (S.C.S) October. Available months: August and December.

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. 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 (ERROR INFORMATION)

The parents of children preparing for FHC will have a session with the parish priest on Saturday, 25th June 2023, at 10:00 am in the church. Attendance is mandatory. Please disregard this info! See your schedule or contact Lionel for June activities.

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!

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8,14-17 - They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

Psalm Response – *Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

1 Peter 3:15-18 - In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life

John 14:15-21 - I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

30th Apr/01st May 2023

Envelopes: £1,729.46

Loose: £4,481.96

TOTAL: £6,211.42

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) MEETINGS

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

LIVING WORD CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

Invites parishioners to our weekly prayer meeting/fellowship every Friday evening in the Parish Centre. Time: 7pm - 9pm. All are welcome.

Email us at livingwordccr@gmail.com; contact Sam (+447450355567), Graham (+447908287917) for 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.

PARISH PRIEST'S ABSENCE

Fr Daniel will be away for two weeks as part of his annual leave from Monday, May 07.

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

Monday, 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 that day.