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Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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6th Sunday of Easter

14th May 2023

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - "There was much joy in that city". (Acts 8:8).

On this sixth Sunday of Eastertide, the book of the **Acts of the Apostles** states that after a first violent persecution, the Christian community of Jerusalem, except for the Apostles, spread to the surrounding areas. Philip, one of the deacons, arrived in a city of Samaria. There he preached the Risen Christ, and his proclamation was supported by numerous healings, so that the outcome of the episode was very positive: **"there was much joy in that city" (Acts 8:8)**. We are repeatedly impressed in a profound way by this expression, which in essence communicates a sense of hope, as if saying: **It is possible! It is possible for humanity to know true joy, because wherever the Gospel comes, life flourishes, just as arid ground, irrigated by rain, immediately turns back to green. With the strength of the Holy Spirit, Philip and the other disciples accomplished in the villages of Palestine what Jesus had done: They preached the Good News and worked miraculous signs.** It was the Lord who acted through them. As Jesus proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom of God, so the disciples proclaimed the Risen Jesus, professing that he is the Christ, the Son of God, baptizing in his name and driving out every illness of body and spirit.

"There was much joy in that city". Reading this passage, one thinks spontaneously of the healing power of the gospel, which throughout the centuries has "watered" so many populations, like a beneficent river. Several great men and women saints brought hope and peace to entire cities — we think of Charles Borromeo in Milan at the time of the plague, of bl. mother Teresa of Calcutta, and of so many missionaries, whose names are known by God, who have given their lives to bring the proclamation of Christ and make profound joy flower among men. *Continued on page 2.....*

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.
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**2nd Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow
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**PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST
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Parish Administrator: Priya Joseph
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Parish Catechist: Lionel Pereira
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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:
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While the powers of this world sought to conquer new territories for political and economic interests, Christ's messengers went everywhere with the aim of bringing Christ to men and men to Christ, knowing that he alone can give true freedom and eternal life.

Today too the Church's vocation is evangelization: whether it be to **populations** which have not yet been "irrigated" by the living water of the Gospel, or to those that, though having ancient Christian roots, are in need of new nourishment to bear new fruit and rediscover the beauty and joy of the faith. ~ *Pope Benedict XVI.*

PARISH NOTICES

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!

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Ascension of the Lord is a Holyday of obligation. The Vigil Mass will be on Wednesday 17th May 6pm. There will be three Masses on Thursday 18th May 7:30am, 9am & 6pm.

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Date: 28th May PENTECOST Praise, Glory and Honour to the Holy Spirit from 5.15pm followed by PENTECOST Youth Mass at 6.00pm in church.

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.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd May at 7pm in the Parish Centre and will be our Rosary week. The UCM are organising a coach to Walsingham on Tuesday 4th July. Pick up will be at 7am outside SSMM Church. Cost will be £46. A deposit of £10 is required to keep your seat. Members please make a special effort to attend. Please contact Iona on 07846 317201 to book your seat.

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 and Parish youth group (August). December is available.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME SUNDAYS/COFFEE MORNINGS: CALL FOR SOCIETIES HOST

The third Sunday of each month 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

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14 – The apostles all joined in continuous prayers with Mary, the mother of Jesus

Psalm Response – *I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living*

1 Peter 4:13-16 – It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ

John 17:1-11 – Father, it is time for you to glorify me

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 14th May at 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 21st May at 4pm

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 4th June at 3pm

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

Will resume on Wednesday 31st May 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

6th/7th May 2023

Envelopes: £1,346.00

Loose: £4,520.07

TOTAL: £5,866.47

Thank you for your generosity.

IN YOUR PRAYERS – REMEMBER

OUR SICK: Hubert Teles, 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 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.