



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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7th Sunday of Easter

21st May 2023

7TH SUNDAY OF THE EASTERTIDE YEAR A

In his farewell discourses to the disciples, Jesus stressed the importance of his “return to the Father”, the culmination of his whole mission: indeed, he came into the world to bring man back to God, not on the ideal level - like a philosopher or a master of wisdom - but really, like a shepherd who wants to lead his sheep back to the fold. This “exodus” toward the heavenly Homeland which Jesus lived in the first person, he faced solely for us. It was for our sake that he came down from Heaven and for our sake that he ascended to it, after making himself in all things like men, humbling himself even to death on a cross and after having touched the abyss of the greatest distance from God. For this very reason the Father was pleased with him and “highly exalted” him (Phil 2: 9), restoring to him the fullness of his glory, but now with our humanity. God in man - man in God: this is even now a reality, not a theoretical truth. Therefore, Christian hope, founded on Christ, is not an illusion but, as the Letter to the Hebrews says, “we have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul” (Heb 6: 19), an anchor that penetrates Heaven where Christ has gone before us. *Pope Benedict XVI*

PENTECOST NOVENA 2023

The Parish Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Solemnity of Pentecost began 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.

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
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)
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PARISH NOTICES

MAY BANK HOLIDAY

Monday, 29th 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.

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!

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.

11TH ANNUAL ST ANTHONY'S NOVENA AND FEAST MASS

The nine days St Anthony's novena will start from **Sunday 4th June till Monday 12th June (immediately after the evening Mass)**. The Feast of St Anthony will be celebrated on Tuesday 13th June at 7:00pm. If you'd like to offer petitions, or would like to contribute/make a donation to support the novenas/feast Mass, please contact any member of the Sports and Cultural Society (S.C.S) Team. All are welcome.

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. This is open to parishioners as well!

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.

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 July 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 a priest on Saturday 20th June 2023 at 10:00am in the church. Attendance is mandatory.

CONFIRMATION

The candidates currently preparing for the Sacrament this year will undergo the Rite of Election at the 6:00pm Mass on Sunday, 28th May 2023. Please keep our 135 candidates in your prayers.

YOUTH MASS

This month's Youth Mass will be held at 6:00pm on Sunday 28th May. It is the Feast of the Pentecost, and the youth are invited to join our *confermandi* at 5:15pm for 'Praise & Worship in Song'. All are encouraged to dress in the colour Red. As always, the Youth are invited to a gathering with music, snacks and games in the Parish Centre immediately after Mass.

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 – They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

Psalm Response – *Send for your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 – In the one Spirit we were all baptised

John 20:19-23 – As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

13th/14th May 2023

Envelopes: £1,557.55

Loose: £4,742.08

TOTAL: £6,299.63

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: Roque Antonio Wellington Vaz, 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.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 21st May at 4pm

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 4th June at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 11th June 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

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.

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.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)

Meetings are held on every 2nd Tuesday at 9.30am Parish Centre and every 4th Tuesday Rosary evening at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

CAFOD

Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns.