



## SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow  
Archdiocese of Westminster

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## JESUS IS THE TREASURE; THE SCRIPTURE IS THE FIELD

The parable of the treasure buried in the field and the parable of the pearl draw upon a common but powerful experience: the joy of discovering what was previously hidden. Man is a seeker who believes there is something really worth seeking. And while his curiosity can be caught up for a time in natural wonders and pleasures, he always longs for more. The answers to those essential questions can be given only by God. Some of the early Christian Fathers saw the parable of the treasure as a metaphor for the Incarnation and how the Truth about God is finally found hidden in a man—not any man, but the Son of God, Jesus Christ. “If anyone reads the Scriptures with attention,” wrote Saint Irenaeus, “he will find in them an account of Christ and a foreshadowing of the new calling. For Christ is the treasure which was hidden in the field, that is, in this world but the treasure hid in the Scriptures is Christ, since He was pointed out by means of types and parables” (*Against Heresies*, 4.26.1). The treasures of Christ and Scripture are intimately linked to one another, for Christ fulfils Scripture even as Scripture proclaims Christ. The seeker of Truth can explore both. - From the July 27, 2008, edition of *Our Sunday Visitor*.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION (AUGUST)

The usual devotion will hold after the Friday evening Mass. It will be anchored by the Sports & Cultural Society and Fr Fidelo (Watford).

#### 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

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](mailto:danieladayi@rcdow.org.uk) (Day off: Mon)

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

[davidatuanya@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:davidatuanya@rcdow.org.uk) (Day off: Wed)

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

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

[damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk) (on leave)

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DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

**Parish Administrator:** Priya Joseph

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[hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk)

**Youth Worker:** Ivan Čižmárik

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**Parish Centre Manager:** Señorita Evans

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(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](mailto:hounslowsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) (Lorna – Admin)

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Harvey)

## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **CAFOD “FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM”**

#### **CAMPAIGN THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend the parish CAFOD team of volunteers will be at the entrances of the Church wanting your signatures (**not money**) to stand in solidarity with small farmers threatened by the activities of mega conglomerates. The signatures are for a giant letter that will be sent to the World Bank before their meeting in Morocco in October. The team will explain more at their stands. Save the small-scale farmers!

#### **NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL AND PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE – INDICATION OF INTEREST**

The formation of the Parish Pastoral Council is in progress (following the modalities published in the newsletter). There is also a review of the Parish Social Committee that was announced but did not take off. If you wish to be in the Pastoral Council or the Social Committee, or you wish to nominate parishioners for inclusion in any of the groups, kindly indicate to the Parish Priest via email. Nominations will be screened for eligibility to volunteer. The final decision is that of the Parish Priest. This process is a consultation. Please make your nominations or indicate your availability before the end of August.

#### **NEW ALTAR SERVERS REGISTRATION**

Parents who wish to register their children as Altar servers can pick up the volunteer registration forms from Joe Fernandes (Sacristan) or the Parish Office. Return all completed forms to the Parish Office. The training of new altar servers will take place after the holidays.

#### **DATA ON UNDERAGE VOLUNTEERS**

As part of the effort to ensure a safe environment for all our volunteers, the PSRs have commenced the collection of data on all volunteers under the age of 18 years. To begin with, the **group leaders/coordinators** of the USHERS, the CHOIRS, and the LECTORS are requested to forward the following information:

- Their name, email address, and phone contacts
- The name, date of birth, email address, and phone number of all volunteer **Choristers, Ushers, and Lectors** who are under the age of 18 years.

Please send this information to [hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) by **Friday 4th August 2023**.

#### **RETURN OF FAREWELL GIFT– ENVELOPES FOR FR DAVID**

You can return the envelopes to the parish office door (mailbox), the post office box on the left side of the church as you approach the main doors, or give them directly to Fr David. Kindly do this no later than the end of July. The farewell envelopes for Fr Damian will be available in August when Fr Damian returns from his leave.

#### **FR MARK JAMES LEENANE – RIP**

The Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 1 August at 12noon. Fr Mark’s mortal remains will be received at St Vincent de Paul church, Osterley at 3pm on Monday 31 July. The church will remain open until 10pm.

#### **PRIESTS’ MOVEMENTS THIS SUMMER – OUR NEW PRIESTS**

The Provincial administration of the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) UK has assigned Fr Terkura Igbe CSSp and Fr Quy Quan Nguyen, CSSp to our parish from September 2023. Fr Nguyen is expected here at the end of July while Fr Igbe will join the team in the first week of September.

#### **MISSION APPEAL BY COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTERS**

We realized the sum of £2,432.23. Thank you for your generous support.

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER – THE TOILETS**

The Church toilets are open only during Mass times when we have volunteers to assist with their use. While the toilet at the main entrance of the Church is for both males and females, the toilet by the side of Our Lady’s Chapel, inside the church is for females only. Please avail yourself of other public toilets when our toilets are closed.

## CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE (CCP) SIGNING

- **Tuesdays or Thursdays** (10am – 12noon).

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!

## UPDATE ON THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE – FULL LIST

I. David Lingeman (Chair)

II. Deborah Furey

III. Adriana Chandler

IV. Clara Giwa-Amu

V. Derek Wardle

VI. Juste Goek (Parish Bookkeeper)

VII. Priya Joseph (Parish Administrator)

VIII. Aries Fernandes

IX. Melvitta Farrao

X. Jennifer Asekhauno

XI. Martin Nicholl

XII. The Priests

The entire Team will be presented to the Parishioners in September after the holidays.

## **REGULAR NOTICES**

### 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 David Atuanya CSS via email (contact details available on page 1). Please note, Fr Damian-Mary is currently on annual leave.

## **CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES**

### WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ON PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

Type [parish.rcdow.org/Hounslow](http://parish.rcdow.org/Hounslow) in your browser. Then navigate to PARISH WEBSITE → PARISH LIFE → SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION; it has general information on the various 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 September 2023. Read the Baptism webpage for requirements & other details.

### REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES

Began on Sunday 25th June 2023. Registration forms for Walk With Me, First Holy Communion & Confirmation are available on the parish website on that date. Registration will remain open until 30th July, or until all available places are filled, whichever comes first.

### BIBLE STUDY COURSE –

### A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS IS ON!

The five-week session course holds on Wednesdays in the Parish Centre. The participants can attend the sessions after 9 am or 6 pm Mass. All are welcome!

## TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

### **17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**1Kings 3:5,7-12** – Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom

**Psalms Response** – *Lord, how I love your law!*

**Romans 8:28-30** – Those he called, he justified

**Matthew 13:44-52** – He sells everything he owns and buys the field

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

### **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**Daniel 7:9-10,13-14:** His robe was white as snow

**Psalms Response** – *The Lord is king, most high above all the earth*

**2 Peter 1:16-19** – We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven

**Matthew 17:1-9** – His face shone like the sun

## PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> Aug at 3pm

### **SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> Aug at 4pm

### **GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> Aug at 4pm

### **ST ANTHONY NOVENAS**

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.

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**15<sup>th</sup>/16th July 2023**

Envelopes: £1,248.90

Loose: £4,163.17

**TOTAL: £5,412.07**

**May God bless your generosity.**

## IN YOUR PRAYERS – REMEMBER

**OUR SICK:** Peter Newton, Marie Lynch, Hubert Teles, Andrew Logadasan, Steve, Sandra, Carson Javier Dabasia, Amy & Denzil Burns, Terry Lynch, Igor Sitarska, and Don Lynch.

**DECEASED:** Baby Nyssa, Roque Antonio Wellington Vaz, Edwin Rodrigues, Emmanuel Dankyi, Maria Viegas, Gina Coreixas (Mazzaschi), Lewis Barallon, Malcolm Rose, John Lynch, Edward Connelly, Sarah Patricia Trollope and Charles Bryne.

## 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) MEETING

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9.30am Parish Centre and Rosary on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month in the evening at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

## NEWCOMERS WELCOME SUNDAYS/ COFFEE MORNINGS

Upcoming: Parish Youth Group (August), Catechists (September), Sports & Cultural Team (SCS) in (October), CAFOD (November) & Goan Chaplaincy (December).

## 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.**