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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

06th August 2023

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The mystery of the transfiguration takes place at a very precise moment in Jesus' preaching, as he begins to confide to the disciples the necessity of his going up "to Jerusalem and suffer greatly. . . and be killed and on the third day be raised" (Mt 16:21). Reluctantly they hear the first announcement of the passion and before stressing it again and confirming it, the divine Master wants to give them a proof of his total rootedness in the will of the Father so that they do not waver in the face of the scandal of the cross. In fact, the passion and death will be the way through which the heavenly Father will have his "beloved Son" achieve glory, risen from the dead. From now on this will also be the disciples' way. No one will come to the light except through the cross, the symbol of the suffering which afflicts human existence. Thus the cross is transformed into an instrument for the expiation of the sins of all humanity. United with his Lord in love, the disciple participates in his redemptive passion. Therefore, in today's reading St. Paul exhorts Timothy in these words: "Bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life" (2 Tm 1:8-9). For the believer suffering is nothing but a temporary passage, a transitory condition. Jesus, the Apostle stresses, "has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel" (2 Tm 1:10).

The goal of our existence is therefore as shining as the transfigured countenance of the Messiah: in him is salvation, happiness, glory, unlimited love of God. How, therefore, could we not be prepared to suffer for such a goal?

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 (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 (on leave)

**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

ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk

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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It finds meaning in our effort to conform our weak nature to the demands of goodness. It takes into consideration the physical and spiritual limitations of our person and of our daily social relationships, unfortunately marred by selfishness and sin, which make our spiritual journey taxing.

Finally, the transfiguration offers us prospects for a change which is both fundamental and supernatural, of a victory and proclamation of the passover of Christ, an announcement of the cross and resurrection. It is the transfigured Christ, the Christ whom after his resurrection the Apostles and so many other witnesses of his resurrection will see with their own eyes. They are witnesses of the newness of the world inaugurated by his resurrection and foretold by his Transfiguration.

PARISH NOTICES

SOLEMNITY OF ASSUMPTION

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary comes up on **Tuesday, August 15. Masses will be 7.30 am, 9.00 am, and 6.00 pm.**

WELCOME FR. IGNATIUS NGUYEN QUY QUAN

The Parish welcomes Fr Ignatius Nguyen Quy Quan, CSSp. Fr Ignatius will be working full-time as an Associate Priest. We are delighted to have him in our Parish and pray he gets a fulfilling ministry working in our large community.

NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL AND PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE – INDICATION OF INTEREST

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. 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.

ST MICHAEL'S STATUE

The Statue of Archangel Michael has been moved to the Confession Room temporarily because of the works going on at the place where it stands to avoid candle lights being placed on the unfinished platform.

FIRE SAFETY TRAINING 2023

Fire Safety Training will take place on Thursday, 21st September 2023, from 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre. This will be led by the Diocesan Property Health and Safety team. Existing Fire Wardens and Fire Marshalls, as well as any other registered parishioners over the age of 18 years who are interested in volunteering for the roles of Parish Fire Marshalls or Fire Wardens, please email hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk with your name, email address, and contact telephone number no later than Thursday 14th September 2023.

VOLUNTEER FOR SOCIETY FOR THE UNBORN CHILDREN

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children needs volunteers to help with labelling, packing letters, and other office duties at our HQ office in Kennington, London SE11 4AB. Suits all ages 16 and over. Lunch is provided, and fares will be refunded. Don't hesitate to contact Elizabeth Foody at 02070917091 or at lizfoody@spuc.org.uk.

SCIE REVIEW OF CSSA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES - STAKEHOLDERS SURVEY

The CSSA has commissioned the services of the Social Care Institute for Excellence (Scie) to review our policies and procedures; this work has now commenced. To ensure a wide review, it is requested that the attached stakeholders survey be distributed to all. Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/PavSuixHim> Submissions will close Thursday 31st August 2023.

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, 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 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. 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.

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

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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

Psalm 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kings 19:9,11-13 – The Lord was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire

Psalm Response – *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help*

Romans 9:1-5 – I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers

Matthew 14:22-33 – Jesus walks on the water

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

29TH/30TH July 2023

Envelopes: £1,607.31

Loose: £3,857.69

TOTAL: £5,465.00

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.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 6th Aug at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 13th Aug at 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 20th 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.

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

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

NEWCOMERS WELCOME SUNDAYS/ COFFEE MORNINGS

Catechists (September), Sports & Cultural Team (SCS) in (October), CAFOD (November) & Goan Chaplaincy (December). **Month of August is available.**

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.