### SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN



Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow Archdiocese of Westminster

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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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13<sup>th</sup> August 2023

# 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# THOUGHT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

According to Cardinal Vincent Nichols, loving service, as exemplified by volunteers, is one of the golden threads that runs through our Christian faith. It is unimaginable to have a parish life without volunteers. The picture is bleak – no flowers, choir, altar servers, or ushers. No catechists. No lectors. No teas or coffee mornings! Pope Francis encouragingly referred to the Volunteers at the ongoing WYD as the strength of the Church. Indeed, they are! What is volunteering? The National Council for Volunteering Organisations defines it as when someone spends unpaid time doing something to benefit others. Helping your close friends or relatives isn't volunteering. But doing something to benefit the environment (and other people) is. Volunteering can be formal and organized by organizations like Caritas, or informal within communities. Everyone has the right to volunteer. Volunteers can be of any age and from any background. They can be studying, working, or retired. Whether you have a wealth of volunteering experience or none at all, by sharing your gifts and talents you are making a difference to your community and the individuals you work with. Volunteering is not employment. Volunteers aren't employees and aren't covered by employment law. In our Parish, there are many volunteering opportunities. Due to our large number, there are many points of service. Join one! For a Christian, volunteering is an expression of faith. It is our own way of participating in God's transformation of the world. It saves the parish income, enhances bonding between parishioners, and it is a sacrifice offered to God by the redeemed. It is for all parishioners. Don't just be observers of life, get involved! You can make a difference! (Pope Francis!). Note: if you wish to volunteer for a role, please pick a form from the Parish Office (during the week) or from the Sacristy on Sundays.

### **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 (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 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) hounslowsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk(Areis) hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Mary Pierre-Harvey)

# **PARISH NOTICES**

# FAREWELL CELEBRATIONS FOR FRS DAVID AND DAMIAN

A farewell get-together for Fr David and Fr Damian will be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday, August 19. It will begin with the Vigil Mass the 6:15 pm Mass and continue at the Parish Hall after the Mass. In the porch, there is a donation sheet. If you can donate some food items, please indicate. Kindly ensure that you unfailingly bring what you promise, as we all will be expecting to do so. Thank you!

# RETURN OF FAREWELL GIFT— ENVELOPES FOR FR DAMIAN-MARY MONEKE, CSSP

At the exits, you will find the farewell gift envelopes for Fr Damian, who will be leaving our Parish on posting to Southwark Diocese at the end of August. As with those of 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 him from next weekend. Fr Damian will return from his leave this week.

#### SAFEGUARDING ALERT!

This call is to all parishioners and all who come to pray in Sts Michael & Martin Church, Hounslow, who have seen, heard, or experienced any form of assault, abuse, or grooming of a child (anyone under 18 years) in a current, recent or historical parish related activity to come forward formally. Please arrange to speak with the Parish Priest or make a written report. You can also contact any of the four PSRs (see the front of the newsletter for their contacts).

#### GIFT AIDED CLAIMS

In July, the Parish received the sum of £27, 548.99 as returns for gift-aided donations. We are grateful to our donors who gift-aid the contributions they make to the Parish. Always remember to complete the gift-aid slip when you make donations if you are a UK taxpayer.

#### CAFOD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

CAFOD is looking for volunteers to visit schools to lead assemblies and workshops next academic

year. If you want a new challenge and enjoy communicating with children and young people, join CAFOD's school volunteer team in the Westminster Diocese. Full training will be given. For more information, contact Chris Driscoll at westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162

#### 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.

# 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. Registration closes on August 27, 2023.

### 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.

# 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 <a href="mailto:lizfoody@spuc.org.uk">lizfoody@spuc.org.uk</a>.

# 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!

# **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.

# REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES

Registration began on Sunday 25th June 2023 and ended on 30th July 2023. We are now unable to accept any more candidates for this year.

# 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!

### ANNUAL LEAVE – PARISH CATECHIST

The parish catechist (Lionel Pereira) will be on annual leave from Friday, 11th August and will return on Tuesday, 29th August. All Sacramental enquiries will be dealt with upon his return.

### **TEXTS FOR THIS 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 NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

**Isaiah 56:1,6-7** – I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain

**Psalm Response** – Let the people praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you

**Romans 11:13-15,29-32** — With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice

**Matthew 15:21-28** – The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

05<sup>th</sup>/06<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023

Envelopes: £1,398.70 Loose: £4,718.72 TOTAL: £6,117.42

May God bless your generosity!

# IN YOUR PRAYERS - REMEMBER

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

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

# PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

### **SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Sunday, 13th Aug at 4pm

### **GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Sunday, 20th Aug at 4pm

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

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

### **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 Friday evening every 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

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.