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Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th August 2023

WHAT TYPE OF FAITH IS GREAT?

This Sunday's Gospel (Mt 15:21-28) describes the meeting between **Jesus and the Canaanite woman**. Jesus is to the north of Galilee, in foreign territory. The woman was not Jewish, she was Canaanite. Jesus is there to spend some time with His disciples away from the crowds, from the crowds whose numbers are always growing. And behold, a woman approached Him seeking help for her sick daughter: *"Have mercy on me, Lord!"* (v. 22). It is the cry that is born out of a life marked by suffering, from the sense of the helplessness of a mamma who sees her daughter tormented by evil who cannot be healed; she cannot heal her. Jesus initially ignores her, but this mother insists; she insists, even when the Master says to the disciples that His mission is directed only to *"the lost sheep of the house of Israel"* (v. 24) and not to the pagans. She continues to beg Him, and at that point, He puts her to the test, citing a proverb. It's a bit...this seems almost a bit cruel, but she puts her to the test: *"It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs"* (v. 26). And right away, the woman, quick, anguished, responds: *"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table"* (v. 27).

And with these words, that mother shows that she has perceived the goodness of the Most High God present in Jesus who is open to any of His creatures necessities. And this wisdom, filled with trust, touches Jesus's heart and provokes words of admiration: *"Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish"* (v. 28). What type of faith is great? Great faith is that which brings its own story, marked even by wounds, and brings it to the Lord's feet asking Him to heal them, to give them meaning.

– Pope Francis (2020)

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)

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hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Mary Pierre-Harvey)

PARISH NOTICES

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 23rd September 2023, led by Cardinal Vincent and the Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese. For Registrations, please email hounslow@rcdow.org.uk. We need your **FULL NAME(S), CONTACT DETAILS AND NUMBER OF SEAT(S) REQUIRED**. The fee is £25 per person (payment will be accepted from the 4th of September, please do not make any payments before that date). To avoid any disappointment, please **ENSURE** the details mentioned are complete. Bookings will **close** on Monday 18th September 2023.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Monday 28th August is a national bank holiday. There will be **ONLY ONE MASS** at 10am on that day. The church doors and gates will be locked after the celebration of the Holy Mass. There will be **NO EVENING MASS** on the day. The Parish Office will also be closed. Happy Bank Holiday in advance.

FUNERAL MASS – REMY MARTINS VAZ

The funeral Mass for the late Remy Martins Vaz will be held on Friday 25th at 12noon.

PLANNED GIVING BOXES 2023/2024

Kindly note, the last day to collect your planned giving boxes 2023/2024 will be **Thursday 7th September**, boxes that are not collected thereafter will be closed. 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.

MASS DIARY 2023

There are now very few dates available for December **ONLY**. If you wish to book intention(s), it will be forwarded to other Spiritan Churches for the month(s) intended. Please email your intention(s) to the Parish Office and NOT the Priests. Kindly note that **the Mass Diary for 2024 has NOT yet been released so no Mass intentions will be accepted just yet!** Further announcements will be made in due course.

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

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 REMOVED TEMPORARILY

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 candlelights 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 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!

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, Fr David Atuanya CSS or Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp via email (contact details available on page 1).

ON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND POSTERS IN OUR PARISH

All announcements for publication in the weekend newsletters should get to the Parish Office before 5.00 pm on Wednesdays. Please note that no one is allowed to post information on the notice boards or distribute leaflets without the expressed permission of the Parish Priest. This guideline

covers activities organized by persons or groups in this parish. I implore everyone to abide by this guide strictly – Fr Daniel Adayi, CSSp.

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.

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.

YOUTH HOUNSLOW SUMMIT,

The event will be a chance for young people to socialize, share a meal together, learn more about their faith, and be introduced to a deeper level of prayer and adoration, supported by live contemporary worship music. All young people aged 13 to 18 are welcome to Come along! Date: Friday 1st September. Time: 19:00-21:00 hrs. Venue: St Michael & St Martin Church. Join us for an evening of food, games, and an encounter with Jesus! For more information contact Ivan, E: ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

Psalms 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 22:19-23 – I place the key of the House of David on my servant's shoulder

Psalms Response – *Your love, O Lord, is eternal: discard not the work of your hands*

Romans 11:33-36 – All that exists comes from him, all is by him and from him.

Matthew 16:13-20 – You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

12th/13th Aug 2023

Envelopes: £1,509.21

Loose: £4,305.52

TOTAL: £5,814.73

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: Agapito Fernandes, Remy Vaz, Marie Lynch, Baby Nyssa, Roque Antonio Wellington Vaz, Edwin Rodrigues, Emmanuel Dankyi, Maria Viegas, Gina Coreixas (Mazzaschi), Lewis Barallon, Malcolm Rose and John Lynch.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 20th Aug at 4pm

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 3rd Sept at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 10th Sept 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).

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.