

## SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow  
Archdiocese of Westminster

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# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**01<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

## A CALL TO UNITY

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters of Ss Michael and Martin's Church, Hounslow,

I feel very humbled addressing you today, Sunday 1st October, as your new Parish Priest, awaiting induction. Our beloved parish is unique in many ways. It is probably the busiest parish in the Diocese of Westminster. It is also arguably the most blessed in human resources. While we give thanks for these prospects and take pride in them, the potential challenges are not lost on us. Rest assured, united, we can stand; we can overcome and do greater things for God and for all humanity. The unity of the faithful is so fundamentally important that it was Jesus' last will before his ascension into glory. For this, he fervently prayed, noting that it is the unity of his followers that will witness most for him before the world (John 17:20-26).

The tendency of the faithful to splinter into factions was the reason St Paul wrote his First Letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 1:11-13) where he called them out: “I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported ... that there is quarrelling among you, with each one of you saying, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul?”

St Paul strongly reminds the faithful of Corinth that the human leaders, including our priests, past and present, are all equally servants of the one Christ who should therefore be their focus so that no one should boast about human leaders. Worthy of note is that among the 'loyalties' Paul criticised was one with the slogan "I belong to Christ?" Why would anyone criticise such a slogan? Well, the fact is that one may have the right words and slogans and yet carry on with the same wrong attitudes of divisiveness and exclusiveness.

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**SUNDAY**

## MASSSES

Sat Vigil 6.15pm  
7:30am, 9am,  
10.30am,  
12noon  
6pm

## WEEKDAY

## MASSSES

Mon – Sat 9am  
Mon -- Thu 6pm  
Fri 7pm

## CONFESSIONS

Friday 6pm – 6:30pm  
Saturday 9:30am – 10:15am & 4:30pm – 5:15pm

**PARISH ROSARY**  
**(Month of**  
**October)**

Please refer to  
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**HOLY HOUR &  
BENEDICTION**

Saturday 4.30-  
5.30pm

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – THURSDAY 9:30AM – 1PM (FRIDAY THE OFFICE IS CLOSED)**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.  
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**2nd Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow  
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 FRI 7.00-8.30AM TUES/WED 4.00-5.00PM, OR BY EMAIL)

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Thus, to heal the wounds of the divided body of Christ, over and above the right statements of faith, we need the right attitudes which spring from a recognition that we all belong to Christ. Continuing, St Paul notes that, "... there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good (1 Cor. 12:4-6).

To use the varieties of gifts God gives to His daughters and sons for the common good, as grounds for rivalry, is thus regrettable. Unity is strength. We cannot, as a fragmented body, witness effectively to Christ; preaching the love and unity, forgiveness and reconciliation that is so much needed in a fragmented world. That would be exercise in futility. Divisions and hostility among the faithful are surely a scandal; an obstacle to belief. The love that held the early Christians together so marvelled the pagans who exclaimed: "Behold, how they love one another." It was what led them to conversion in droves, above the preaching of the disciples.

In a world divided along so many lines, they were amazed to see Jews and Greeks, men and women, slaves and freemen, rich and poor sharing a common community life in love, forgiveness and mutual support. It clearly would lead people to ask, "What is the secret of this group?" One wonders what would be the verdict of onlookers on us today. Perhaps, they would rather marvel at the tendency of today's Christians to fight one another.

Writing to the Christian community in Ephesus which also had the tendency to splinter, St Paul enjoins them to "lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called" (Eph. 4:1). This, he remarkably clarified, meant "making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3). Consequently, he urges all to put aside human pride and the feelings of "I was right and you were wrong" in our work for Christian unity and reconciliation and rather go about it "with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:2-3). As Jesus our lord and master noted "every kingdom divided against itself is heading for ruin" (Mt 12: 25).

Indeed, a demanding parish like ours could only be run on the goodwill and effort of volunteers. We have received these so gratuitously and are profoundly grateful. However, responsibilities for the service of the community remain as delegated by the Parish Priest who is the visible sign of our unity. I am most grateful too to my predecessors, especially our immediate past Parish Priest, Fr Daniel who had also served the parish as Assistant Priest; for the amazing and inspiring legacy they have left behind. Our prayers go with them especially with Fr Daniel as he prepares to take up a new assignment.

Having listened to parishioners in private and in the parish meeting of last Wednesday, I was quite encouraged by the common desire for a healed and united parish. It will take commitment, sacrifice and letting go for that to be fully realised. I am fully committed to that. In furtherance of the dialogue which also includes consultation with competent authorities, I am convoking a meeting of all the parish volunteers this Thursday 5th October after the evening Mass. All Parish Volunteers should please endeavour to be present.

We are privileged as Spiritans to serve you and we are very happy to serve. We count on your continued support and prayers.

### **Let us pray**

Father, pour out your Spirit afresh into our hearts.  
Grant us a new vision of Your glory,  
a new experience of Your power,  
a new faithfulness to Your Word  
and a new consecration to Your service,  
so that Your love may grow among us and Your  
kingdom come.  
Amen.

**Fr Damian-Mary**

## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **ALTAR SERVERS' MASSES**

The annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers will take place on Saturday, 7th October at 2.30pm in the Cathedral. All altar servers are invited to attend and to vest in the Cathedral Hall in order to be ready to process by 2pm. Those attending the Mass are advised a photographer will be present during this event taking photographs for inclusion in diocesan print and on-line publications. The photographs will

also be shared with the Archconfraternity of St Stephen for use in the promotion of the Guild in their on-line media. If anyone attending, does not wish to be featured in any photographs, they must inform the Guild Safeguarding Officer or any Central Council member prior to the start of the service. The Guild Safeguarding Officer can be contacted at: [safeguarding@guildofststephen.org](mailto:safeguarding@guildofststephen.org).

### **FR DANIEL HAS LEFT THE PARISH TO HIS PLACE OF NEW ASSIGNMENT**

Fr Daniel left on Friday night, the 29<sup>th</sup> of September to his place of new assignment in Archdiocese of Birmingham. His health is under control. Send forth will be organized for him at the most convenient time for him, and the date will be communicated to parishioners. He is in our thoughts and prayers.

### **FAREWELL ENVELOPES FOR FR DANIEL ADAYI, CSSp (THANK YOU)**

A total of £240.00 was contributed so far. Thank you for your generous support! A cheque has been made out to Fr Daniel for this amount.

### **MASS HEADCOUNT**

The yearly Mass Headcount will continue take place in the Church during all the weekend Masses.

### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL**

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Please use the envelopes in church or donate online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for your support.

### **OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

Let us remember to pray our daily Rosary especially during the month of October, which is especially dedicated to drawing our attention to the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary. We are encouraged to invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, through the Rosary, for divine intervention in our lives and parish. Monday – Saturday 8:15am and 4pm.

### **CAFÉ TOGETHER**

Café Together will be open at St Michael and St Martin's Parish Centre, Bath Road, TW3 3EH, on every Monday evening in October from 2nd October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

### **ROSARY FEAST AND VESTMENT EXHIBITION**

The Dominican community at the Rosary Shrine, Haverstock Hill, are concluding their 800th anniversary celebrations with a Solemn Mass at 10am on Saturday, 7th October 2023 followed by a reception in the Priory, and a special exhibition of the historical vestments from the Dominican Sisters' Convent of Stone, Staffordshire. All are welcome to attend.

### **CANDLELIT PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN**

On Sunday 8th October at 7pm, there will be a candlelit procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Willesden from the shrine church and through the streets of Willesden, praying for the protection of London and for the gift of vocations to the priesthood. It will be attended by the Seminarians of the Diocese and Canon Stuart Wilson will preach. All are welcome.

### **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 programs. 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 November 2023. Read the Baptism webpage for requirements & other details.

## TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

### **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Ezekiel 18:25-28** – When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live

**Psalms Response** – *Remember you mercy, O Lord*

**Philippians 2:1-11** – Be united in your love

**Matthew 21:28-32** – Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

### **27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Isaiah 5:1-7** – Against the Lord's vineyard

**Psalms Response** – *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel*

**Philippians 4:6-9** – If there is anything you need, pray for it

**Matthew 21:33-43** – This is the landlord's heir: come, let us kill him

## PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Sunday, 01<sup>st</sup> Oct at 3pm

### **SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> Oct at 4pm

### **GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> Oct at 4pm

### **ST ANTHONY NOVENAS**

Tuesdays at 7pm, followed by Rosary.

### **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

**23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023**

Envelopes: £1,654.63

Loose: £4,667.86

**TOTAL: £6,322.49**

**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.

## 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](mailto: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

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.**