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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

08th October 2023

THE MERCY OF GOD TOWARDS US

The mercy of God is calling us to repentance! After having sinned by eating the forbidden fruit, our first parents fled from the presence of God through the shame of what must have been the astonishment of the angels when they saw God seeking after them, saying: Adam, "Where are you?" (Gen 3, 9). These words are the words of a father in search of his lost child. Towards us, brethren, the Lord acts in a similar manner. We fled from Him and He has so often invited us to repentance by means of confessors and preachers.

But, notwithstanding our refusal to return to God, He does not cease to continue to call us by so many interior inspirations, remorse of conscience, and terrors of chastisement. Thus, brethren, God continues to speak to us, but sadly we often disregard His words. He does not wish that we be condemned to eternal misery, but that we might be delivered from hell, which we deserved by our obstinacy (Is. 59, 1ff). We regard certain afflictions as misfortunes, but they may be the voice of God calling on us to renounce sin; so that we might escape prediction.

By our ingratitude, we deserve that he should call us no more, but He has continued to invite us to return to Him. And who is it that has called us? It is God of infinite majesty, who is to be one day our judge, and on whom our eternal happiness or misery depends. To restore to us the life of grace that we have lost, we should return to God and live (Ezek 18, 32). To acquire the grace of God, it would be but little to spend a hundred years in a desert in fasting and penitential austerities. But God offered it to us for a single act of charity. Why then brethren do we refuse to be charitable to one another which can pay for the multitude of our iniquities (Tobit 4:10)?

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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 (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.
damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk (Day off: Mon)

1st Assistant Priest: Fr Ignatius Nguyen Quy Quan,
CSSp

quyquannguyen@rcdow.org.uk (Day off: Wed)

2nd Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow

Airport: Fr Terkura Igbe, CSSp.

terkuraigbe@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)
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To show mercy and grant pardon to sinners, God regards as redounding to His glory (Is 30, 18). Do not imagine, dearly beloved sisters and brothers that God requires us to labor for a long time before He grants us pardon: as soon as we wish for forgiveness and ask for it (Mt 7:7), He is ready to give it. "Behold what the Scripture says: weeping, you shall not weep, He will surely have pity on you" (Is 30, 19). We shall not have to weep for a long time: as soon as you shall have shed the first tear through sorrow and acts of charity for your sins, God will have mercy on us. "At the voice of your cry, as soon as He shall hear, He will answer you" (Is 30, 19). The moment He shall hear you say: forgive me, my God forgive me! He will instantly answer and grant you pardon. But we must also forgive our brothers and sisters from the depths of our hearts. Dear brethren, be charitable and do good at all times because that may be your last opportunity to do so! Peace be with you all!

PARISH NOTICES

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024

The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be taking place from 19th – 26th July 2024. The Sanctuary's theme for the year is 'Come here in procession'. Parishioners are encouraged to join the pilgrimage as Adult Helpers, Redcap Youth Helpers, Assisted Pilgrims, nurses and doctors, or as regular pilgrims. New chaplains are also always welcome! Please see poster in the Church porch area.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are in need of helpers for our counting groups on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning in the parish office. The choir for 6:15pm Mass have also requested if anyone is available to join the choir. Please kindly contact the parish office via email hounslow@rcdow.org.uk.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday 10th October at 7pm.

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

A total of £155.00 was contributed during the week. 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. Thank you for your support.

UCM MEETING

Meeting at 9.30am on Tuesday 10th October in the Parish Centre.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS AND STICKERS

Please note the distribution of Mass attendance cards and stickers has begun. Parents are reminded to take note of this development, and to remember that **they are responsible** for bringing their children to the church for weekend Masses, and on time as well. **The new Mass Attendance Card (Pink Colour) (Sept 2023- Jun 2024) is for children in Year 5 and below only.** This Card will be requested by the Priest before signing of the *Certificate of Catholic Practise (CCP) for Catholic Schools*. Stickers will be given when you ENTER THE CHURCH BEFORE MASS BEGINS.

- Please ensure your card has a recent PHOTO of your child and their FULL NAME.
- All parents are reminded that a sticker will only be issued if the child is present for the Mass.
- Stickers will not be given if the card is not presented. We will stop issuing stickers once the First Reading starts.

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.

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!

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** Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp (contact details are available on page 1).

MASS DIARY 2023

The Mass diary for 2023 is fully booked. 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.

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 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. 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.

REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES

Registration for 2023-2024 Sacramental preparation programs began on Sunday 25th June 2023 and ended on 30th July 2023. We are now unable to accept any more candidates for this year.

'With the Rosary, we allow ourselves to be guided by Mary, model of faith, in meditating on the mysteries of Christ, and day after day we are helped to assimilate the Gospel, so that it shapes all our lives.'

Pope Benedict XVI

The Rosary is the best therapy for these distraught, unhappy, fearful and frustrated souls, precisely because it involves, the simultaneous use of three powers – the physical, the vocal and the spiritual and in that order.

Venerable Fulton J Sheen

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

27th 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 25:6-10 – The Lord will prepare a banquet for every nation

Psalms Response – *In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever*

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 – With the help of the One who gives me strength

Matthew 22:1-14 – Invite everyone you can to the wedding

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 8th Oct at 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 15th Oct at 4pm

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 01st Oct at 3pm

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

30th Sept/01st Oct 2023

Envelopes: £1,643.21

Loose: £5,188.60

TOTAL: £6,831.81

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; 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

Sports & Cultural Team (SCS) in (October), CAFOD (November) & Goan Chaplaincy (December).

CAFÉ TOGETHER

Every Monday evening in October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Centre.

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.