



SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

05th November 2023

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Parish Annual Bereavement Mass - On **Friday 17th November at 7pm** we will have our **Annual Bereavement Mass** for all families in the Parish who have lost their loved ones since November 2022. It will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30pm and Benediction at 6:30pm. Thereafter, please join us for refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Plenary indulgence - A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who (1) on one of the days 1-8 November visit devoutly a cemetery or simply pray mentally for the dead; (2) on All Souls' Day visit a church or chapel with devotion and there recite the Our Father and the Creed.

A partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who (1) visit devoutly Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead, or the invocation 'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord'.....

Book of Remembrance: Throughout November there will be a book in the Church for parishioners to write the names of their deceased relatives/friends.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Please see the poster in the Church porch and parish website detailing the times and dates for the blessing of graves by Catholic Priests in the cemeteries and crematoria in the Borough of Hounslow during the month of November. The dates for Hounslow Parish are Tuesday 7th November 10am & 10:30am and Sunday 12th November 10am.

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

guyquannnguyen@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)
hounslowsg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Chinyere)
hounslowsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Areis)
hounslowsg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Mary Pierre-Harvey)

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

Priests responsible for different volunteer groups in our parish

1st Assistant Priest: Fr Ignatius Nguyen Quy Quan,

CSSp

- Youth
- St Vincent De Paul (SVP)
 - Altar Servers
- Sports & Cultural Society (S.C.S)

2nd Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow

Airport: Fr Terkura Igbe, CSSp

- Ushers
- Safeguarding
- Health & Safety
- Fire Warden

Fr Damian-Mary Moneke (Parish Priest) will directly be in charge of other remaining volunteer groups.

PARISH NOTICES

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION

Second collection – Sick & Retired Priests'

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility.

Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. You may also wish to consider becoming a **Patron** of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today, for more information. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

CHOIR LEADERS MEETING

Fr Damian will meet with the Choir leaders on **Tuesday 7th November at 7pm in the Parish office.**

USHERS MEETING

Thank you to the ushers who attended the meeting on the 30th October. Fr Terkura will have another meeting with all the ushers in the **Parish Centre on the 11th November at 10am.**

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Fr Ignatius will meet with all the Altar Servers on **Saturday 18th November at 10:30am in the Church.** This is an invite to the new and existing Altar Servers.

PARISH FEAST OF SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

We invite our parishioners to celebrate the feast of one of our Parish Patron Saints, St Martin, 9am Mass on Saturday 11th Nov 2023.

UPPER ROOM (YOUTH) - Leadership Programme "Make disciples of all nations..."

Aged 18 - 22? Westminster Youth Ministry is taking 20 young Catholics on this exciting leadership training course, beginning at the start of Advent and culminating in a pilgrimage to Lourdes in July, during which the young leaders will support the Redcaps as they accompany sick or elderly pilgrims. **Application deadline: 11 November 2023.** Visit youth.rcdow.org.uk to apply or email youth@rcdow.org.uk for more information.

IMPORTANT REMINDER – THE TOILETS

The Church toilets are open only during Mass times when we have volunteers to assist with their use. While the toilet at the main entrance of the Church is for both males and females, **the toilet by the side of Our Lady's Chapel, inside the church is for females only.** Please avail yourself of other public toilets when our toilets are closed.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SVP Parish Foodbank is available on the following schedule:

When: Every 2nd Saturday of the month

Time: 10:30am to 12pm

Location: Church Car Park / Parish Centre

All safety guidelines are adhered to (Note: If you want to donate food then you can either do that during the above time slot or **before/after weekday/weekend**

masses in the Church. Contact the number below for more information) SVP Contact: Jewla on 07824 067524 (For food donation and also for all volunteering opportunities).

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.

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

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 ended on 30th July 2023. We are now unable to accept any more candidates for this year.

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 depth of your love for them and, the joy, the peace and healing of your presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10 – You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching

Psalms Response – *Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord*

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13 – We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives

Matthew 23:1-12 – They do not practise what they preach

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wisdom 6:12-16 – Wisdom is found by those who look for her

Psalms Response – *For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 – Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus

Matthew 25:1-13 – The wise and foolish virgins

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 05TH November at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 12th November 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 19th November at 4pm

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

Tuesdays at 7pm, followed by Rosary.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays at 5pm.

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

28th/29th Oct 2023

Envelopes: £1,492.91

Loose: £4,292.27

TOTAL: £5,785.18

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: 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.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME SUNDAYS/ COFFEE MORNINGS

CAFOD (November) & Goan Chaplaincy (December).

CAFE TOGETHER

A very big 'Thank-you' to everyone in the hard-working team who helped to make this Parish project so successful over the five Monday evenings in October. Hot meals were provided by those who cooked to between 20 to 30 guests every week. Others contributed home-made soup and home-made desserts. Cash donations were also received from individuals. In addition, volunteers also acted as welcomers, table hosts, food servers and 'washer-uppers' who were kept very busy.