



SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2nd Sunday of Advent

10th December 2023

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Tickets are now on sale for our annual Christmas concerts which celebrate the mystery of Christ's Incarnation in carols and readings performed by the world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir, orchestra, and celebrity readers, on **19 and 20 December at 7.30pm**. We encourage everybody to purchase tickets quickly before these popular events are sold out. Tickets can be purchased from the Cathedral Gift Shop or directly from Ticketmaster; go to www.ticketmaster.co.uk and type in Westminster Cathedral when prompted.

ADVENT YOUTH WORKSHOP, DECEMBER 16TH @ 1-3PM

Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate while making your own Christmas cards and ornaments.
16 DECEMBER IN THE PARISH CENTRE 1:00PM TO 3:00PM. All youth are welcome to come along!

DECEMBER YOUTH MASS & YOUTH CLUB, DEC 17TH @ 6PM

December Youth Mass will take place on **Sunday 17th Dec at 6pm** followed by the Christmas Karaoke, snacks, and games in the Parish centre. All youth are welcome to come along!

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

The starting date of the Training is on Saturday 13th of January 2024 at 10.00am in the Church. There will be groups of three, which will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

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

PARISH NOTICES

NOTIFICATIONS FOR PARISH EVENT PLANNER 2024

As 2023 ends, we must anticipate the parish's plans for 2024. We call associations and groups to forward their significant events to the Parish Calendar. The goal is to avoid events clashes and cloistering. The regular Masses of the ethnic chaplaincies are already registered and will continue, but they will have to indicate celebrations outside their ordinary hours.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS COLLECTION

There will be a collection for the Christmas flowers this weekend during all Masses. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

ANNUAL CAROL SINGING AND ADVENT PLAY

Please join us for our Annual Carol singing on and Advent play "**The Magnificat**" on Sunday 10th December at 7:15pm in the Church (followed by refreshments). All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS DONATION

Annually, as a parish, we prepare Christmas Hampers to assist the families in need during the festive season. This kind gesture provides a lot of relief to such families, and they rely on us to make their Christmas celebration a happy one. We therefore appeal to everyone to kindly donate some food items which will be distributed to the families in need. Please do not bring perishable/fresh food items. Thank you very much for your anticipated kindness and generosity.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME CARDS

Our December Christmas Season programme cards are now available. In the cards you will find the schedule of Masses for the season and the timetable for Christmas confessions. Please collect a copy.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) ADVENT CALENDAR

The St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Team have prepared the SVP Advent calendar that gives a suggestion for items to be donated to our SVP foodbank for each day leading to Christmas. This initiative has been successful in previous years, helping us collect essential food items for families while minimising food waste. Kindly see the poster in the Porch area.

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

FILIPINO SIMBANGABI MASS

December 16th at 2:00 PM at St. Michael and Martin's Church.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT GIGGLES

We are looking for a cleaner Monday - Friday either 8am-9.00am or 5pm-6pm. Also, a person to help set up the nursery / move furniture Monday 7am -8am and Friday 4.00pm-5.00pm.

Please contact Giggles Day Nursery
020 8577 1815 giggleshounslow@googlemail.com

NEWCOMERS WELCOME SUNDAYS/COFFEE MORNINGS: CALL FOR SOCIETIES HOST

The third Sunday of each month is the Parish Coffee/Tea Morning, which occurs after 9am and 10.30am Masses in the Parish Centre. To this, we have added the welcoming of those who are new to the Parish since the preceding month. Societies or groups hosting the Morning will host the new and old members at the center and make leaflets with parish information available to the new members. Societies are hereby called upon to indicate which month(s), between January and December, they wish to anchor the Coffee/Tea Mornings. The Parish Office will give the hosting groups all the supports they need with refreshments and information materials. To book a place, please email hounslow@rcdow.org.uk.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS AND STICKERS

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.

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.

REGULAR NOTICES

HOW TO REGISTER IN THIS PARISH?

The first thing to do is to complete the **PARISH REGISTRATION FORM (GREEN FORM)** which is available in the parish office and also in 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 send an email to the parish office **hounslow@rcdow.org.uk**, providing your full name and date of birth. If you are a visitor or worshipping with us for the first time, you are very 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.

CCP SIGNING

Parents are advised to come to the Parish office, during parish office hours between 10am-12noon, either on **Tuesdays or Thursdays** for signing of the CCP. 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!

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 January 2024. Read the Baptism webpage for requirements & other details.

2023-24 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES

This year we have approx. 140 candidates preparing for the First Holy Communion and another approx. 140 candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This year we also have 6 catechumen discerning joining the Catholic Church and 9 Catholic adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them all in your prayers.

JACOB'S ANGELS

The angels bearing the name, age and gift idea for a child/person, will be displayed on the notice boards in the Mother Mary chapel at all Masses beginning this weekend. Parishioners are invited to choose an angel and purchase the Christmas gift written on it. This will be presented to that child or person by one of the five charities that serves them. The requirements and ages are specific to actual persons; however, the names have been changed to protect their privacy.

JACOB'S ANGELS DROP-OFF

Kindly place your gift unwrapped in a paper gift bag along with the paper angel so that your gift reaches the right person/child. Please bring your gift bags to church for the evening Mass on Sat 9th Dec and any Mass on Sun 10th Dec and leave them at the Mother Mary Chapel. This year's Confirmation candidates will help collect and put these away.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

We are seeking people with cars to help take the Christmas gifts from the Jacob's Angels project to the local charities on a weekday between 10am & 2pm in the week beginning 13th December. Please email Lionel hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk your name and hours available if you can help. Thank you!

2023-24 FHC RITE OF ENROLMENT MASS

140 children currently undergoing preparation and their families will publicly profess their intent to prepare for the Sacrament on Sunday 10th Dec at 2pm Mass. Please keep them all in your prayers.

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 – The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it

Psalms Response – *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help*

2 Peter 3:8-14 – We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth

Mark 1:1-8 – A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 – He has sent me to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord

Psalms Response – *My soul rejoices in my God*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 – May you all be kept safe for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

John 1:6-8,19-28 – 'There stands among you the one coming after me'

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 10th December 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 17th December at 4pm

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Will resume from January 2024.

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

Tuesdays at 7pm.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

There will be no Novena's held from 13th December 2023 until 10th January 2024. From 17th January 2024 will resume as normal.

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

02nd/03rd Dec 2023

Envelopes: £1,675.92

Loose: £3,641.61

TOTAL: £5,317.53

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, 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.

MASS DIARY 2024

The parish Mass diary for 2024 is open. Please note **only TWO INTENTIONS per person** will be taken, this is due to the large number of parishioners we have and to ensure we are fair to all our parishioners. Any additional requests for Mass intentions will be sent to other Spiritans Churches and will be celebrated as intended. Kindly note that the **stipend** per Mass intention is a **minimum of £10** (Diocesan Guidelines). **Payment can be made either by cash, online transfer or card payment**

CONSULTATION - WALKING AND CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS - BATH ROAD, HOUNSLOW

Deadline for reply by post 17th December 2023, please see link below from Hounslow Council.

<https://talk.hounslow.gov.uk/bath-road-cycling-and-walking-improvements>