



## SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow  
Archdiocese of Westminster

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### 3rd Sunday of Advent

17th December 2023

#### ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Please we kindly requests all volunteers to attend a meeting with Parish clergy on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 7pm in the Church to present the new volunteers policy. All volunteers are endeavored to attend.

#### 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](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk) and type in Westminster Cathedral when prompted.

#### 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.

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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

Please refer to  
Christmas  
schedule

#### PARISH

##### ROSARY

Mon – Fri at  
8:15am

#### HOLY HOUR &

##### BENEDICTION

Please refer to  
Christmas  
schedule

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

**Parish Priest:** Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.  
[damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk) (Day off: Mon)

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

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

**2nd Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow**

**Airport:** Fr Terkura Igbe, CSSp.

[terkuraigbe@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk)

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[hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk)

**Youth Worker:** Ivan Čižmárik

[ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk)

**Parish Centre Manager:** Señorita Evans

[senoritaevans@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:hounslowsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) (Lorna – Admin)

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Harvey)

Altar Servers Training is divided into three groups based on the first letter of their surnames.

(The date of Training is the 13th of January 2024 in the Church)

**Group 1: ACDGL (28) and Time: 10 am-11 am**

**Group 2: FTV (27) and Time: 11 am- 12 pm**

**Group 3: MNOPRS (29) and Time: 12 pm-13 pm**

Registered children must attend all 3 sessions to complete the training.

## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **ST MARK'S DECEMBER MASSES**

St Mark's School students will have Masses on Thursday 21st December. Please take note of the following adjustments on that day:

- a. Parish morning Mass – 8.00 am
- b. St Mark's School First Mass – 9.15 am
- c. St Mark's School Second Mass -11.05 am

### **CHURCH CAR PARK ACCESS**

Please note the Church car park will NOT be in use from the 23rd December till the 2nd January. There will be a marquee in the Church car park to support the large crowd expected for Christmas and New Year Masses. The school car park will be open for cars to park, and entry and exit will be via St Mark's school car park.

### **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 – THANK YOU**

We raised a total amount of £688.26 from the second collection for Christmas flowers in our Masses last weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 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 – THANK YOU

On behalf of the charities and those they serve, thank you very much for your generosity. May God bless you abundantly always!

### FAMILY BLESSING SERVICE

For the feast of The Holy Family, all families are welcome to the **Family Blessing Service on Saturday 30th December at 3pm in the church**. This is not a Mass, but a service where a priest will pray over each family and confer a blessing. Biscuits and tea/coffee will be served in the Parish Centre afterwards.

## TEXTS FOR THIS 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'

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

### **4th Sunday of Advent**

**2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16** – Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me

**Psalms Response** – *I will sing forever of your love, O Lord*

**Romans 16:25-27** – The mystery is revealed that was kept secret for endless ages

**Luke 1:26-38** – 'I am the handmaid of the Lord'

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**09<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023**

Envelopes: £1,485.65

Loose: £3,920.42

**TOTAL: £5,406.07**

**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.

## PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

### GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm

### SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Will resume from January 2024.

### SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 4pm

### 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.

## 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>