



SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE HOLY FAMILY

31st December 2023

END OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The current Parish Pastoral Council ends on 31st December 2023. The parish will be having in the place of Parish Pastoral Council meeting, a Parish general assembly every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Church. All coordinators of the parish groups are expected to attend. We thank immensely all the outgoing Pastoral council members for their enormous contributions to the Pastoral life of the Parish.

ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

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

PARISH VOLUNTEERS MASS

Please note the Parish volunteers Mass will be held on Thursday the 25th January at 7pm. There will be light refreshment after the Mass in the Parish Centre.

PARISH PROGRAMME

Please note all parish programme resumes as usual from Tuesday 2nd January.

We wish all our parish families a very Happy Feast of the Holy family and Prosperous New Year.

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

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

SOLEMNITY EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Please note Epiphany of the Lord is on Sunday 7th January, masses will be at 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 12noon and 6pm, (vigil Mass will be on Saturday 6:15pm 6th January).

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Please note feast of Baptism of the Lord is on Monday 8th January and Masses will be the usual 9am and 6pm.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

The starting date of the Training is on Saturday 13th of January 2024 at 10.00am in the Church. 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.

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.

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: Jwela on 07824 067524.

ADMISSION IN A HOSPITAL

If you are admitted to any hospital (or a family member), and desires to receive Holy Communion or Sacrament of Anointing, kindly inform the staff there to call a Priest on duty for you. You have to notify them by telling them that you are a Roman Catholic. There is a Priest on duty every day in any hospital. For those going to West Middlesex Hospital, all the parishes in Hounslow Deanery take turns to respond to hospital calls on daily basis.

St Michael and St Martin Church Hounslow covers West Middlesex Hospital every Thursday from 6am to Friday 6am. However, should any sick parishioners require a priest, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

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.

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).

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.



TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

THE HOLY FAMILY

Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3 – Your heir shall be your own flesh and blood

Psalms Response – *He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.*

Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19 – The faith of Abraham and of Sarah

Luke 2:22-40 – My eyes have seen your salvation

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6 – Above you the glory of the Lord appears

Psalms Response – *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord*

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 – It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance

Matthew 2:1-12 – The visit of the Magi

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Will resume from January 2024.

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 14th January 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 21st January at 4pm

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

St Anthony Novenas will resume from Tuesday 9th January onwards at 7pm in Church.

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

23rd/24th Dec 2023

Envelopes: £1,344.05

Loose: £5,939.21

TOTAL: £7,283.26

May God bless your generosity!

IN YOUR PRAYERS – REMEMBER

OUR SICK: Nizelle Soares, Peter Newton, Hubert Teles, Andrew Logadasan, Steve, Sandra, Carson Javier Dabasia, Amy & Denzil Burns, Terry Lynch, Igor Sitarska, and Don Lynch.

DECEASED: Rosaria Castro, Remy Vaz, Marie Lynch, Baby Nyssa, Roque Antonio Wellington Vaz, Emmanuel Dankyi, Maria Viegas, Gina Coreixas (Mazzaschi), Lewis Barallon, Malcolm Rose and John Lynch.

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 from January we can accept more than two intentions. 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

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.