



## SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow  
Archdiocese of Westminster

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

07<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### PARISH VOLUNTEER POLICY

The parish volunteer policy is now available for collection from the parish office. It is also available on the parish website to download. Please, feel free to read and sign the document if you wish to continue volunteering or would like to volunteer. Kindly return the signed policy in a sealed envelope to the Parish Priest/Parish Office for Data Protection purposes. The policy takes effect from Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. Please endeavor to return the signed copy of the policy before the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February.

### PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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 parish centre, starting from the month of February. All coordinators of the parish groups are expected to attend. We thank immensely the previous Pastoral council members for their enormous contributions to the Pastoral life of the Parish. A date for a thanksgiving Mass for them will be announced in due course. A new Parish Pastoral council will be constituted as soon as possible.

### PARISH VOLUNTEERS MASS

Please note that 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.

#### 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](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)

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DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

**Parish Administrator:** Priya Joseph  
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**Parish Catechist:** Lionel Pereira  
[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:**  
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## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Please note that feast of Baptism of the Lord is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **CAFOD**

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or get in touch with [brozycka@cafod.org.uk](mailto:brozycka@cafod.org.uk) or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? [cafod.org.uk/walk](https://cafod.org.uk/walk)

### **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.

### **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.

### 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 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.**

## CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

### WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION ON PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES:

Type **[parish.rcdow.org/Hounslow](http://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.

### 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

### **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

## NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

### **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1 Samuel 3:3-10,19** – 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'

**Psalms Response** – *Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will*

**1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20** – Do not sin against your own body

**John 1:35-42** – 'We have found the Messiah'

## 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.

## PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

### **SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Will resume from January 2024 date TBC.

### **SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS**

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

### **GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS**

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**23rd/24th Dec 2023**

Envelopes: £1,344.05

Loose: £5,939.21

**TOTAL: £7,283.26**

## CHRISTMAS, WEEKLY & NEW YEAR COLLECTIONS

**24<sup>th</sup> (vigil & night)/25th Dec 2023**

Envelopes: £2,353.90

Loose: £9,891.98

**TOTAL: £12,245.88**

**30<sup>th</sup>/31st Dec 2023/1<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

Envelopes: £2,011.74

Loose: £12,409.92

**TOTAL: £14,421.66**

**May God bless your generosity!**

**DECEASED:** Sean Feeney, 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.

## **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 Parish Centre.

## **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**

UCM meeting will be on Tuesday 9th January at 9.30am in the parish centre. All are welcome.