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Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

10th March 2024

A JOY OF A PRIEST

"I was following a video interview given by a priest, not of this diocese. He was asked, quite simply, what was the best, most enjoyable, aspect of his priestly ministry. Without any hesitation he replied: 'Celebrating Mass with the people of the parish.' He went on: 'What can be more joyful, more satisfying than knowing that I am able to bring the real, living presence of our Blessed Lord into their hearts and lives. Only a priest brings the fulness of that sacramental gift! That is my joy.'" – Cardinal Vincent Nichols

PLANNED GIVING BOXES 2024/2025

Please collect your planned giving boxes 2024/2025 after any weekend Masses. Please ensure you have your box number ready when you come for collection. Boxes can also be collected from the Parish office (during parish office hours ONLY). Please note that you can set up a Standing order via your bank. Please find details of other ways of donating on page 3 of the parish newsletter. Thank you very much for your generosity. May God continue to bless you as you support our parish.

LITURGICAL GROUP MEETING

Fr Damian will have a meeting with the Liturgical group coordinators on Wednesday 13th March at 7pm in the Church. This meeting will be to plan for the Holy Week & Easter celebrations.

ASSEMBLY OF VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH YOUTH

The Assembly of volunteers who work with young people in our parish or wish to serve in Youth Ministry will be held on **Wednesday 20th March at 7pm in the parish centre**. All volunteers who work with young people are expected to attend. Contact Person: Ivan, Parish Youth Worker E: ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk

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
guyquannguyen@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)

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 – Sat at 8:15am

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

Saturday 4.30-
5.30pm

THE ANGELUS PRAYER

Before every evening
Mass

PARISH NOTICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (LENT SEASON)

Every Friday in the church after the 9am Mass, led by a lay faithful, and 7pm Mass, led by a Priest. In addition, Stations of the Cross, led by a lay faithful, takes place every Saturday after the 9am Mass.

EASTER FLOWERS COLLECTION

There will be a special collection after this weekend Masses for our Easter flowers.

PARISH MASS LIVE STREAMING

We would like to inform parishioners and volunteers that every Sunday 12noon Mass will be live streamed. Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.30pm will be live streamed, including special occasion Masses. Please find the link - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOQzcJ9b0grzoLwx49cpdpg> and [channel name: @SSMichaelandMartinRCChurchHoun](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOQzcJ9b0grzoLwx49cpdpg). Kindly note: The Camera will be broadcasting only the Sanctuary.

PARISH CAR PARK NOTICE

Parishioners are requested to avoid any drop offs at the car park entrance. This is a serious hazard and can cause an accident with other vehicles, particularly during weekend Masses. All drop offs should be strictly in the car park. We also request parishioners to park **ONLY** in the designated bays in the car park. Emergency areas must be kept clear at **ALL** times.

UPCOMING FEAST

Feast of St Joseph is on Tuesday 19th March. Masses will be at 9am & 6pm.

PARISH VOLUNTEER MASS

The next Parish volunteer Mass will be on Thursday 25th April. Refreshments that will be provided by the Parish. If any group would like to help to serve the refreshments immediately after Mass, please email the parish office hounslow@rcdow.org.uk.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We congratulate all the mothers as we celebrate you in a special way today. You gave birth to us, nursed us, sacrificed much for us. Your love, patience, kindness, support and sacrifices have made tremendous difference in our lives. Without

you, life would have a different story for us. We love you and offer special prayers to God for you today. We wish you the very best in life. As a token of our appreciation and love, please collect a daffodil after Mass. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

USHERS TRAINING AND MEETING: SUNDAY 10TH MARCH

We will have the NEW ushers training on Sunday 10th March at 1:30pm followed by ALL Ushers meeting at 2pm in the Church. Also, if there are any parishioners or volunteers who would like to contribute their flexible availability as Ushers (18 and above), to a meaningful and welcoming worship experience for our church community then please kindly complete the volunteering policy and submit it to the Parish office. For any ushering-related questions or training, Contact Alpesh and Symantha after any weekend Masses.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY ENVELOPES RETURN – THANK YOU

We raised a total amount of £2,320.28 from the CAFOD collection in our Masses last weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE – WISDOM: GOD'S VISION FOR LIFE WILL START ON WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL.

The eight-week session course will be held on Wednesdays in the Parish Centre. Parishioners can attend the sessions after 9 am or 6 pm Mass. Participants of Wisdom will receive the journal that cost £24.99. If you wish to participate without purchasing the journal, it is possible. For more information or to register, contact Ivan via email: ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk.

All are welcome!

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.

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.

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. 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.**

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.

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 run in May 2024. Read the Baptism webpage for requirements & other details.

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS & ASSISTANTS

Our parish requires more volunteer catechists and assistants to aid in the Sacramental preparation of our children. If you wish to serve our parish, are willing to contribute your time, want to learn more about your faith and share it with others, then please send an email to hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk. Prior experience is helpful, but not necessary.

RCIA SCRUTINIES

At the 12pm Mass this Sunday 10th March and next Sunday 17th March, we will celebrate the 2nd and 3rd Scrutinies with our Elect. Please pray for Alecia, Tara, Tejiri and Tessy as they prayerfully prepare for full communion with the Catholic Church.

Online Giving/ Standing Order

To make your donation online, please visit:
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/donate/other-ways-to-give/>

Bank Transfer

To make a one-off donation please use the parish bank account details:

Account Name: **WRCDT Hounslow**

Sort Code: **40-05-20**

Account Number: **11095463**

Reference: **Surname and First Initial**

If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation. The government will top up your gift by 25 percent, meaning a £20 offering becomes £25, at NO cost to you.

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23 – God's wrath and mercy are revealed in the exile and release of his people

Psalm Response – *O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

Ephesians 2:4-10 – You have been saved through grace

John 3:14-21 – God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34 – I will write my Law in their hearts

Psalm Response – *A pure heart create for me, O God.*

Hebrews 5:7-9 – He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation

John 12:20-33 – If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 10th March at 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 17th March at 4pm

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 7th April at 3pm

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

Tuesday at 7pm in Church.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday at 5pm. Please note Novena will not be said on the 20th & 27th March and 03rd April. Novena will resume on the 10th of April.

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

*Three pillars of our Lenten observances:
Fasting, Prayer & Alms Giving.*

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

02nd/3rd March 2024

Envelopes: £1,605.30

Loose: £4,811.28

TOTAL: £6,416.58

Thank you very much for your generosity. May God continue to bless you as you support our parish

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: Goldwyn Dias, 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.

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.

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.

**NO FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH DURING
LENTEN SEASON PLEASE. THANK YOU**