



SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

This Parish is served by the Spiritans

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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5th Sunday of Lent

17th March 2024

WELCOME FR UGO

We welcome to our parish, Rev Fr Ugo Ikwuka, CSSp the Superior of the Spiritans of the British Province. He will be staying with us for some time.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES

Please note the blessings of the Palms for all Masses will take place in the Church and NOT in the car park. Please note, Mass will start 10 minutes before the scheduled time for each Mass.

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

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

LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE 2024

Lent/Easter Schedule 2024 is displayed in the Church porch area, noticed boards outside and the Parish website. Schedule cards will be made available early next week. **Please do not arrive in the last 10 minutes of the designated times for Easter Confessions.**

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 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)

Parish Administrator: Priya Joseph
priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Catechist: Lionel Pereira
hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk

Youth Worker: Ivan Čížmárik
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)

**PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE
PRIEST DIRECTLY FOR AN
APPOINTMENT**

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:
hounslowsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Lorna – Admin)
hounslowsg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk (Chinyere) 1

PARISH NOTICES

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19TH- 26TH JULY 2024

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nicholas is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. ***All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.***

UPCOMING FEAST

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

CROSS/STATUE VEILING

The practice of veiling in purple or red cloth the cross, statues and images in the Church will be observed from this weekend. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, statues and images until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS AND STICKERS

Please note stickers will **NOT** be issued during Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Masses. We will resume issuing the stickers from the 6th/7th April weekend Masses.

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 – THANK YOU

We have raised a total of £1,029.96, from the collection last weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

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

On 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**

QR Code

Scan on the QR code below to donate

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

5th Sunday of Lent

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

Psalms 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7 – I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed

Psalms Response – *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Philippians 2:6-11 – Christ humbled himself but God raised him high

Mark 14:1-15:47 – The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 17th March at 4pm

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 7th April at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 14th April at 4pm

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

Tuesday at 7pm in Church. Please note there will be no novena on the 26th March. Novena will resume on the 2nd of April.

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

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

9th/10th March 2024

Envelopes: £1,447.01

Loose: £4,472.83

TOTAL: £5,919.84

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

IN YOUR PRAYERS – REMEMBER

OUR SICK: Jennita Aluan, 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.

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.

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