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Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday of Advent

15th December 2024

VOLUNTEERS FOR COUNTING & BANKING

We are currently looking for volunteers who can help with counting/banking. If you are interested to help, please email the parish office hounslow@rcdow.org.uk.

“CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS”

Please ensure you do not leave any rubbish behind such as tissues, wrappers etc, on the pews. Please ensure after using the toilets it is left the way you would like to find it. The Church is also cleaned thrice a week, please be considerate. We want to thank immensely all volunteers for their sacrifices to keep the Church clean. Parishioners are encouraged to join the cleaning group and help to maintain our Church tidy. We are **ALL** responsible for keeping our Church neat and clean. Holiness and cleanliness go together.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES IN CHURCH – HEALTH AND SAFETY

Please kindly note the parish provides VOTIVE CANDLES for parishioners to use and should not be brought from elsewhere. It is important to note that all the candles provided by the Parish have met the required Health and Safety Standards. Please **DO NOT** over crowd the lighted candles by placing them on top of each other and **DO NOT** use the tealight candles on the glass candle stands. This is for the Health and Safety of everyone, and of the church. Thank you.

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. Please kindly place the items in the red container placed in Mother Mary chapel marked **‘Christmas Hampers Donation’**. Thank you very much for your anticipated kindness and generosity.

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 the Christmas schedule

PARISH ROSARY

Mon – Sat at
8:15am

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

Saturday
4.30-5.30pm

THE ANGELUS

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)

Assistant Priest: Fr Ignatius Nguyen Quy Quan, CSSp
quyquanguyen@rcdow.org.uk (Day off: Wed)

2nd Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow

Airport: Fr Jude Kurumeh, CSSp.
judekurumeh@rcdow.org.uk (Day off: Thurs)

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)

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Parish Administrator: Priya Joseph

priyajoseph@rcdow.org.uk

MISSION STATEMENT

Building a united and peaceful family of Jesus Christ's disciples, where everyone is welcome, respected, have a sense of belonging, grow spiritually, feel free to participate and feel the need to contribute.

PARISH NOTICES

ST MARK'S END OF TERM MASSES

On Friday, 20th December St Mark's Catholic School will celebrate End of Term Masses at 9.15am and 11.05am. Parish morning Mass will be at 8:00am on that day.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

(Second collection) - Christmas flowers - £1,044.11
(Second collection) – In support of the work of Cardinal Pizzaballa – £741.91
(Second collection) - Aid in Church – £707.39
(During veneration, not second collection) - St Francis Xavier feast Mass – £1,014.82

GRATITUDE

- We thank a parishioner who donated statue of St Francis Xavier statue to our parish.
- We also thank a parishioner who donated £400 towards the Church maintenance project.
- We thank the Ghanaian community for cleaning our Liturgical items last week.
- We thank all our anonymous donors for supporting our work in the evangelisation in our parish.

MASS DIARY 2025

The parish Mass diary for 2025 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.**

ANNUAL CAROL SINGING AND ADVENT PLAY

The Sports and Cultural Society (SCS) team invites everyone to join us for our Annual Carol singing and Advent play "The Silent Saint" on **Sunday 15th December at 7:15pm** in the Church (followed by tea & coffee in the parish centre). All are welcome.

SVP ADVENT CALENDAR 2024

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.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME CARDS

Our 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.

REGULAR NOTICES

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 ATTENDANCE CARDS AND STICKERS

Parents are reminded to take note of this development, and to remember that **they are responsible** for bringing their children to the church for weekend Masses, and on time as well. **The new Mass Attendance Card (Blue colour) (Sept 2024- Jun 2025) is for children in Year 5 and below only.** 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.

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.

PARISH MASS LIVE STREAMING

Every Sunday 12noon Mass will be live streamed, including special occasion Masses. Please find the link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOQzCJ9b0grzoLwx49cpdpg> and [channel name: @SSMichaelandMartinRCChurchHoun.](#) Kindly note:

The Camera will be broadcasting only the Sanctuary.

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 programmes. 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

in our parish is held once every two months. Parents are advised to register for the preparation course even before the delivery. Use the online form available on the Baptism page of the Parish website to sign up. Please read the Baptism webpage for requirements & other details.

JACOB'S ANGELS

As we do every year, angels bearing the name, age and gift idea for a child/person, will be displayed on the notice boards in the Mary chapel at all Masses this weekend. Parishioners are invited to choose an

angel and purchase the Christmas gift written on it. This will be presented to that child or person by one of the five charities that serves them. The requirements and ages are specific to actual persons; however, the names have been changed to protect their privacy.

JACOB'S ANGELS DROP-OFF

Kindly place your gift unwrapped in a paper gift bag along with the paper angel so that your gift reaches the right person/child. Please bring your gift bags to church for the evening Mass on Sat 14th Dec and any Mass on Sun 15th Dec and leave them at the Mary Chapel. This year's Confirmation candidates will help collect and put these away. NOTE: Gifts delivered after 15th Dec may be donated to other charities.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

We are seeking people with cars to help take the Christmas gifts from the Jacob's Angels project to the local charities on a weekday from Mon 16th Dec between 10am & 4pm. Please email Lionel hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk your name and hours available if you can help. Thank you!

Leave a legacy

Please consider including our parish in your will or leaving a legacy for the parish. For further details please email us on hounslow@rcdow.org.uk

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

3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18a – 'The Lord will exult over you with loud singing'.

Psalm Response – *Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

Philippians 4:4-7 – 'The Lord is at hand.'

Luke 3:10-18 – 'And we, what shall we do?'

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a – 'From you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel'.

Psalm Response – *Bring us back, O God, let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.*

Hebrews 10:5-10 – 'Behold, I have come to do your will'.

Luke 1:39-45 – 'Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?'

PARISH/PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 15th December at 4pm

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 05th January at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 12th January at 4pm

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

Tuesday at 7pm in the Church.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday at 5pm. There will be no Novena's held from 18th December. Novena will resume from 15th January 2025.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursdays after 9am Mass. Thank you

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS &

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Thursday at 5pm

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

First Friday of each month at 3pm

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

30th Nov/1st December 2024

Loose: £2,898.76

Envelopes: £1,257.23

TOTAL: £4,155.99

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

IN YOUR PRAYERS – REMEMBER

OUR SICK: Sybil Knox, Joaquim De Souza, Fr Derek McGuire, Jennita Aluan, Nizelle Soares, Peter Newton, Hubert Teles, Amy Burns, Steve, Sandra, Carson Javier Dabasia, Terry Lynch, Igor Sitarska and Don Lynch.

DECEASED: Emma Noronha, Michael Duncan Duff, Denzil Burns, Clara Nazareth, Rosita Teresa De Silva, Baby Angel Cardozo, Baby Perpetual Cardozo, Manuel Cardozo, Goldwyn Dias, Sean Feeney, Rosaria Castro, Remy Vaz, Marie Lynch, Baby Nyssa.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every 2nd Thursday of the month after evening Masses.

FIRST FRIDAYS EXPOSITION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on every first Friday of the month for adoration and silent prayers after the morning Mass and end at 5pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) MEETINGS

Weekend: 2nd Saturday after the Foodbank at 12pm 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.