



SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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4th Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2024

DAY OF PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 31st December after the 9am Mass will be followed by a Day of Prayer with an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and ending with Benediction at 2.30 pm.

FAMILY BLESSING SERVICE

For the feast of The Holy Family, all families are welcome to the Family Blessing Service on Sunday 29th December at 2pm in the church. This is not a Mass, but a service where a priest will pray over each family and confer a blessing.

“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.

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

THE ANGELUS

Before every evening Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - From Friday 20th December 2024 till Monday 06th January 2025

Parish Priest: Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.
damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk (Day off: Mon)

Assistant Priest: Fr Ignatius Nguyen Quy Quan, CSSp
guyquannguyen@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)

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT

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

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

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

CHURCH CAR PARK ACCESS

Please note the Church car park will NOT be in use from the 23rd December till the 2nd January. There will be a marquee in the Church car park to support the large crowd expected for Christmas and New Year Masses. The school car park will be open for cars to park, and entry and exit will be via St Mark's school car park.

CRIB OFFERING 2024

This Christmas, our Crib Offering will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society to support their work with disadvantaged children and families. This will help provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

We need more volunteers to join our Parish Ushers Team, especially during this festive period.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

We congratulate Symantha Marcello who received a recognition certificate for the 2024 'Love in Action' Diocesan award.

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.

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.**

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.](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOQzcJ9b0grzOLwx49cpdpg) 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.



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.

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.

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

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TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

4th Sunday of Advent

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

Psalms 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?'

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

The Holy Family

1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 – 'Samuel, as long as he lives, is lent to the Lord'.

Psalms Response – *Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

1 John 3:1-2,21-24 – 'We are called children of God, and so we are'.

Luke 2:41-52 – Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

14th/15th Dec 2024

Loose: £3,850.39

Envelopes: £1,294.86

TOTAL: £5,145.25

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: Mary Maher, 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.

PARISH/PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 05th January at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 12th January at 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 19th January at 4pm

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

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

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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

Novena will resume from the 9th January 2025 at 5pm in the Church

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

First Friday of each month at 3pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every 2nd Thursday of the month after evening Mass.

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.