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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

26th January 2025

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

This Sunday we are being reminded of the important place the Word of God has in our life as Christians. We are encouraged to study, meditate and live out the Word of God in our daily lives. St Jerome affirmed that 'ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ'. 'All scripture is inspired by God and useful for refuting error for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be upright' (2 Timothy 3:16).

PARISH CHURCH REDECORATION AND CHANGE OF PARISH CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM

The total quote for the two projects is £79,320.00 (including VAT) from two contactors. We kindly appeal to parishioners and friends to collect the **BLUE ENVELOPE** as you leave the church, enclose your donation and return it to us. **Alternatively, write a cheque to the parish, use QR code (Page 3) to donate online, make bank transfer or use contactless machines in the church.** Please tick the box for the **CHURCH PROJECT**. If you are a UK tax payer, kindly complete the **Gift Aid Declaration Section**. It will enable the parish to get additional money from Her Majesty Revenue Office. We rely on the support of everyone for the completion of the Parish Church and change of the sound system. Thank you very much for your anticipated support. God bless you.

FR JUDE ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Jude will be on annual leave from Thursday 30th January until Monday 3rd February. He will not have access to emails or phone calls.

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 – Sat at
8:15am

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
guyquanguyen@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
privajoseph@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

ALTAR SERVERS APPLICATION AND TRAINING

The training for new Altar Servers will be on the 15th February and 22nd February, for two batches. Further information regarding training will follow in due course.

Children interested in becoming Altar Servers can collect the application/consent forms and the Parish volunteer policy, from the Church porch area, fill them out, and return them with parental consent for the live-streamed Mass. Please remember to place the completed application in an envelope, seal it carefully, and include the documents for Baptism and FHC certificates. **Applications should be submitted by placing them in the mailbox of the parish office addressed to Fr. Ignatius. The deadline is Monday 03rd February.** Without these documents and consent, the application will be considered invalid. Thank you for your cooperation and interest in serving as an Altar Server.

PARISH CHOIR MEETING

Parish choir leaders meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th February at 7:30pm in the parish office.

COFFEE MORNING – 2ND FEBRUARY

There will be coffee morning on the Sunday 02nd February after the 9am and 10.30am Masses in the Parish Centre and will be hosted by the Lectors. Open to all, new parishioners most welcome.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS MASS

The next Parish volunteer Mass will be on Thursday 30th January at 7pm. This Mass is to bless all our parish volunteers, and pray for their intentions, and also to thank them for their sacrifice and services.

Refreshments will be provided by the Parish. The CAFOD and UCM group have agreed to serve the refreshments after the Mass in the Parish Centre.

MASS FOR THE SICK (LOURDES MASS) - 8 FEBRUARY 2025, 2PM

On Saturday 8th of February 2025 we will be holding our Mass for the Sick at the Cathedral at 2pm, celebrated by the H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. For booking of tickets, please email hounslow@rcdow.org.uk confirming the category below, tickets are in three categories

- 1. Wheelchair users who require anointing**
- 2. Walking sick who require anointing**
- 3. Those assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.**

Tickets are strictly on first come, first serve basis.

PARISH CENTRE USAGE NOTICE

All parishioners and parish centre users are to note that all parts of the Parish Centre are out of bounds when used for Sacramental Preparation programmes and events where minors are in the sole care of parish employees & authorised volunteers. This is a child-safeguarding requirement. Entry during these times is only via prior arrangement with the parish centre manager / parish priest. A calendar booking must be made with the parish centre manager, to use the parish centre or any part of it.

GET INVOLVED WITH WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY IN CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR!

We have art and writing competitions in January and February, open to those in the following age categories: 11-14, 15-17, and 18-35. Youth leaders are also warmly invited to our retreat day in March, for a day of community, formation, encouragement and prayer. To find out more, head to youth.rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025.

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

The 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/UCSSMichaelandMartinRCChurchHoun). Kindly note: The Camera will be broadcasting only the Sanctuary.

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.

RITE OF ENROLMENT MASSES

The First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates of our parish, accompanied by their parents, sponsors & catechists, will profess their intention to prepare for and receive the Sacraments, on Sunday 26th Jan 2025. ***Please keep them in your prayers.***

The FHC Rite of Enrolment Mass is at 2:00pm and the Confirmation Rite of Enrolment Mass is at 6:00pm (January Youth Mass). **Parishioners regularly attending the Sunday 6:00pm Mass are requested to make note of the expected increase in numbers and attend a different Mass if possible.**

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

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Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6,8-10 – 'They read from the book of the Law, and gave the meaning'.

Psalms Response – *Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.*

1 Corinthians 12:12-30 – 'You are the body of Christ and individually members of it'.

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21 – 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled'.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Malachi 3:1-4 – 'The Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple'.

Psalms Response – *The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!*

Hebrews 2:14-18 – 'He had to be made like his brothers, so that he might become merciful'.

Luke 2:22-32 – 'My eyes have seen your salvation'.

PARISH/PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 02nd February at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 09th February at 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 16th February at 4pm

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

Every Tuesday 7pm in the Church.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Every Wednesday at 5:15pm in the Church

CHURCH CLEANING

Thursdays after 9am Mass. Thank you

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS & IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Every Thursday 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.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

18th/19th Jan 2025

Loose: £3,261.47

Envelopes: £1,670.04

TOTAL: £4,931.51

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

NB: On average, it costs £50,000+ monthly to run 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: Carlos D'Silva, 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.

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.