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Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

16th February 2025

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The theme for Racial Justice Sunday is: *“Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice”*. The theme invites Catholics across England and Wales to reflect on the collective journey towards racial justice in our schools, parishes and wider society. Bishop Paul McAleenan said: “2025 is a very special year. It marks both a Year of Jubilee and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday. “This year, we invite the Catholic community to reflect on the journey towards racial justice – past, present and future – by asking: ‘How far have we come, where are we now and what remains to be achieved?’ “Just as pilgrims must prepare for their journey and be properly equipped, we, too, need all that is necessary to propel us towards racial justice – the mind of Christ; examination of our progress and of the challenges that remain; a willingness to learn from one another together; and prayers for and on the journey. “It is my hope that our Racial Justice Sunday 2025 resources will not only assist but inspire the People of God to continue walking and praying together on the path to racial justice.”

RACIAL JUSTICE PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for leading us, may we never falter on this journey we have undertaken. Instead we offer you the difficulties and the challenges encountered on this road, knowing that each pilgrim step, taken in faith, and in love for you and our brothers and sisters will bring us closer to that end which is your desire for us – justice for all your people.

Let the words of the Prophet ‘Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord that he may teach us his ways, that we may walk in his paths’ guide our thinking and decisions. Remind us again, Lord, that to achieve racial justice we must remind ourselves that all are equal, all are gift, all are brothers and sisters.

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

guyquannguyen@rcdow.org.uk (Day off: Wed)

2nd Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow

Airport: Fr Jude Kurumeh, CSSp.

judekurumeh@rcdow.org.uk (on leave)

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)

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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

MASS FOR THE SICK

There will be Mass for the sick every last Tuesday of the month at 12noon, starting from the month of February. There will be anointing of the sick during the Mass for Catholics who need it.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMINGS

LENT – 05th March is Ash Wednesday, this starts our preparation for the celebration of **EASTER**. Masses will be at **7.30am, 9am, 12noon, 6pm and 7.30pm with the distribution of ashes**. There will be limited parking for Ash Wednesday (05th March): Please be mindful that we expect many cars, and we have limited parking space on Ash Wednesday. We kindly request everyone to park very well, avoiding areas against traffic or causing inconvenience. **Keep all emergency exits clear at all times.**

PARISH CHURCH REDECORATION AND CHANGE OF PARISH CHURCH SOUND SYSEM

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. Since the announcement, we have received so far

total donation of **£3,980.36**. Thank you for your generosity.

We thank those who have donated so far.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

Thank you for those who completed and submitted the forms. The last date for training is on the 22nd February at 10am – 12noon in the Church.

RACIAL JUSTICE COLLECTION

Next Sunday is Racial Justice collection. There will be special collection in all our masses this weekend.

PARISH YOUTH CHESS TOURNAMENT

Sunday, Feb 23rd, 13:30pm in the parish centre. Calling all young chess enthusiasts (ages 11-17)! Come test your skills at the Parish Youth Chess Tournament. Stay sharp, play bold, and have a great time! Plus, all entry fees will help support our parish youth attending Flame 2025. Register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/dKhSWD9wH5>
Entry Fee: £1

Contact: ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk

COFFEE MORNING/PANCAKE SUNDAY

Sunday 2nd March - Pancake Sunday (The Sunday before Ash Wednesday). The Sports and Cultural Society (SCS) team would like to invite you on Sunday 2nd March to join us for free tea/coffee after the 9am and 10:30am mass in the Parish Centre. We will also have variety of free delicious pancakes for your taste buds! Thank you for your support. All are welcome, especially our new parishioners.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

Saturday 22nd 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

GRATITUDE

The parish would like to thank a parishioner for donating Altar cloth. Also, to a parishioner who donated the usher's sashes. Your generosity is kindly appreciated.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the above service will be held at St. Augustine's Church, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham TW2 6DE at 11.30am. Please poster in the Church porch area for further details.

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/UCOQzcJ9b0grzoLwx49cpdpg). 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.

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8 – 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord'.

Psalm Response – *Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 15:12-16-20 – 'If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile'.

Luke 6:17, 20-26 – 'Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich'.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23 – 'The Lord gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed'

Psalm Response – *The Lord is compassionate and gracious.*

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 – 'Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.'

Luke 6:27-38 – 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful'.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

08th/09th Feb 2025

Loose: £3,677.55

Envelopes: £1,479.83

TOTAL: £5,157.38

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: Sarah Asher, 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.

PARISH/PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 16th February at 4pm

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 02nd March at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 09th March 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.

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.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY- MEETING DAY

1st Sunday of every month after the 12.00 noon Mass 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.