



SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

23rd February 2025

THE VIRTUE OF COMPASSION

The virtue of compassion can be understood as a desire for a new and better life for a suffering person(s), and a willingness to alleviate their pain. Compassion is not a new virtue, although many employ it in a confused sense with the word pity. But, it is far deeper than pity, because it is rooted in love. It is cited many times in Sacred Scripture, both in the Old and New Testaments. St. Bernard, in the 12th century, asserted that Jesus Christ is our perfect model of compassion because He willed His passion so that we could learn compassion. His compassion toward all who suffer goes so far that he identifies himself with them: "for I was hunger and you gave me food..." Mt 25: 35 – 45. His preferential love for those who suffer has not ceased through the centuries to draw special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in mind and body.

St. Augustine, in his *Confessions*, written in the early 5th century, emphasised the fraternal compassion we owe to others. St. Thomas Aquinas, in the 13th century, wrote about how our compassion can mitigate the suffering of others. Beloved brothers and sisters, let us practise the virtue of compassion during this week.

BISHOP JIM CURRY

Bishop Jim Curry will visit our parish on Sunday 16th March and celebrate 12noon Mass.

HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM

The parish is in need of volunteers to join the parish health and safety team. Volunteers will undergo compulsory Fire and First Aid training. Please if you are interested in serving the parish in this capacity email the Parish Priest damianmoneke@rcdow.org.uk directly.

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)
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

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL ON SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2025 AT 2:30PM

The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. Please email hounslow@rcdow.org.uk these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email). **Closing date will be Monday 31st of March.**

MASS FOR THE SICK

There will be Mass for the sick on Tuesday 25th February at 12noon. There will be anointing of the sick during the Mass for Catholics who need it.

PARISH CHURCH REDECORATION AND CHANGE OF PARISH CHURCH SOUND SYSEYEM

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 **£4,833.76**. Thank you for your generosity.

We thank those who have donated so far.

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.

UCM ROSARY

Rosary will be said after the 6pm Mass on Tuesday the 25th of February in the Parish Centre.

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.

RACIAL JUSTICE COLLECTION

We raised a total of **£604.77**. Thank you for your generosity.

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 [@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.

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

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'

Psalms 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'.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7 – 'Do not praise a man before you hear him reason'.

Psalms Response – *It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.*

1 Corinthians 15:54-58 – 'He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ'.

Luke 6:39-45 – 'Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks'.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

16th/17th Feb 2025

Loose: £3,539.48

Envelopes: £1,416.44

TOTAL: £4,955.92

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

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 02nd March at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 09th March at 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 16th 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 12noon 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.