



SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday of Lent

23rd March 2025

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Tuesday 25th March – Masses at 9am and 6pm

LENTEN/EASTER RETREAT

Our Parish Lenten/Easter Retreat will take place on Saturday 29th March in the church. The retreat will begin at 4.00pm and ends with Benediction at 5.30pm. This will be led by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, CSSp.

INSTALLATION OF SOUND SYSTEM

We are beginning the new Church sound system installation on Monday 24th March till Friday 4th April (excluding weekends). For this reason, please find adjusted timings for the Church below:

Monday 24th – Friday 28th March - Church doors will open for morning Mass at 8:30am & reopen for evening Mass at 5:30pm. The church will be closed immediately after morning and evening Masses.

Monday 31st – Friday 4th April – Normal Church timings apply. However, work will continue in the Choir loft after the morning Mass. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

CAFOD COLLECTION – THANK YOU

We raised a total amount of £2,355.68 from the CAFOD collection in our Masses last weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

GRATITUDE

Bishop James Curry has expressed his profound gratitude to all the parishioners for their generous hospitality and warm welcome to our Parish, during his Pastoral visit last Sunday. He wishes to celebrate the Good Friday Solemn Liturgy with us.

British Summer Time - A reminder that the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1:00am on Sunday, 30th March.

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 (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)

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

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 BEREAVED PARENTS

A Mass for bereaved parents will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Bishop Paul McAleenan on Saturday 5th April at 2pm.

EASTER FLOWERS COLLECTION

There will be a special collection after all weekend Masses on the 29th/30th March for our Easter flowers.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 25TH JULY - 1ST AUGUST 2025

Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nicholas is now open via the online form at <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane or train are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by **Wednesday 30th April**. Please see poster in the Church porch area.

PARISH CAR PARK NOTICE

Parishioners are requested to avoid any drop offs at the car park entrance. This is a serious hazard and can cause an accident with other vehicles, particularly during weekend Masses. All drop offs should be strictly in the car park. **Please park ONLY in the designated bays in the car park. Emergency areas must be kept clear at ALL times.**

ANNUAL RETREAT

We welcome back Fr Damian from his annual retreat.

MASS FOR THE SICK

On Tuesday 22nd April at 12noon. There will be anointing of the sick during the Mass for Catholics who need it.

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.

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 contractors. 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 **£8,305.63** Thank you for your generosity. We thank those who have donated so far.

UCM LENTEN LUNCH

A LENTEN LUNCH in the Parish Centre, on Saturday 29th March 2025 from 12noon in the Parish Centre. For further details, please refer to the poster in the Church porch area. The proceeds will go for the redecoration of SSMM church.

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. 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 programs. 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.*

**NO FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH
DURING LENTEN SEASON PLEASE.
THANK YOU**

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 – 'I am' has sent me to you'

Psalm Response – *The Lord is compassionate and gracious*

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 – The way of life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down for our instruction.

Luke 13:1-9 – 'Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish'.

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

4th Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12- The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover.

Psalm Response – *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 – 'God who through Christ reconciled us to himself'.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 – 'Your brother was dead, and is alive'.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

15th/16th Mar 2025

Loose: £4,043.34

Envelopes: £1,728.50

TOTAL: £5,771.84

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, 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: Fr Bernard Scholes, Sybil Knox, 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.

PARISH/PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 06th April at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 13th April at 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 20th April at 4pm

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

Please see announcement on page 1

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Please see announcement on page 1

CHURCH CLEANING

Please see announcement on page 1

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

Please see announcement on page 1

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.