PARISH NEWSLETTER

SS MICHAEL AND MARTIN

Roman Catholic Parish of Hounslow
Archdiocese of Westminster

This Parish is served by the Spiritans

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1st Sunday of Advent — 29th November 2026

PARISH ADVENT RECOLLECTION

Parish Advent recollection - Saturday 5th December at 4pm in the Church. Fr Christian Egemonye will be conducting this recollection. All are welcome.

SOLEMNITY – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Monday 7th December (6pm vigil Mass), Tuesday 8th December will be 7:30am, 9am, 12noon and 6pm Masses.

SPIRITAN MISSION APPEAL 2026

There will be a mission appeal by the Spiritan Mission during our weekend Masses on 05th/06th December, approved by the diocese. Thank you as you support the missionary work of Holy Spirit Fathers working all over the world where the Church finds it difficult to find workers.

DECEMBER COFFEE MORNING

There will be coffee morning on Sunday 06th December after the 9am and 10.30am Masses in the Parish Centre and will be hosted by the Parish Ushers. Open to all, new parishioners most welcome.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Please note that the Church will be closed immediately after morning Mass on Thursdays to allow team of volunteers to carry out cleaning. We kindly request everyone to leave the church promptly after Mass to allow the volunteers to proceed with their work. The church will reopen at 12noon, more volunteers are needed. Thank you for your understanding.

CHILDREN'S MASS

Our monthly children's Mass will be on the 29th November at 2pm. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to this Mass which will be adapted to children's liturgy.

SUNDAY MASSES
Sat Vigil 6.15pm
7:30am, 9am, 10.30am, 12noon
6pm

CHILDREN'S MASS
Last Sunday of the month at 2pm

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

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
quyquannguyen@rcdow.org.uk ***(Day off: Wed)***

2nd Assistant Priest & Chaplain at Heathrow Airport: Fr Paul Ibekwe, CSSp.
paulibekwe@rcdow.org.uk ***(Day off: Thurs)***

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRIEST DIRECTLY FOR AN APPOINTMENT

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

Parish Catechist: Lionel Pereira
hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk

Youth Worker: Ivan Čižmárik
ivancizmarik@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Centre Manager – Senorita 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)

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.

We congratulate all those who are celebrating their birthdays & wedding anniversaries this month. We also welcome all our new parishioners.

PARISH NOTICES

ANNUAL CAROL SINGING AND ADVENT PLAY

The Sports and Cultural Society (SCS) team invites everyone to join us for our Annual Carol singing and Advent play, **"St. Francis of Assisi and the World's First Nativity Play"** on **Sunday, 13th December at 7:15pm in the Church** (followed by tea & coffee in the parish centre). All are welcome.

DIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE COLLECTION

We raised a total of £805.56 for the World Youth Service collection, which took place last weekend. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. God bless you all.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2026

Our Christmas/New Year Season programme for 2026 are now available. In the cards you will find the schedule of Masses for the season and the timetable for Christmas confessions. **Please collect a copy.** The schedule is also available on our parish website.

MASS DIARY 2027

The parish Mass diary for 2027 will open on Monday 30th November! Please note **only TWO INTENTIONS per person** will be accepted, this is due to the large number of parishioners we have and to ensure we are fair to all our parishioners. 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.** Any additional requests for Mass intentions will be sent to other Spiritans Churches and will be celebrated as intended. **Please note, intentions are purely on first come first serve basis!**

NOVENA/FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER

The novena to St Francis Xavier continues till the 2nd of December immediately after the evening Mass. On the Feast day being the 3rd of December, we will have the following Masses in our Parish: **9am Mass, 6pm Mass. Please note the novena and the 7pm Mass will be Konkani (Goan chaplaincy).**

PARISH WHATSAPP CHANNEL

Parishioners are encouraged to follow the official parish WhatsApp channel to receive latest updates about the parish activities. Please use the link below to follow or scan the QR code below:https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbDCQz1G8l5CGQGej20U

SVP ADVENT CALENDAR 2026

The St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Team have prepared the SVP Advent calendar that gives a suggestion for items to be donated to our SVP foodbank for each day leading to Christmas. This initiative has been successful in previous years, helping us collect essential food items for families while minimising food waste. Kindly see the poster in the Porch area. Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. For more information, please contact the SVP directly: Phone: 07824 067524 (or email svphounslow@gmail.com).

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 offered EVERY last Saturday of the month at 10:30am. All couples who want to do their marriage paperwork in the parish **should contact** Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, Fr Ignatius & Fr Paul, CSSp (contact details are available on page 1).

PARISH MASS LIVE STREAMING

Every Saturday 6:15pm & 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.

ADMISSION IN A HOSPITAL

If you are admitted to any hospital (or a family member), and desires to receive Holy Communion or Sacrament of Anointing, kindly inform the staff there to call a Priest on duty for you. You have to notify them by telling them that you are a Roman Catholic. There is a Priest on duty every day in any hospital. For those going to West Middlesex Hospital, all the parishes in Hounslow Deanery take turns to respond to hospital calls on daily basis. **St Michael and St Martin Church Hounslow covers West Middlesex Hospital every Thursday from 6am to Friday 6am.** However, should any sick parishioners require a priest, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

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.

URGENT INFANT BAPTISM AND PREPARATION COURSE

For very serious reasons you may contact the parish priest directly for urgent baptism or preparation course.

JACOB'S ANGELS

As we do every year, angels bearing the name, age and gift idea for a child/person, will be displayed on the notice boards in the Mary chapel at all Masses beginning next weekend (5/6 Dec). Parishioners are invited to choose an angel and purchase the Christmas gift written on it. This will be presented to that child or person by one of the five charities that serves them. The requirements and ages are specific to actual persons; however, the names have been changed to protect their privacy.

JACOB'S ANGELS DROP-OFF

Kindly place your gift **unwrapped** in a paper gift bag along with the paper angel so that your gift reaches the right person/child. Please bring your gift bags to church for the evening Mass on Sat 12th Dec and any Mass on Sun 13th Dec and leave them at the Mary Chapel. This year's Confirmation candidates will help collect and put these away. **NOTE: Gifts delivered after 13th Dec may be donated to other charities.**

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

We are seeking people with cars to help take the Christmas gifts from the Jacob's Angels project to the local charities on Mon 14th Dec between 9am & 3pm. Please email Lionel hounslowcat@rcdow.org.uk your name and hours available if you can help. Thank you!

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.*

PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sts Michael and Martin, Pray for us.

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8 – 'O that you would rend the heavens and come down.'

Responsorial Psalm – *Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.*

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 – We are waiting for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 13:33-37 – 'Stay awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come.'

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 – 'Prepare the way of the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm – *Show us, O Lord your mercy, and grant us your salvation.*

2 Peter 3:8-14 – 'We are waiting for new heavens and a new earth.'

Mark 1:1-8 – 'Make straight the paths of Lord.'

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

21st/22nd Nov 2026

Loose: £3,693.65

Envelopes: £1,099.32

TOTAL: £4,792.97

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, Jennita Aluan, Nizelle Soares, Peter Newton, Hubert Teles, Amy Burns, Steve, Sandra, Carson Javier Dabasia, Igor Sitarska and Don Lynch.

DECEASED: Sr Pauline Fenton, Laurence J O'Toole, Felix Noronha, Zoltan Balogh, Leo Machado, Bella Felix, Cynthia Souza, Clifton Domnic Colaco, Elcina Alpesh Makwana, Tadeusz Z Wolanski, Heather Philomena Marklew, António José Visitação da Cruz Barreto, Fr Bernard Scholes.

PARISH/PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

1st Sunday of the month at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

2nd Sunday of the month 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

3rd Sunday of the month at 4pm

MASS OF THE SICK

Last Tuesday of the month at 12noon.

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

Tuesday 7pm in the Church.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday at 9:30am in the Church.

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every 2nd Thursday of the month after evening Mass.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP

7pm – 9am in the Parish Centre (small hall).

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.

UCM MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday of the month after 9am Mass and 4th Tuesday of the month after 6pm 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.