



# Our Lady of Grace & St Edward's Chiswick and St Dunstan's Gunnersbury with St Joseph's Grove Park

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10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**Bishop-Elect John Mbinda CSSp**  
**Canon Michael Dunne**  
**Fr Daniel Herrero**  
**Sharon Bowden**

*In Residence*  
*Parish Priest*  
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*Administrator*

*Fr Daniel writes:*

This Sunday the Church gives us an opportunity to live again the events of the triumphant entry of Jesus in Jerusalem and then his Passion. Two very contrasting events. In the first one he is acclaimed as the legitimate king of Israel and in the second he is crucified for claiming to be the king of the Jews. In the first, people lay down their garments on the road for him, while in the second they strip him of his clothing. In the first they shout "Hosanna!", that is: "Save, please!" but in the second they mock him saying: "how come you cannot save yourself?"

And yet, there is a common theme in these two events: the identity Jesus is veiled to most people. Very often in the Gospels we see Jesus imposing silence about his own identity and mission. Time and again he asks demons, those who have benefitted from miracles, and even his own disciples not to say anything about his identity. Definitely a lesson of humility to us all. Jesus being God did not only accept to become human, but he even chose to become an ordinary human.

Quite contrary to our instincts that is to show off and display our skills, our virtues, our knowledge, our good judgment and intuition... Jesus thought that keeping his divine nature hidden was best. Not hidden as when you hide something you are ashamed of, but hidden as when you plant a seed in the soil. As he would say: "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his garden; and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches." And again he said, "To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." (Lk 13:18-21) He came to make God and his Kingdom present among us, but so humble he was, that he went almost unnoticed. Even while he was hanging on the cross, high up for everyone to see... even then, he was hiding. It was only few who, with the eyes of faith, could see God revealing himself and declaring his everlasting love for us.

But there is more than just a lecture of humility here. It is a sign that points at the place where we can find God. Not necessarily in success, but very often hidden in the small things, in the silence, in the loneliness, in the dark, in the struggles...

### BISHOP-ELECT JOHN MBINDA CSSp

Having just settled into the parish last weekend expecting a placement here of at least a year or more, the then Fr John was on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, appointed by the Holy Father Pope Francis as Bishop of Lodwar Diocese in Kenya! Many congratulations to him! Some details are on the UK Bishops' Conference website under their 'news' tab: [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk) We are honoured and delighted that Bishop-Elect John will stay in the parish here to help over Holy Week and Easter before returning to Kenya on Easter Monday to take up his great but onerous tasks accompanied by our prayers. For however short a stay, it was a joy to have him in the parish.

### PALM SUNDAY

Sat 9/4 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass <i>Grove Park</i>	Michael McLoughlin Juliette Last	RD SICK
Sun 10/4 8.30am 9.30am 10.00am 10.50am 12.30pm 6.30pm	PALM SUNDAY <i>Gunnersbury</i>	Anthony Farrell Maureen Marsden Sr. Margaret Coughlan People of the Parish Mabel Colley Una Kelly	ANN INT RD INT ANN ANN
Mon 11/4 10.00am	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	The McGowan Family	ANN
Tue 12/4 10.00am 12.00 Noon	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	Mark Simons <b>Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral</b>	RIP
Wed 13/4 10.00am 10.30-12.00 6.00pm	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK <i>Comboni Convent</i>	Austin Gavin <b>Exposition and Benediction</b> Sr. Kathleen O'Sullivan	RD RIP
Thur 14/4 8.00pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	
Fri 15/4 9.00am 11.00am  3.00pm	GOOD FRIDAY	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Children's Liturgy of the Stations & Veneration of the Cross <b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>	
Sat 16/4 9.00am 9.00pm	HOLY SATURDAY	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <b>The Solemn Easter Vigil</b>	

### LET US PRAY

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthly, Mary Garrett, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, Isabelle Ranle, Eileen McGuinness, Albie Korinek, Greta Gribben, John Monks, Jim Ryan and all those suffering.

**For those recently deceased:** Trish Williams, Ping Lin and Oleksandr Lastenko. Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Anthony Farrell, Mabel Colley, Una Kelly, The McGowan Family, Jerry Twomey. Rest in Peace.

### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.184:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Isaiah 50: 4-7**

Psalm: **21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Philippians 2:6-11**

Gospel: **Luke 22: 14-23:56**

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.258

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Acts 10:34, 37-43**

Psalm: **117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Colossians 3:1-4**

Gospel: **John 20:1-9**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

### PALM SUNDAY – 10<sup>th</sup> April

Palm Sunday begins our Holy Week journey. Palms will be blessed and distributed at each Mass. Please note:

The **9.45am Mass** will begin at **9.30am** in the Parish Centre.

The **11.00am Mass** will begin at **10.50am** in the Parish Centre.

The **12.15pm Mass** will begin at **12.30pm** in church.

### CHRISM MASS - Tues 12<sup>th</sup> April

This Mass takes place in Westminster Cathedral at 12.00 noon, and is celebrated by the Cardinal, Bishops and priests of the Diocese. **Bishop-Elect John Mbinda CSSp will also be attending.** At this Mass the oils of Chrism, Catechumens and the Sick, are blessed and consecrated for use in the parishes in the coming year. (The 10.00am Parish Mass is scheduled as normal.)

### MAUNDY THURSDAY – 14<sup>th</sup> April

8.00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper, also with the washing of the feet. After Mass there is Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight with Compline at 11.45pm. (There is NO 10.00am Mass.)

### GOOD FRIDAY – 15<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer.

11.00am: Children's Liturgy of Stations & Veneration of the Cross.

3.00pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

### HOLY SATURDAY – 16<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer.

9.00pm: The Solemn Easter Vigil of the Resurrection.

### EASTER SUNDAY – 17<sup>th</sup> April

Masses at 8.30am, 9.45am (Family), 11.00am (Solemn), 12.30pm, and 6.30pm. Gunnersbury at 10.00am and Grove Park at 10.30am.

### CONFESSIONS IN HOLY WEEK – At Westminster Cathedral

Confessions are available from 11.00am to 1.00pm and 4.00pm to 6.00pm on Mon, Tues (after Chrism Mass) & Weds, plus additional times (see <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/>).

### In OUR LADY OF GRACE, Confessions are on:

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> April 10.45am to 11.45am (during Exposition);

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am to 12.00noon, and 6.00pm to 7.00pm;

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am to 12.00noon;

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am to 12.00noon, and 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

**FOOT-WASHING VOLUNTEERS** - Not since Holy Thursday 2019 have we had the washing of the feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. It would be wonderful to assemble 12 volunteers (currently just five) who'd be attending that Mass to be prepared just for that solemn moment after the homily to come from the congregation to the sanctuary, to the altar, the Table of the Last Supper, and to have a foot washed and dried for the spiritual edification of us all. If you'd be happy to do this, please email or phone the Parish Office.

**HOLY PLACES** - As normal, a collection for the Holy Places (those associated with Our Lord's ministry) in the Holy Land will take place in all Catholic Churches across the world on Good Friday.

### LENT PROJECT 2022:

As pre-pandemic, we'll have a dual Lent Project, one *domestic* and one *overseas*. In the five weeks of Lent: **£7244 Thank you.**

**The CARDINAL'S APPEAL** is our domestic project and this year the appeal will fund parish social outreach projects and Caritas Westminster (celebrating this year its 10<sup>th</sup> year of foundation) social outreach projects. For what it does and which projects are supported see: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/> There are specific Cardinal's Appeal envelopes at the exits of the church.

**COMBONI-150** is our overseas project, celebrating also the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of foundation of the Comboni Missionaries. All funds given through the parish will go directly to assist Comboni Sr Rosemary Herrera (no relation of Fr Daniel...) in Arequipa, Peru. She is hoping for a total of £4855 in support of her ecological project among families in subsistence living. **The project aims to provide two bio-gardens as 'sow a seed and you feed a village' but also, in the interim, some food parcels and meals to those developing these gardens which will belong to the villagers.**

CASH placed in the Lent Project money box at the main doors of the church will be divided 65% for Comboni-150 and 35% Cardinal's Appeal. Cash placed in envelopes marked for either charity and handed into the collection or the presbytery will go 100% to the named charity. Cheques should be payable to 'Our Lady of Grace and St Edward's Church' and come in an envelope marked with the designated charity.

**EASTER OFFERINGS** - are one of two collections in the year which makes up the greater part of the priests' annual income (stipend). If you will be away over Easter please take an Easter Offering envelope from beside the church doors and drop it into any other routine parish collection before or after Easter or to the presbytery. Thank you for any support you can give the priests!

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** have now been distributed. If you haven't received yours or would like to sign up for them please contact the Parish Office [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk) or 02089942877

### GUNNERSBURY NOTES

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### GROVE PARK NOTES

**EASTER SUNDAY** – 17<sup>th</sup> April – Mass at 10.30am

There is no Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm but parishioners are welcome to the 9.00pm Solemn Easter Vigil at Our Lady of Grace.

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT AFTER EASTER!** Fr Michael had written last weekend, with the prospect of three permanent priests in the parish, about developing new initiatives or restoring pre-pandemic routines. He was given some good ideas some of which can be acted on. However, with the news about Fr John's appointment to Kenya, the parish returns to having two priests so while ideas are always welcome, effecting them may well need to be lay led, which, where possible, is quite right anyway.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July** - Information and booking forms are available from the Parish Office or at [www.tangney-tours.com/westminster](http://www.tangney-tours.com/westminster) or 01732886666 for anyone wishing to go on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is convening weekly via the Zoom. The next meeting takes place on 11<sup>th</sup> April. Contact John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**A DAY WITH MARY** – The next of these opportunities is on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George, London Road, Enfield from 9.30am to 5.00pm and also Sat 30<sup>th</sup> April, Westminster Cathedral from 9.45am to 5.30pm.

**MAY PROCESSION AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLEDEN, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm.**

Preacher, Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church), who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection - Pokrova. Join the praying of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for Peace and Restoration in Ukraine.

**DIGNITY OF WORK** - The job market can be a minefield for those for whom English is not the first language or be unaware of options available. The Upper Room and Caritas Westminster invite you to their free online 'Stepping Stones' programme to learn how to accompany people into dignified employment. Receive full training to become a **Dignified Work Champion** in your parish. Info, video & registration: [www.tinyurl.com/workchampions](http://www.tinyurl.com/workchampions) The programme will start after Easter, the **deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> April.**

**UKRAINIAN CRISIS DONATIONS** – To ease the suffering of the displaced please see the home page of the parish website or these: <https://www.dec.org.uk/> or <https://cafod.org.uk/> or <https://acnuk.org/> or the **Ukrainian Catholic Church in London** is forwarding donations directly to and through its network in Ukraine. Please send cheques payable to **AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund to: Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, W1K 5BQ**

**TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS** – There will be no Tues and Fri coffee mornings until after Easter. They will resume Tues 26<sup>th</sup> April in St. Edward's Room and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April in the Parish Centre.

### Collections for last weekend:

**OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick**  
**£4472.69**

**St. Joseph's Grove Park**  
**27<sup>th</sup> March & 3<sup>rd</sup> April - £355.88**

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