



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

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10th SEPTEMBER 2023

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Canon Michael Dunne
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Fr Michael writes:

It's a remarkable anniversary today in addition to being a particular day for prayer. On this Sunday each year the Church in England and Wales celebrates 'Education Sunday' when we give thanks in prayer for all that our predecessors have done bequeathing to us the Catholic schools and universities of our country as well as praying for the continued success of these institutions. We pray, too, for the fruitful and successful education of the current cohort of pupils and students, as well as those who educate them and support them more broadly. What makes today particularly noteworthy, however, is that it is the 175th Education Sunday, since its foundation year of 1848, two years prior even to the formal restoration of the Catholic hierarchy in 1850. This makes it one of the very oldest specific 'days of prayer' in the liturgical calendar but also points to the depth and vastness of the vision, determination, steadfastness, generosity and sacrifice of countless devout Catholics – lay men and women, religious sisters and brothers, priests and bishops - over multiple generations. Literally from the very start, after Catholic Emancipation in 1829, when Catholics were at last again free to practice the faith, the country's bishops prioritised building schools over churches. It was education which was recognised as the first priority for the future of the faith as well as the development of pupils from the dreadful disadvantages of illiteracy and innumeracy and its associated poverties; their spiritual, moral, intellectual, social and cultural development depended on it, their contribution to the common good, society in general, and the Kingdom of God. There are now 2,175 Catholic schools across the country with four Catholic universities, that we pray for today. The national Director of the Catholic Education Service, Paul Barber, writes: *In the 175 years since 1848 the Catholic Church has become the country's largest provider of secondary schools and second-largest provider of primary schools. Catholic education is by far the largest charitable activity of the Church here, and we give thanks for the many thousands of teachers, lecturers, academics, support staff, leaders, governors, advisers and others who have found their vocation in Catholic education, and without whom this would be impossible. Catholic schools continue to be true to their mission: they educate more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds; outperform national GCSE English and Maths averages by five percentage points; and are more ethnically diverse than other state-funded schools. For this success to continue, however, the help of the whole Catholic community remains essential. As throughout history, all Catholics need to be prepared to support, promote and defend Catholic education. There are many ways to do this: in prayer for vocations to Catholic education; asking your diocese about becoming a school foundation governor; or encouraging a young person to become a teacher in a Catholic school.*

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 9/9 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass <i>Grove Park</i>	Angela Sheehan Pajoe Tyding	INT RD
Sun 10/9 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am	23 rd Sunday in OT <i>Gunnersbury</i>	Mary Corkery People of the Parish Wiera & Jan Pacak & Maria Babicz Eddie & Spencer Boney George Kellett The Lupton Family	RD INT RIP ANN ANN INT
11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm			
Mon 11/9 10.00am	FERIA	The Pierce Family	INT
Tue 12/9 10.00am	FERIA	Arthur McCrory	RD
Wed 13/9 10.00am 6.00pm	ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM Comboni Convent	Giovanni & Fiora Beschizza Sr. Angela Tomasoni & Sr. Anna Filippi	INT RD
Thur 14/9 10.00am	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	Cesar Cubacub	10 th ANN
Fri 15/9 10.00am 6.00pm	OUR LADY OF SORROWS PIME Convent	Manel Percy Young	ANN INT
Sat 16/9 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	Ss CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN <i>Grove Park</i>	Martin Higgins Confession Baptism Confession Johnny Gamble – Birthday Joan McEntee	ANN RIP RD

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Pascale Murphy, Alex Tuffy, Cecilia Walsgrove, Claudio Bogi, Mary Frain, Kevin Herbert, William Francis Ryan and those suffering.

For the recently deceased: Andrew Neary Jnr and Ralph Senior. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: HM Queen Elizabeth II, Eddie & Spencer Boney, George Kellett, Cesar Cubacub, Manel, Martin Higgins, Victor B Ubal Jnr, Andrew Senior. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 125

1st Reading: **Ezekiel 33: 7-9**

Psalm: **94: 1-2, 6-9**

2nd Reading: **Romans 13: 8-10**

Gospel: **Matthew 18: 15-20**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 128

1st Reading: **Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28:7**

Psalm: **102:1-4, 9-12**

2nd Reading: **Romans 14: 7-9**

Gospel: **Matthew 18:21-35**

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE WEEKLY – Five copies a week at the back of church. £3.50 per copy with cash to the the 'Catholic Papers' box.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS – are on a stand at the back of the church. Prices are marked on each. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS' at the back of the church.

REPOSITORY – The Repository is open after Sunday morning Masses for cards, rosary beads, statues, gifts and other religious items. If any parishioners would like a crib for Christmas, please see Anne or Eddie in the Repository as this year cribs they will only be available to order with a 50% deposit taken for each order. **Orders must be given and deposits paid by 5th November at the latest.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/2024 – Registration is OPEN

This year the registration for the sacramental programme is online, via the parish website <http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org> The closing date to register for First Holy Communion is Sunday 24th September, with the course beginning with the Enrolment Mass on Sunday 1st October at the 12.15pm Mass. The course is open to parishioners' children living within the parish boundaries of Chiswick, Gunnersbury and Grove Park, and who regularly attend Mass. Exceptionally, others with good reason may apply but those will need permission of their respective Parish Priests.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION – For parish children who will be 14 years old at least at the time of their Confirmation in summer 2024. Details will be forthcoming later this term when finalised. However, the course does not begin until January 2024 and the deadline for applications is not until a yet-to-be-determined date this December.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS & RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or THINKING ABOUT CATHOLICISM? – If you know of anyone who is considering becoming a Catholic or if a Catholic has missed out on any of the sacraments, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the course to follow. It will be on Weds at 7.00pm from Nov 2023 to May 2024. No course details are yet available but if you'd like to register or express an interest please contact the Parish Office: chiswick@rcdow.org.uk 020 8994 2877

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are welcome to join the weekly social gathering of young adults in our parish. Meet outside church after the 6.30pm Sunday Mass. This evening we have the first of the new term's Q&A sessions with the priests in the St Edward's Room after 6.30pm Sunday Mass. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

YOUTH MINISTRY - Join the Youth Ministry on their journey to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Saturday, 23rd September for only £35 (pilgrim levy included). The coach leaves at 7am from Westminster Cathedral, and should return around 8pm. Reflecting on this year's theme 'Mary, Mother of the Home', we'll be exploring the history of Walsingham and the role of Mary as our Mother on our drive to the shrine. Only 20 seats left! Sign up now on our website - <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/pilgrimage-to-walsingham/>

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SECONDARY AND PRIMARY, 2023.

To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP), *if your Catholic practice allows for it*, you should **firstly** contact the Parish Office to request an appointment and collect a self-assessment form (which can also be sent electronically). You should **secondly** complete the self-assessment form and bring it to your appointment with Canon Michael. You should not bring blank CCPs from schools. If you are a Catholic but not a *practising* Catholic, it will be impossible to issue a CCP as it is *certifying* actual Catholic practice of *habitually attending weekly Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation* over several years. The period of churches being closed is irrelevant because Catholic practice is to be evidenced over *several years*. It is also *perfectly feasible* to submit an application to a Catholic school *without* a CCP. The application would be categorised according to the admission criteria published by the school. Phone or email the office for a 10-minute slot which will be scheduled weekly here: **Weds 13th Sept 3.00-5.30pm & Thurs 14th Sept 3.00-4.20pm.**

PARISH VOLUNTEERS & DBS Certs – Catherine Sutherland our Safeguarding Representative will be emailing parish volunteers offering opportunities to those who need them for the renewing of their DBS certificates. Catherine is offering dates for thirty-minute appointments in the Priests' House Meeting Room to validate documents and to submit renewal applications. Please respond to the emails in good time: chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Please contact the Parish Office for an the appointment.

CATHOLIC CENTRE LOUNGE BAR is open for the routine hours for all to enjoy: Fridays from 12.00 Noon to 10.00pm; Saturdays and Sundays 12.00 Noon to 6.00pm. All are very welcome.

CARD-READERS FOR DONATIONS TO CHURCH CAN INCLUDE GIFT AID – If you have kindly given to the parish via the new card-readers, please consider also spending just two or three minutes completing the Gift-Aid Registration on the card-reader itself. If this is done once, then that particular card will be recognised ever after and will apply Gift-Aid to every future donation, *thereby giving the parish an additional 25% of every £1 given*. A separate registration needs to be made for each card to be used, but once registered the Gift-Aid will be applied from every registered card. The parish is very grateful for all contributions!

ST. JOSEPH'S, GROVE PARK NOTES

PARISH MEETING, AFTER MASS, Saturday 23rd Sept – A short meeting after 6.30pm Mass will helpfully facilitate communication between potential volunteers in the care of our church. We'll be looking at church, sacristy, parish room and bathroom cleaning and supplying; at the altar linens for changing, washing, ironing etc; garden maintenance; waste disposal; and at any other matters parishioners would like to raise, together with an update about the presbytery refurbishment, still on target for completion in October.

A PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX in the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of St Thérèse – Combine the delights of autumn in Normandy and immersion into the life, spirituality and 'Little Way' of St Thérèse. The four night trip will allow for a day visiting St Thérèse places in Lisieux; a day in Alençon and environs, the place of her birth and childhood; and a day on 1,000 years of history in a trip to include Falaise Castle, birthplace of William the Conqueror, and the city of Bayeux, with Cathedral, Museum and 'Bayeux Tapestry', returning to Lisieux via Gold Beach, the central heroic landing on D Day 1944. **From 16th to 20th October 2023**, we travel from and to Chiswick via Eurotunnel and stay in the Grand Hôtel de l'Espérance (3*). Single occupancy is £740; double occupancy just £601 per person, excluding personal expenses. **If interested, contact the Parish Office soon for full details. Just TWO places left!**

SEMINARY JOB? – Library Assistant & Academic Secretary: Allen Hall Seminary is recruiting a person to combine these two roles, supporting staff and students, most of whom are training for the Catholic priesthood. If you feel you have the skills to run the academic administration of the college and to oversee the day-to-day operation of the college library, please visit our website: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/library-assistant-and-academic-secretary-allen-hall-seminary/> for a full description of the position.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS -

These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. They will run from 9.30am – 10.30am on the following days: Thursday 28th September, Thursday 19th October, Friday 17th November and Friday 8th December. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend on 0208 994 5606 or email office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL, HAMMERSMITH, would like to extend a warm invitation to prospective parents and their daughters to visit our high achieving school on one of our Secondary Transfer Open Days. **Thursday 14th September** -Morning 9:30am – 11am; Evening 4pm – 6pm - **Wednesday 20th September** - Morning 9:30am– 11am; Evening 4pm – 6pm

THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS for Year 7 (First Form pupils) -These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. They will include an address from Mr Stubbings, Headmaster, and a tour of the school. Thursday 14th Sept & Tuesday 19th Sept. The Headmaster will speak at 4.30pm and 6.00pm. Full details are available on our website www.cvms.co.uk/Admissions/

ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL OPENING DAYS - St Benedict's School, the leading independent Catholic co-educational school in Ealing, is holding a series Open Days for admissions in September 2024 for both Senior and Junior school applicants. Open Days are being held throughout September and October with the first one taking place on 14th September. For full details and to book onto one of the Open Days, please visit www.stbenedicts.org.uk/visit-us or for more info, contact Louise Pepper on 020 8862 2254.

ANDREW NEARY Jnr. RIP – with the late Andrew's funeral elsewhere, his Month's Mind Mass will be here at Our Lady of Grace, his home parish, at 12.00 noon, Friday 29th September. All who knew him and/or the family are very welcome to attend.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – The Tuesday post-10.00am Mass coffee morning in the St. Edward's Room will resume this Tuesday 12th September together with the post-10.00am Mass coffee morning in the Parish Centre this Friday 15th September.

Collections for last weekend:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick

3/9/23 - £4439.21

Grove Park

3/9/23 - £212.51

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