



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

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11<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI)

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### Fr Michael writes:

In his last Apostolic Letter on the Eucharist, *Mane nobiscum Domine (Stay with us, Lord)*, Pope Saint John Paul II declares 'We are constantly tempted to reduce the Eucharist to our own dimensions, while in reality it is we who must open ourselves up to the dimensions of the Mystery.' In the Eucharist, in which the Risen Christ is really, truly and substantially present, Jesus is not so much, through our participation of Holy Communion – today's Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ - transformed into us as *we are transformed into Him*. His is the inestimably greater reality. No wonder our sins are washed away in the Blood poured out 'so that sins may be forgiven'. In this 'holy communion' our lives participate in Christ's, in His Passion, death and Resurrection, and as we begin, both consciously and unconsciously, to share His life, we share also of course His suffering, His joy, His love, His mission and His glory. This is the point Pope Francis make so luminously in his Exhortation of 2018, *Gaudete et Exultate*, on the call to holiness in today's world. He writes: *At its core, holiness is experiencing, in union with Christ, the mysteries of His life. It consists in uniting ourselves to the Lord's death and Resurrection in a unique and personal way, constantly dying and rising anew with Him. But it can also entail reproducing in our own lives various aspects of Jesus' earthly life: His hidden life, His life in community, His closeness to the outcast, His poverty and other ways in which He showed His self-sacrificing love. The contemplating of these mysteries leads us to incarnate them in our choices and attitudes. Christ enables us to live in Him all that He Himself lived, and He lives it in us.* [Para 20.]

**SEVEN NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** are to be commissioned today in Masses and they will take their place assisting in the distribution of Holy Communion. They are an inspiration to us given that in their commissioning they undertake to "strive to grow in holiness through this sacrament" and in their lives of Christian faith and conduct. We pray for them as they will, too, for us.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** is coming this Friday. Saint Bonaventure (1221-74) in a sermon on this feast writes: *God's providence decreed that one of the soldiers should open his sacred side with a spear, so that blood and water might flow out to pay the price of our salvation. This blood, which flowed from its source in the secret recesses of his heart, gave the Sacraments of the Church power to confer this life of grace, and for those who already live in Christ was a draught of living water welling up to eternal life. Arise, then, place your lips there to draw water from the wells of your Saviour. For this is the spring flowing from the heart of Paradise. From this source flows the river which makes glad the City of God so that with glad shouts we sing our hymns of praise.*

### CORPUS CHRISTI

Sat 10/6 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Major Peggy Elliot Judith Carratu	ANN RD
6.30pm	Grove Park		
Sun 11/6 8.30am	CORPUS CHRISTI	Katie Coffee Florrie Richards	ANN SICK
9.45am		Private Intentions	INT
10.00am	Gunnersbury	People of the Parish	INT
11.00am		Kathleen & Brian Kearney	ANN
12.15pm		Tom Jennings	RD
6.30pm			
Mon 12/6 10.00am	ST ANTHONY OF PADUA	Rosemary	INT
Tue 13/6 10.00am	FERIA	Peggy Taylor	RD
Wed 14/6 10.00am	FERIA	Josie Neighbours	1 <sup>st</sup> ANN RIP
12 Noon		Funeral of Winifred 'Una' Lynch	
6.00pm	Comboni Convent	Joe	RD
Thur 15/6 10.00am	FERIA	Peter Perry	SICK
Fri 16/6 10.00am	MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	Olive Hynan	RD
6.00pm	PIME Convent	Paddy Humphries	RD
Sat 17/6 10.00am	THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BVM	Annie Reynolds	RD
11.00am		NO Confessions because	
11.00am		Confirmation Mass No 1	
& 3.00pm		Confirmation Mass No 2	
5.00pm		Confession	
6.30pm		Claire McCade	RD
6.30pm	Grove Park	John Bellamy	RD

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Alex Tuffy, Eileen McGuinness, Greta Gribben, John Monks, Jim Ryan, P.C.Wynne, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Mike O'Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Pascale Murphy, Claudio Bogi, Gloria Weymouth, Theresa Southern, Constance Redmond, Georgia, Brid, Pat Gleasure, Tony Sheehan, Vera Jansen, Dr. Charles Bredin, Mary Frain, Natalie Williams, Monica McGowan, Kirsten Constance (and her baby), Kay Kiggins, Peter Kerridge, Brian Moignard, Nora Murphy, Bernadette Boylan, James Ward and those suffering.

**For the recently deceased:** Winifred Lynch, Oonah Macfarlane Wells and Franco Locascio and Patrick Moran. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Major Peggy Elliot, Katie Coffee, Kathleen & Brian Kearney, Josie Neighbours, Harry Sims May they Rest in Peace.

#### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.83

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16

Psalm: 147:12-15, 19-20

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 87

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 7: 6-11

Psalm: 102:1-4, 6-8, 10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 4: 7-16

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSE WEEKLY** – Such has been the demand for a return in hard copy of the Catholic Universe Weekly, we now have some copies at the back of church. £3.50 per copy with cash to the the 'Catholic Papers' box at the back.

**CATHOLIC HERALD MAGAZINE** – available at the back of the Church, price £5.00. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'Papers'.

**NEXT SATURDAY MORNING NO CONFESSIONS at 11.00am 17<sup>th</sup> June** – as the parish has the joy of the first of two Youth Confirmation Masses at 11.00am, the second being at 3.00pm. It is expected that the routine 5.00pm Confessions should take place, though they could be slightly delayed together with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction at 6.00pm will be as normal.

**NATIONAL GALLERY'S ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI TOURS** - The St Francis Leprosy Guild's co-ordinator, Eileen, here at the beginning of Lent, is offering free guided tours of the new exhibition about St Francis at the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square, a highlight of which is the actual habit worn by St Francis, in addition to the great art. (11.00am Saturday 24/06; 1/07; 8/07; 29/07. See the Guild poster at the back of church and contact Eileen on 07542817869 or [eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org](mailto:eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org) )

**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. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

**FOODBANK DONATIONS** – Please see the letter of thanks from the Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank at the back of the church for the very generous donations they have received from parishioners: you gave **£1190.62 as well as all the food!** *Thank you!*

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. For more info Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**BAPTISM** – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or via the parish website: [www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org](http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org)

**THE MEN'S GROUP** - Our next meeting is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June, at 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for Lectio Divina, reflecting on next Sunday's Gospel, followed by a drink at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly at [donnellysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnellysm@hotmail.com) for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to [www.catholicman.uk](http://www.catholicman.uk)

**THE SUNDAY 9.45am FAMILY MASS** – The 9.45 'Family Mass' aspires to be especially accessible for children, hence the Children's Liturgy during term-time in the St Edward's Room. Please could parents and perhaps children, too, reflect how to enhance this accessibility, perhaps through music and other ways to encourage greater participation and let Fr Michael know any ideas. *Thank you.*  
**Two 9.45am innovations so far in the light of suggestions are:**

- (i) The children's percussion instruments for the last hymn;
- (ii) The provision of 30 copies of the highly recommended '*My Picture Missal*' which are available for parents/carers before the Mass in the St Edward's Room to help attract your child's attention to what's happening in the Mass through pictures. These can be used for children of any age and may also be brought back from the Children's Liturgy by the children themselves. Please remember to return them at the end of Mass – or the following Sunday!

**RECEIVING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT HOLY COMMUNION** – As we return to the option and practice of receiving the Precious Blood, communicants should please note that the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales does not allow for intinction, - the practice of dipping the Sacred Host into the Precious Blood before receiving Holy Communion. Some Bishops' Conferences allow for this but not here so the Minister of Holy Communion is likely to intervene and ask you not to intinct. Please respect the request.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS** – 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](mailto:chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) Please contact the Parish Office for an the appointment.

**EVENT IN THE CATHOLIC CENTRE THIS EVENING AT 7.30pm - VIENNA, A ROMANTIC PIANO JOURNEY.** Tickets at the door or via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vienna-a-romantic-piano-journey-tickets-632854142777> An evening of some of the most significant piano four hands pieces by Schubert and Brahms performed by husband and wife duo Ivo Varbanov and Fiammetta Tarli, both experienced concert pianists and musicians with a passion for unconventional music production of the highest quality.

## GROVE PARK NOTES

**NEW SPEAKER SYSTEM FOR ST JOSEPH'S** – After many decades of the old and scarcely functioning amplification system in the church the Parish Finance Committee agreed to install a new system. The new wiring has been installed this week. Completion of the system is later in the month.

**PRESBYTERY REFURBISHMENT TO BEGIN!** - After all the vicissitudes of the last two years between bigger and smaller plans, variable costs and available financing, the refurbishment of the presbytery is finally going ahead! The contractors are due on 19<sup>th</sup> June for four months. The works will not affect the usage of either the Parish Room or the church, both of which will function as normal.

**FR JOHN SEABROOK'S HEADSTONE** – The late Fr John's headstone is finally in place at his grave in Chiswick New Cemetery. The Executor of Fr John's estate has agreed that the parish can add an inscription which currently bears only the words chosen by Fr John's family for the stone. We will add ours reflecting the gratitude for nearly twenty years' ministry in due course. May he rest in peace.

**IS YOUR CHILD 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD?** Did you know that you are entitled to Free Nursery Childcare Provision? We have a limited number of part time places in our well-equipped Nursery classes run by experienced, fully qualified teachers and Nursery Education Officers. We offer an outstanding provision for our children with a well-resourced classroom, a warm friendly team of teachers and staff. Visits are warmly welcomed. Please contact our school admin team to arrange an appointment, or informal discussion on 020 8994 5606 or email: [office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk)

**WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL FRIENDS** - On Weds 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm, Westminster Cathedral Friends host a quiz with Fish and Chip supper. Enjoy a good night out whilst supporting Westminster Cathedral. Advanced booking by 10.00am on Weds 14<sup>th</sup> June for catering to be finalised. On Tues 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15pm Cardinal Vincent Nichols will speak and host a number of speakers on the theme Coronation Reflections. Full details of events and online booking on our webpage <https://tinyurl.com/CathedralFriends> Contact [friends@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:friends@rcdow.org.uk)

**MEMORY CAFÉ – The first monthly Dementia Café in Chiswick** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 11.00am – 1.00pm at Chiswick Town Hall, Heathfield Terrace.

- Join a supportive and dementia-friendly environment
- Enjoy mixed activities and entertainment
- Talk to professionals about dementia

For further info and booking tel: 02031438878 or email: [westlondon@visiting-angels.co.uk](mailto:westlondon@visiting-angels.co.uk)

**TABLE TOP SALE IN THE CATHOLIC CENTRE, DUKES AVE** on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 10.00am to 4.00pm. If you wish to book a table contact Yvonne 07949262344 or 02087428496 or Pearl 07432711980. Set up is from 9.00am on the day.

**PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD FROM OSTERLEY PARISH:** Coach leaves St. Vincent's, 2 Witham Rd TW7 4AJ on Sat. 15/7/23 between 9.15-9.30am. Return at 7.00pm. See poster for details, and contact the Osterley parish office to book. Tel. 020 8560 4737 / [osterley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterley@rcdow.org.uk) Cost £19 adult, £15 child, payable to WRCDDT Osterley, 41095889 / 40- 05-20 / Ref. Aylesford

**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** – On sale this week First Holy Communion cards and gifts, Confirmation cards and other religious items and also the Westminster Year Book £5.00. Open after Sunday morning Masses.

**CALLIGRAPHY** – if you require beautiful handwriting for a wedding, birthday or special invitations/envelopes/place names etc, email Rose Viloso [rose.viloso@gmail.com](mailto:rose.viloso@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office.

**TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS** – The Tuesday post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St. Edward's Room and on Friday at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. All are very welcome!

Collections for last weekend:

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

**4/6/23 - £3882.63**

**St Joseph's Grove Park**

**4/6/23 - £196.25**

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