



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

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11TH SEPTEMBER

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Canon Michael Dunne
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Fr Daniel writes:

We all know it even though we may prefer not to think too much about it. But the time will come when we have to say goodbye to everyone we have met. And because it is such an important and inevitable part of human life, the Bible presents us with very many of such moments. Laban, a malicious and scheming man, but one with a human heart after all, had to say goodbye to his two daughters as they left to a distant country. Naomi, who became penniless following the death of her husband and two sons, saw herself forced to let her daughter-in-law Orpah go back to her country. Elisha had only few hours to go home and greet his parents before he left together with the prophet Elijah. We are also fortunate to have records of the last words of Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David... and of so many leaders of God's people. The New Testament as well, is full of such moments, especially in the life of Paul, who in his missionary zeal kept moving from city to city. Indeed, the last words of our Lord Jesus recorded in the Gospels have all the elements of a farewell speech too.

But we must not think of separation as a mere cruel whim of life. Separation is but the necessary space that we all need, so that all the wounds we carry and the ones we have inflicted on each other may heal. Only then, we will be ready to enjoy the vision of God and the company of each other for eternity.

Rather unexpectedly, perhaps, this Thursday we had to say goodbye also to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. With her dedication and work, with her sense of humour and warmth, with her unfailing presence and assurance, she won a space in everyone's home and heart, and well beyond British shores.

She was only 21 when from Cape Town she broadcast a message on radio – or rather, the wireless, as it was known then. With millions of people listening to her words she made her solemn act of dedication. *"It is very simple"* she said: *"I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service"*. There may be a better time, and more writing space, to do justice to all that Elizabeth R did and was. For now, it is enough to underline that she was utterly and tirelessly faithful to that simple act of dedication until she breathed her last breath. May she rest in peace.

And lastly, comes my turn to say farewell. In my brief, but intense, time here in Chiswick I have got to know so many of you and to share with you moments of sorrow and joy, of difficulties and consolations. And for this time we have been together, for all that you have done for me, for what you have taught me, for the opportunities you have given me to grow and mature, for your corrections, for your generous gifts and for all the prayers that I know you have said for me, I would like to say: *Thank you.*

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 10/9 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	John Hynan Patrick Patterson	RD RD
Sun 11/9 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	24th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Gunnersbury	Nick Holmes – Birthday Mark Simons People of the Parish Requiem for the Queen George & Bernadette Kellett Justyna & Tomas – 2 nd Wedding Anniversary	INT RIP INT RD ANN INT
Mon 12/9 10.00am 7.00pm	FERIA	James Mills Reception of Michael Diver	ANN RIP
Tue 13/9 10.00am 11.30am	ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM	Giovanni & Fiora Beschizza Funeral of Michael Diver	INT RIP
Wed 14/9 10.00am 6.00pm	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>(Comboni Convent)</i>	Chris Durkin Angela Hickey	RIP INT
Thur 15/9 10.00am 10.00am	OUR LADY OF SORROWS Gunnersbury	Brendan McCaull Funeral of Baby Ella Maria Fernandes	RIP RIP
Fri 16/9 10.00am 11.30am 6.00pm	Ss CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN Grove Park <i>(PIME Convent)</i>	Martin Higgins Funeral of Charlotte Honhold Thomas Smyth	ANN RIP INT
Sat 17/9 10.00am 11-11.45am 5-5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	FERIA Grove Park	Henry & Agnes – 25 th Wedding Anniversary Confession Holy Hour & Confession Benediction John Frederick Gamble – Birthday Kitty Kennedy	INT RIP RD

LET US PRAY

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, 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, P.C.Wrynn, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Iris Faulkner, Mike O'Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Isabel Pascale Murphy and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: HM Queen Elizabeth II, Michael Paul Diver, Charlotte Honhold, Maryann Plimsoll, Paul Sfeir and Bridie Holihan, Ella Maria Fernandes. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: George & Bernadette Kellett, James Mills, Martin Higgins. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.136

1st Reading: **Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14**

Psalm: **50: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19**

2nd Reading: **1 Timothy 1: 12-17**

Gospel: **Luke 15: 1-32**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.140

1st Reading: **Amos 8:4-7**

Psalm: **112:1-2, 4-8**

2nd Reading: **1 Timothy 2: 1-8**

Gospel: **Luke 16: 1-13**

FR DANIEL'S FAREWELL MASS AND RECEPTION, also welcoming Fr Daniel Daley and Fr Erasmus Egenonu CSSp – The 11.00am Mass today was intended to be a Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr Daniel's ministry among us has now become a **Requiem Mass for Her Majesty the Queen**. It will be Fr Daniel's privilege to celebrate this Mass as his last in his appointment to Chiswick. The Reception afterwards in the Parish Centre will still allow parishioners to bid both farewell to Fr Daniel Herrero and welcome to Fr Daniel Daley and Fr Erasmus Egenonu CSSp. It will run long enough to allow those at the 12.15pm Mass to join before words of thanks at about 1.10pm. All parishioners are welcome.

A WORLD PREMIER IN THE PARISH! – At 6.30pm Friday 14th October, Our Lady of Grace Church will host the first ever live performance of **'AQUERO'**, an oratorio on the life and experience of St Bernadette of Lourdes receiving the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858. The charitable event will raise funds for Friends of the Holy Land, the ecumenical charity of which Cardinal Vincent is Patron, supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Tickets for the concert only are £20 and will soon be available from the Parish Office. Or, to buy a ticket for the concert AND the post-concert buffet supper in the Parish Centre at £60 each, please go to: <https://aquero-chiswick.eventbrite.co.uk>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM is on Saturday 24th Sept but a coach has not been arranged by our parish nor by our deanery. Although technically pilgrims are to go on parish-sponsored coaches it might be feasible to join the day there by private car. The Mass, celebrated by the Cardinal, is at 12.00 noon with the walk along the Holy Mile at 2.15pm. Enquiries to the Pilgrimage Administrator: elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk or phone 020 7798 9173 (Mon & Tues only in office hours).

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SECONDARY AND PRIMARY, 2022. The series of 10-minute appointments with Fr Michael for a Certificate of Catholic Practice will run weekly from 14th Sept through to 15th October for secondary applications and later for primary. 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 Fr 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 particular school. Phone or email the office from Tuesday 13th Sept for a 10-minute appointment this week within: Weds 14th 3.00-5.50pm; Thurs 15th 3.00-4.00pm; Fri 16th 3.00pm-5.00pm.

BAPTISM – It is possible to apply for infant baptism currently either with the form from the board at the back of church, the Parish Office or via the parish website. Part 2 of the current Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on **13th September** in the church and St Edward's Room.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23 in NOW OPEN for application the closing date being **18th Sept.**, with the Enrolment Mass on 2nd October. Please register online at the parish website: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org and click on 'sacraments'.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2022/23 will begin later than First Holy Communion and will be advertised when ready for applications.

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 2022 to May 2023. 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

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.00pm. Please note there will be **no meetings on 13th and 20th Sept** and will reconvene on 27th September. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is on Thursday 22 September, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, on how to Pray and Provide for our families, followed by drinks at The Lamb - men of all ages are very welcome. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnellysm@hotmail.com for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to <https://catholicman.uk/>

CATHOLIC LISTENERS - A new confidential helpline **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, for those returning to the faith. Although not a counselling service, we have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Contact Ade, Catholiclisteners@gmail.com or 08004480704.

GUNNERSBURY NOTES

BABY ELLA MARIA FERNANDES – This Requiem Mass will take place on Thurs 15th September at 10.00am. May she rest in peace.

GROVE PARK NOTES

CHARLOTTE HONHOLD RIP – The Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 16th September at 11.30am. May she rest in peace.

THANK YOU – Mary Gale would like to thank all those who attended the funeral of her late brother, extended their sympathy and sent Mass cards. A Mass for your intentions will be offered on 25th September at 9.45am.

CATHOLIC UNION EVENT - Monday 19th Sept 6.30pm (Doors 6pm). **Baroness Sheila Hollins** will deliver the Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture on "**Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe – Insights from the Vatican**" at the University of Notre Dame (1 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HG). In person and live streamed. Free, all welcome and followed by a Drinks Reception. To register and for livestream link, see [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) or register at info@catholicunion.org.uk or 020 8749 1321.

A DAY WITH MARY – On Sat 17th September, The Five Precious Wounds, Brentfield Road, NW10 from 10.00am to 5.30pm.

RETOUVAILLE: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages - Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? - Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought together. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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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, gifts and many more items.

CATHOLIC CENTRE, LOUNGE BAR - The Lounge Bar at the Parish Centre is now open **every Friday from 3pm to 10pm**. All welcome. In the parish synodality experience, there was hope for more social events in the Parish Centre. Please bring suggestions. The Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, W4 2AE.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – The Tuesday post-Mass coffee morning on Tuesday 13th Sept in the St Edward's Room is **CANCELLED** this week due to the funeral at 11.30am but will return next Tuesday. The Friday post-Mass coffee morning in the Parish Centre is on 16th Sept. and is happening. All are very welcome.

Collections for last week will be announced in next weekend's Newsletter:

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