



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

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12th FEBRUARY 2023

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Tomas writes:-

The first two readings for this Sunday are related to Wisdom which is, above all, the understanding of the plan of God to reveal His merciful love through the death of Our Lord. But how then do we become wise? Wisdom is – above all – a gift. The Holy Spirit gives us a share in the resurrected life of Our Lord, and the same Spirit will continue to develop that life in us, transforming our broken natures so that we become images and likenesses of God. Our spiritual maturity is thus closely connected to our growth in Wisdom. This Wisdom is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, together with Counsel, Understanding, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of God. The gift of Knowledge helps us to judge rightly the truths of Christian faith, the gift of Understanding gives us a deeper insight into those divine truths. And the gift of Wisdom *empowers us to judge and order all things* in accordance with our Christian belief, relying on these revealed truths. While Knowledge and Understanding enable us to understand the divine truths, it is the gift of Wisdom that helps us *to perceive our entire lives* through our faith. By viewing our lives from the perspective of the truths in which we believe, we grow in union with God. Where Understanding is more a matter of mind, an intellectual achievement, Wisdom in an *experience of the heart*. When our genuine love for Christ penetrates our heart, it reaches great depths which intellect is unable to speculate about. This was the case of many saints whose wisdom often surpassed knowledge, for it was wisdom resulting from acts of deep prayer and – above all – *charity*. As the Holy Spirit transforms us according to the love found in Christ, we begin to comprehend the charity that God has revealed through his Cross. And as we grow in charity and charity continues to grow within us, we become more Christ-like, and love reaches the deepest corners of our souls. Through the love of Christ and in the Holy Spirit we arise above the mere “wisdom” of the world, embracing the gift of Wisdom, immersed in the irresistible love of God. Only through this transformation of our hearts by the love of Jesus poured into them by the Holy Spirit can we begin to comprehend its unsearchable riches. The gift of Wisdom is thus born when we contemplate the divine, but it brings practical fruits every day when we order our lives according to it, evaluating *everything* from the point of view of our faith, and avoiding worldly trappings. Come, Holy Spirit, and give us a share in your Wisdom which our world needs so much.

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 11/2 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Deceased Family, Relatives & Friends of O'Sullivan family Fred de Pauli	RIP RD
6.30pm	Grove Park		
Sun 12/2 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	6 th SUNDAY IN OT Gunnersbury	Bernard Keigher Michael Conry John Armstead Marzenna & Witold Schejbal People of the Parish Bridget Barr	RD SICK ANN ANN INT ANN
Mon 13/2 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA	Anne Wilmer Reception of Mary Garrett	RD RIP
Tue 14/2 10.00am 12 Noon	SS CYRIL & METHIDIUS	Vera & Francis Fenwick Funeral of Mary Garrett	ANN RIP
Wed 15/2 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA Comboni Cnvnt	Mathias D'Souza Robin Nash	INT RD
Thur 16/2 10.00am	FERIA	Margaret Fraser	RD
Fri 17/2 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA PIME Convent	Dan & Con Hickey Frances Kane	ANN RD
Sat 18/2 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	FERIA Grove Park	Bill Collins Confession Baptism Confession Thanksgiving Hayes Family Catherine Hynan	RIP INT ANN

LET US PRAY

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthly, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, 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, Pascale Murphy, Claudio Bogi, Gloria Weymouth, Theresa Southern, Constance Redmond, Georgia, Brid, Pat Gleasure, Tony Sheehan, Vinny McNamara, Sophie Duarte Bravo, Carlos Amaro Bitencourt, Maria Jose Bitencourt, Dr. Charles Bredin, Vera Jansen and those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Mary Garrett, Bridget Morrissey, Tony McGeever. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Nick Morris, Michael McLoughlin, 1st Anniversary, John Armstead, Marzenna & Witold Schejbal, Bridget Barr, Vera & Francis Fenwick, Dan & Con Hickey, Catherine Hynan. May they Rest in Peace.

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

1st Reading: **Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20**

Psalm: **118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

Gospel: **Matthew 5:17-37**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.139

1st Reading: **Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**

Psalm: **102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 3: 16-23**

Gospel: **Matthew 5: 38-48**

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'.

CAFOD Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal CAFOD is responding as part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. For more details visit CAFOD's Turkey-Syria Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/> but for convenience of assisting there'll be a retiring blue-bag collection for CAFOD after all Masses this weekend.

TOTAL FROM CRIB OFFERINGS – *Thank you* to all those who donated to the Crib appeal over Advent and Christmas whether in Chiswick, Gunnersbury or Grove Park. The joint total was a very generous **£1313.90**. A cheque to help disadvantaged children and families locally will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster). To see their work: <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/>

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are very welcome to join the weekly social gathering of young adults in our parish. Meet outside church after the 6.30 Sunday evening Mass. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

COMBONI RETREAT – A pre-Lenten Retreat this Saturday morning 18th February, 10.00am to 1.00pm, on the theme of 'Listen –with all your heart'. Conference Facilitator, Sr Margaret Doherty RNDM. See poster at back for details. If interested or to book, please contact: combonicentre16@gmail.com or phone 020 8994 1220 at the venue, Comboni Centre, 2 Chiswick Lane, W4 2JF.

HCPT 115 QUIZCO – 18th February, 8.00pm at The Union, Block 4, Unit 5, 566 Chiswick High Road, (opposite Gunnersbury Station). Fundraising to give children with special needs the holiday of a lifetime. Tickets £12 per person with teams max of 8 people. Text Noreen 07980024145 or email group115@hcpt.org.uk

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is on Thursday 23rd February, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a video and discussion on 'Divine Renovation UK - My Parish Isn't Missional! How to Lead when you're Not in Charge', followed by drinks at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnelysm@hotmail.com for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 14th Feb. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK - Isabel Vaughan Spruce - Arrested for silently praying outside a closed Abortion Centre. Come and hear her speak at 7pm Monday 13th February and learn about the Life-Saving Peaceful Prayerful Outreach that is 40 Days for Life as we prepare for a 40 Days for Life Campaign in Brixton. For more details contact Gabriella on 07745-711064 or The Good Counsel Network on 020-7723-1740. Venue: Parish Hall, Our Lady of the Rosary, 364 Brixton Road, London, SW9 0TH.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE EALING – Volunteers needed this Lent to give an hour a week from Ash Weds 22nd Feb until Palm Sunday 2nd April to pray and offer help and outreach to mothers and anyone affected by abortion. Join with 1 million volunteers in 64 countries worldwide who have helped to save the lives of over 20,000 babies. To find out how you can help, please call Sarah 07776256838, email london40daysforlife@hotmail.com

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - As preparations begin for the annual Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Friday 21st to Friday 28th July**, we aim to travel together as a Diocese. In order to aid the planning stages and inform our travel options, it would be helpful if you could indicate your interest in travelling to Lourdes in July and state if you would be willing to offer any help or volunteer for any of the roles that support the Pilgrimage. To **express interest visit:** <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> Volunteers over 18 require a DBS check from Westminster Diocese Safeguarding with the correct level of clearance to work with the vulnerable. All participants, particularly Assisted Pilgrims, need to complete a Westminster Lourdes Pilgrimage Medical Questionnaire and to have received the appropriate permissions, including vaccinations, according to current UK health guidance.

CATHOLIC CENTRE CHISWICK – The Parish Centre is now open for all activities and the Lounge Bar is open for its regular hours.

CAR PARKING IN THE CENTRE – PLEASE would parishioners NOT park in the Parish Centre Car Park, particularly on weekdays, as MOST places in the car park are rented out at commercial rates helping to keep the Centre open. Ask the Manager before parking please: 020 8747 5074.

AGE CONCERN, Friendship Club, Oxford Rd Nth, W4 4DN
Thursday Talks, All welcome!

16th February at 12.00 noon a short talk by a representative of Scottish and Southern Electricity about **Priority Services Registers**. All energy suppliers and network operators are legally required to keep a register of vulnerable customers. He will explain who is eligible and how to get your name recorded.

2nd March at 11.30am two representatives from LB Hounslow's **Community Solutions** team will come to talk about how this service can help you access information, advice and help on various topics.

LENT PROGRAM ON CLIMATE CHANGE and the things that give us joy at OUR LADY OF VICTORIES PARISH HALL 235a Kensington High Street W8 6SA on Thursdays during March:-
9th March 7-8pm: What are the things that give you joy? What things stand in the way?

16th March 7-8pm: Showing the Letter Part 1, followed by reflections and telling your story.

23rd March 7-8pm: Showing the Letter Part 2, followed by invitation to a journey forward.

30th March 7-8pm: The world is better with you in it. How can we use our talents?

CAFOD, THE BIG LENT WALK – Walk 200 km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. To sign up go to: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk>

BACH'S ST. JOHN'S PASSION – Westminster Cathedral, Thursday 16th March 7.30pm, with stellar soloists, world-famous choir and Baroque orchestra <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/> but **AT HALF-PRICE** to parishioners (from £15-£45 a ticket to £7.50-£22.50!) with THIS OFFER CODE: SJP50 by this link only <https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F005D88A31F16CD?did=aint50john>

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT – Chiswick Catholic Centre, Friday 17th March from 7.00pm to 11.00pm. DJ & Music, Irish Dancers, hot and cold Irish buffet included. £10 a ticket from the Parish Centre Lounge Bar, Friday Coffee morning, Parish Office or emailing chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk Limited numbers so please buy tickets early, which also helps catering plans!

ST. PATRICK'S EVENT – Kensington, Our Lady of Victories, Saturday 18th March 7.00pm. Live Music, Irish Dance Display, Open Buffet, Guinness and good Craic! Tickets £20 in aid of the charity Friends of the Holy Land www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/ from fhkingsington@hotmail.co.uk or 020 7937 4778 or 07746 847 126. Votive Mass of St Patrick at 6.00pm in church beforehand.

MOVE INTO WELLBEING - Chiswick-based Registered Charity is pleased to add another enjoyable exercise class on Tuesdays at The Catholic Centre, Dukes Ave from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This follows the very popular Tuesday class that is already held at 2.15pm, which is usually full to capacity. These adaptable movement classes with music can be done seated or standing. All Over 60's Residents of LB of Hounslow in Chiswick, W4 and beyond, are welcome to come try one. The suggested donation is £2/5, and interested attendees should sign-up on info@moveintowellbeing.org.uk. Website: www.moveintowellbeing.org.uk Twitter: @Movein2Wellbng

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. Also on sale is the Westminster Year Book price £5.00.

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!

FOUND IN THE CHURCH – A hearing aid has been found. If this belongs to you, please contact the Parish Office.

Collections for last weekend:
OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
5/2/23 - £4815.26
St Joseph's Grove Park 5/2/23 - £259.35
Thank you for your generosity.