



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

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at Our Lady of Grace & St Edward, Chiswick, London W4

12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Canon Michael Dunne  
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Fr Femi Victor Orilua CSSp  
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Sharon Bowden

Parish Priest  
Assistant Priest  
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### Fr Michael writes:

The parish will not, sadly, be distributing free sprigs of shamrock this coming St Patrick's Day. In what seem the ever more distant halcyon days before the pandemic, I would buy 300 individually packaged sprigs, flown in from Co Wicklow, for distribution at Masses and then the St Patrick's Party at three for £1. In the most extraordinary and least justifiable instance of cost of living increase I have yet seen, the least expensive individually packaged sprig inclusive of delivery I can find this year is £7.30! That's a increase in four years of 2,112%! Even if interested in betting high for the delivery of at least a few four-leafed clovers is a waste. The shamrock websites lament that it's only about one in 10,000 clovers that will bring us luck! Much better then to honour St Patrick with a donation to the parish Lent Project detailed below. Happy St Patrick's Day!

### THE PARISH LENT PROJECT:

**OUR OVERSEAS LENT PROJECT THIS YEAR: St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG)** - a Catholic charity with a 127 year history of working to end the suffering still caused by leprosy. It supports 40 leprosy centres around the world treating and supporting almost 20,000 people in low-income countries. Leaflets at the back of church with our unique SFLG QR code so any donation made via the QR code records the donation coming from the parish so our fundraising thermometer can keep going up! Please see <https://www.stfrancisleprosy.org/>

**OUR DOMESTIC LENT PROJECT THIS YEAR: Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023** - Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost of living crisis, are still making daily life harder for all. The Church continues to respond with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal with whatever they can afford. Take a donation envelope today either for more info or to use the QR code to make your donation online, though perhaps let the Parish Office know so our fund-raising thermometer at the back of church can keep going up!

**CASH placed in the Lent Project money box** at the main doors of the church will be divided 50% for St. Francis Leprosy Guild and 50% Cardinal's Appeal. Cash placed in envelopes made 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. Undesignated cheques will be divided as per the cash in the Lent Project box.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat 11/3 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass  <b>Grove Park</b>	John Colgan Jean Lurshay	ANN SICK
Sun 12/3 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am  11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT  <b>Gunnersbury</b>	Donald Redfern People of the Parish Deceased of De Tommasi & Wyzdzyński Families The Boyle Family John, May & Marie Cooney Eily O'Leary	RD INT RIP  ANN RIP ANN
Mon 13/3 10.00am 11.15am	LENT FERIA	Joyce & Douglas Jones Funeral of Anne Murphy	INT RIP
Tue 14/3 10.00am	LENT FERIA	Clare & Denis Bourke	ANN
Wed 15/3 10.00am 6.00pm	LENT FERIA  <i>Comboni Cnvnt</i>	Sylvester Da Costa Brian Davison	INT RIP
Thur 16/3 10.00am	LENT FERIA	Antonia, Diago & Gloria Da Costa	RIP
Fri 17/3 10.00am 6.00pm	ST PATRICK	Isabelle Walsgrove <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	ANN
Sat 18/3 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	LENT FERIA  <b>Grove Park</b>	Kimberley Phang Confession Confession Daniel Murnane Gerry Mahon	RD  RD 3 <sup>RD</sup> 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. Wrynne, 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, Vera Jansen, Dr. Charles Bredin, Janice Mary Wilson, Mary Frain and those suffering.

**For the recently deceased:** Józef Kozłowski and Anne Murphy. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** John Colgan, The Boyle Family, Eily O'Leary, Clare & Denis Bourke, Isabelle Walsgrove, Gerry Mahon. May they Rest in Peace.

### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.158

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Exodus 17: 3-7**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8**

Gospel: **John 4:5-42**

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.164

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13**

Psalm: **22**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Ephesians 5: 8-14**

Gospel: **John 9: 1-41**

**CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS** – are on a stand at the back of the church. This now includes new booklets for Lent with daily reflections and prayers. 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.

**CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day – Thank you** for your generous giving last weekend. £1179.16 was donated from Chiswick & Gunnersbury & £254.00 from Grove Park totalling £1433.16. Your generous donations, rooted in love, will support families around the world grow in strength to fight the climate crisis. You can still give online at [www.cafod.org.uk/lent](http://www.cafod.org.uk/lent)

**FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS – At 6.00pm** each Friday evening in Lent we will have the liturgical celebration of the Stations of the Cross. Leaflets will be available at the back of the church.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP –** Those aged 18-35 are very welcome to join the weekly social gathering of young adults in our parish. **THIS EVENING Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March** after the 6:30pm Mass we'll start the evening with a Young Adults' Q&A Session with Frs Michael, Daniel, Femi and Tomas the seminarian in the St Edward's Room at 7.30pm. The next informal Q&A sessions with the priests after Sunday evening Mass is on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

**ALTAR SERVING RECRUITMENT – At 4.00pm Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March** in church our parish Master of Ceremonies, Jim Cullen, is offering altar serving training for new servers. All parish children who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend the session which will last for one hour. At least one parent must attend the session also. New servers, supported by their parents, will need to be ready to attend the 11.00am Sunday Mass for some time before they can return to serve at a different weekend Mass.

**THE MEN'S GROUP –** Our next meeting is on Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 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 - Less Is More: Prioritising Evangelisation in the Parish', followed by drinks at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly at [donnelysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnelysm@hotmail.com) for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to [www.catholicman.uk](http://www.catholicman.uk)

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP) –** The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES –** are available to collect from the Parish Office (weekdays 9.00am to 4.00pm) to those parishioners who have signed up for them. Those envelopes that haven't been collected will be posted out w/c 27<sup>th</sup> March. Gift Aiding your Offertory and other donations to our parish using numbered envelopes or a Standing Order, is a very practical way of increasing the value of your offering by 25 pence for every pound you give at no extra cost to you! Providing you are a UK Taxpayer, you can join the scheme by signing a Gift Aid Declaration which can be obtained from the Parish Office or contact the office by email: [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk) We would also ask those parishioners who have already signed up to inform the office about any changes (eg your name and address) so we can update our records before we start to distribute new envelopes.

#### GUNNERSBURY NOTES

**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES –** As we can't leave new boxes of envelopes in church due to GDPR restrictions, those who have previously received new boxes of envelopes each year will be posted this year's in the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> March. If you wish to join the scheme by either using numbered envelopes or by Standing Order, contact the Parish Office [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk)

#### GROVE PARK NOTES

**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES –** This weekend and next, the new Offertory Envelopes will be handed out after Mass at the back of church. Please take a moment to collect yours. If you have used envelopes in the past but they are not available for collection, please contact the Parish Office 0208994287 or email [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk) Those envelopes not collected will be posted out week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> March. If you wish to join the scheme by either using numbered envelopes or by Standing Order, please contact the Parish Office [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk)

**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!

**CATHOLIC CENTRE CHISWICK –** The Parish Centre is open for all activities and the Lounge Bar is open for its regular hours: Friday noon to 11.00pm; Saturday and Sunday noon to 6.00pm. And a reminder - please ask the Manager 020 8747 5074 before parking.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT – Chiswick Catholic Centre, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk) Limited numbers so please buy tickets asap, which also helps catering plans!

**ST. PATRICK'S EVENT – Kensington, Our Lady of Victories, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/) from [fhk Kensington@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fhk Kensington@hotmail.co.uk) or 020 7937 4778 or 07746 847 126. Votive Mass of St Patrick at 6.00pm in church beforehand.

'**BIGGER THAN MARY**' BOOGIE NIGHT are delighted to be returning to **The Catholic Centre on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. Following the success of the evening in December they have added another decade of dancing tunes! Come along and boogie to an evening of 60's, 70's & 80's....starts at 7.45pm. Tickets £10.

**AFTERNOON TEA - 29<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm - 5.00pm in the Catholic Centre Lounge Bar - Home Instead Chiswick and Hammersmith** are pleased to announce that they will be reinstating their afternoon tea events starting on Weds 29<sup>th</sup> March and would love to welcome you, serving delicious afternoon tea and entertainment. Come along for a chat and meet similar minded people. Bring a friend, everybody is welcome to this free event.

**EALING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE MIDWAY EVENT –** at Our Lady of the Visitation Church, Greenford, UB6 9AN on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March with Mass at 6.00pm celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington followed by a buffet in the Parish Hall and talk by Isabel Vaughan-Spruce (following her court victory for pro-life) All welcome.

**BACH'S ST. JOHN'S PASSION – Westminster Cathedral, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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>

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES –** All are invited to join the Diocese of Westminster's annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July, led by HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Book now to avoid disappointment as places are limited via the Tangney Tours portalat: <https://www.tangneytours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes> If you have previously indicated 'St Frai Pilgrim' on an Expression of Interest Form, or know of someone with significant medical and mobility needs who intends to come to Lourdes, contact the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173 **immediately**, so the Medical Team can look into assisting with requirements and care. Similarly, all individuals or groups intending to travel independently to join Westminster in Lourdes, must confirm this in writing to the Pilgrimage Office by 30<sup>th</sup> April as well as submit payment towards the Pilgrims' Levy at £35 per pilgrim. See <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contact Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173.

**LENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30s)** led by the Assumption Sisters on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March in Kensington**. Young people are invited for a day retreat (10.30am-5pm) including talks • Mass • Stations of the Cross • confessions • adoration • faith sharing and social. Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Simon Stock Church Hall, London W8 4BB. Donations only. **Register:** [tramy@assumptionreligious.org](mailto:tramy@assumptionreligious.org)

**LENT TAIZÉ PRAYER** in Notre Dame de France (French Church, 5 Leicester Place WC2H 7BX) at **7.30pm 25<sup>th</sup> March**, with Taizé chants, scripture and silence in the heart of London. All welcome!

**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'.

**REPOSITORY –** On sale this week, Mother's Day cards, St. Patrick's Day cards, badges, Easter cards and other religious items and also the Westminster Year Book £5.00. It is open after all Sunday morning Masses.

Collections for last weekend:  
**OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick**  
5/3/23 - £4332.74  
**St Joseph's Grove Park 5/3/23 - £222.35**  
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