



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

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12th MAY 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Canon Michael Dunne
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Fr Michael writes:

"Consecrate them in the truth," is one of the inestimably rich prayers Jesus makes to His Father about us, His disciples, in today's passage of the Gospel. It points inexorably not only to our personal Christian life but to our public responsibilities which derive from our communion with God. There are again challenges to the dignity and inviolability of life from conception to natural death coming up very soon for 'debate' and legislation in parliament. The Church asks us all to respond to this latest threat to life and the following is from the Bishops' Conference website. We can very easily respond by clicking on the line below and which enables each of us to write to our respective MPs asking them to oppose two of the proposed amendments and support the two others. Please do this to help protect the right to life of the most vulnerable:

The government's flagship Criminal Justice Bill has four important amendments, that will likely be debated and voted on shortly in the House of Commons, that could fundamentally change our laws on abortion. We uphold the dignity and value of every human life from conception to natural end and have clear views on these amendments.

New Clause 1 (NC1) – Decriminalisation

An amendment New Clause 1 (NC1) has been tabled by Dame Diana Johnson MP. This amendment would remove offences that make it illegal for a woman to perform her own abortion at any point right through to birth. **These changes to the law would apply throughout all nine months of pregnancy and would create a situation where abortion, including sex-selective abortion, is legal at any stage.**

As Pope Francis says: "It is troubling to see how simple and convenient it has become for some to deny the existence of a human life as a solution to problems that can and must be solved for both the mother and her unborn child". In England and Wales, both unborn child and pregnant mother deserve full protection under our laws, as some of the most vulnerable in our society. We would encourage MPs to **oppose this amendment.**

New Clause 15 (NC15) – Upper Limit

This amendment has been tabled by Caroline Ansell MP, representing a cross-party group of 25 MPs, with a view to **changing the law to lower the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks.** Due to advances in medical science, many babies can now survive before Britain's 24-week limit. The current limit is also double that of most of our neighbouring countries. We would encourage MPs to **support this amendment.**

New Clause 40 (NC40) – Decriminalisation

This amendment in the name of Stella Creasy MP and others would **decriminalise abortion up to 24 weeks** and remove custodial sentences for abortions carried out any stage. We would encourage MPs to **oppose this amendment.**

New Clause 41 (NC41) – Down syndrome

This amendment, tabled by Liam Fox MP would mean that **terminations would not be allowed beyond 24 weeks where any risk is purely on the grounds of a diagnosis of Down syndrome.** We would encourage MPs to **support this amendment.**

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/take-action-on-proposed-abortion-law-change/>

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 11/5 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	Major Dilys Davies Andrew Neary Jnr.	ANN RIP
Sun 12/5 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	7 th SUNDAY OF EASTER Gunnersbury	Ignatius Raymond Annie Garfoot – Birthday People of the Parish Donie Flynn Kathleen Ryan Daniel Woods	ANN INT INT RD INT RD
Mon 13/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA Funeral of Nigel Bishop		RIP
Tue 14/5 10.00am	SAINT MATTHIAS	Rosie McManus	ANN
Wed 15/5 10.00am 6.00pm	EASTER FERIA <i>Comboni Convent</i>	Christopher Harrington Sr. Emanuella Laner & Sr. Maria Tenderini	RD RD
Thur 16/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Cordelia Onodu	INT
Fri 17/5 10.00am 6.00pm	EASTER FERIA <i>Pime Convent</i>	Joseph Alder Bernard Clark	ANN RD
Sat 18/5 10.00am 11.00am 12.00 & 3.00pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	EASTER FERIA Grove Park	Paddy McLoughlin <i>Confessions</i> First Holy Communion <i>Confessions</i> Patrick Coleman Helen Landy	ANN RIP ANN

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Alex Tuffy, Cecilia Walsgrove, Claudio Bogi, Mary Frain, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Fr. Eamon Conarty, Greta Gribben, Romeo Monthly, Benjamin White, Brid O'Neill, Anne Beglane, Margaret Niwczyk Bejnarowicz, Sr Mary Lonergan, Laura Marani, Fay Mushantaf, Pascal de Thomasson, Pearl Fernandez, Michele Sfeir, Kevin Herbert, Vinny McNamara, Tony Sheehan, Anthony Foley, Eileen McGuinness, Laurence Taylor, Roger Gilroy, Georgina, Gwen Walsh, Jenny King, Harriet Paterson, Sarah Madden, Alice Brennan.

For the recently deceased: Nigel Bishop, Marva Sloley, Sophie Christian Pemperton, Seamus Harrison. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Major Dilys Davies, Ignatius Raymond, Rosie McManus, Joseph Alder, Paddy McLoughlin, Helen Landy, Leandra Tomines Ignacio. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.273

1st Reading: Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26

Psalm: 102: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20

2nd Reading: John 4: 11-16

Gospel: John 17: 11-19

NEXT WEEKEND'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.286

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND is our overseas Lent Project – With our thoughts on the crisis in the Holy Land, the ecumenical charity *Friends of the Holy Land* enables us to make some contribution to the relief efforts. **So far £7,904.58** has been donated including online. For their current work see their website <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk> which includes a page 'Our Response to Gaza' detailing their supporting those churches in Gaza which are sheltering "Christians, Muslims and those of no faith". Please contribute to the Lent Project Box at the main church doors (divided with the Cardinal's Appeal) or take an FHL Gift Aid envelope and return it to the parish dropping it into any collection or the Priests' House letterbox. Alternatively, perhaps give online with this link and/or QR code on the posters at the exits of the church which take you to our parish appeal on the FHL website: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/our-lady-of-grace-chiswick-lent-2024

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL – If you can please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. **So far £4,136.70.** Please take a donation envelope, for more info. You can use the QR code to donate online but please let the Parish Office know so that we can add the amount to our **Project Thermometer total which is now over the £12,000 target!** *Thank you.*

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are welcome to join the weekly social gathering of parish young adults after the 6.30pm Sunday Mass. www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults

COLUMBAN MISSION APPEAL - Next weekend we have the annual Mission Appeal for the Columban Missionaries to support their work in solidarity with the marginalised and poor promoting justice, peace and integrity of creation in 15 countries throughout Oceania, Europe, Asia and the Americas. There will be a second collection after all Masses.

THE MEN'S GROUP - Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for our next meeting on Thursday 16th May, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. We will have a video and discussion on Divine Renovation UK "Sacramental Preparation: From Courses to Conversions" followed by a social drink at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: donnellysm@hotmail.com or just turn up.

BAPTISM – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 21st May and 28th May in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or online via the parish website: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org

NIGEL BISHOP RIP – The Requiem Mass for the late Nigel Bishop, an active parishioner who contributed to parish life over many years including being the parish's CAFOD Co-ordinator, will take place in the church on **Monday 13th May at 10.00am**, replacing the normal parish weekday Mass. As those who can attend Mass on weekdays are aware, this is a very rare exception to the norm, which is that usually a funeral Mass will be scheduled after the parish Mass, but on this occasion it has been necessitated by the bereaved family's circumstances. The Requiem Mass will be about an hour rather than the 30 minutes of a routine parish Mass. Ferial Masses are available on that day at 8.00am and 12.15pm in St Augustine's Hammersmith or at 6.00pm at Holy Trinity, Brook Green.

CATHOLIC CENTRE LOUNGE BAR – The Catholic Centre Lounge Bar is open for the routine hours: Fridays from 12.00 Noon to 10.00pm; Saturdays and Sundays 12.00 Noon to 6.00pm.

HESTON CATHOLIC SOCIAL CLUB, Eton Avenue, Heston, TW5 0HB presents 'THE DUETS' - Duo visiting from Co. Mayo Ireland. Appearing here this evening, Saturday 11th May. £10 entry on the door, raffle, bar open until late. Doors open at 8pm.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK - On Tuesday 21st May, the Vigil of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

FOOT HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CLINIC – In the Catholic Centre, Dukes Ave, Room 4, for chiropody, reflexology and wellbeing advice. Home visits also. Tel. Gerardine McCaffrey 07957165123

INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF FAITH: SUPPORTING KOINONIA - We all understand the importance of fostering faith in young adults, especially during their university years – a crucial time for exploration and growth. Koinonia, a dedicated charity, provides guidance and support for university students in London through evangelism and discipleship programs, helping them strengthen their faith journeys. **To support this vital mission, they're participating in a 5K Parkrun on May 18th, aiming to raise £3,000.** The funds will directly benefit Koinonia's programmes, ensuring they can continue offering guidance, resources, and a nurturing environment for young people exploring their faith. Visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/koinonia-5k> to contribute to Koinonia's mission (including for a young Chiswick parishioner) and support their efforts. For more information about Koinonia and their programs, visit their website: <https://koinonia.co.uk/>

HOME START - If you have availability and you are a parent or grandparent (or have similar experience), you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start is offering a free training to be a home-visiting volunteer supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run in Hampton Wick from 9.45am-2.30pm, on Thursdays from 9th May to 20th June (not half-term 30th May). After the course, volunteers visit and support a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more info, please contact Erin on 07884 536161 erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk or volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk

RETRouvaille – Do you need support in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

CAFOD Pilgrimage - CAFOD is organising a pilgrimage for young adults aged between 18-40 from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th July, in a special way in this year of prayer and lead up to the year of Jubilee. Reconnecting with their faith through worship, prayer and journeying as pilgrims together. The pilgrimage will include a two-night residential stay at the Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough, NN9 5UH. On the Saturday we will then be walking from Our Lady Help of Christians & St Lawrence, Olney to The Church of the Holy Child in Bedford, a distance of approximately 13.5 miles. For more information: [Young Adults Residential Pilgrimage \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://YoungAdultsResidentialPilgrimage(cafod.org.uk)) Sign-up link: [Young Adults Pilgrimage July 24 - Formstack](http://YoungAdultsPilgrimageJuly24-Formstack)

VACANCY: Exam Invigilators at Gumley House School - We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic Exam Invigilators with excellent customer service skills to join our vibrant community. £13.50 an hour. If you are interested in this position please email Donna Godwin (PA to Headteacher) at dgodwin@gumleyhouse.com

DUPLICATE BRIDGE – Every Thursday evening at St. Josephs Church, 1 Bolton Road. Call Phill Tait 07860 575 135

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

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

REPOSITORY - The Repository is open after all Sunday Morning Masses with First Holy Communion cards and gifts plus Confirmation cards, year diaries, sympathy cards, candles, rosaries and many more items. Cash only please, small notes or change.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.45am MASS – The coffee morning takes place TODAY after the 9.45am Mass in the Parish Centre.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – Tues post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St Edward's Room each week and Fri coffee morning in the Parish Centre Lounge Bar at 10.30am. All welcome!

Collections for last weekend

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

5/5/24 - £4374.77

Grove Park

5/5/24 - £247.80

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