



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

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12th NOVEMBER 2023

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Remembrance Sunday

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The Holy See, on behalf of Pope Francis, has sent this reflection (of which this is an extract) to the Sixth Paris Peace Forum this weekend:

This year, the Forum is being held in an extremely painful global context. While we watch helplessly as armed conflicts multiply, bringing with them suffering, injustice and damage to our common home, the Pope wants this Forum to be a sign of hope. He hopes that the commitments made will encourage sincere dialogue, based on listening to the cries of all those who suffer as a result of terrorism, violence in general and wars, all scourges that benefit only certain groups by feeding particular interests, unfortunately often disguised by noble intentions.

Peacebuilding is a slow, patient process, requiring the courage and practical commitment of all people of good will who care about the present and the future of humanity and the planet. Lasting peace is built day by day, through the recognition, respect and promotion of the dignity of the human person and his or her fundamental rights, among which the Holy See particularly acknowledges the human right to peace, which is a condition for the exercise of all other human rights.

In the year that marks the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we must admit that, for millions of people on every continent, the persistent gap between the solemn commitments made on 10 December 1948 and reality has yet to be bridged, and in some cases with great urgency. How many people, including children, are deprived of the fundamental and primary right to life and to physical and mental integrity as a result of hostilities between different groups or different countries? How many people are deprived of the most basic rights as a result of conflicts, such as the right to drinking water and healthy food, but also the right to freedom of religion, health, decent housing, a quality education and dignified work? How many children are forced to take part, directly or indirectly, in fighting, and bear the physical, psychological and spiritual scars for the rest of their lives?

While reaffirming the inalienable right to self-defence and the responsibility to protect those whose lives are threatened, we must acknowledge that war is always a defeat of humanity.

Peace is built not with weapons, but through patient listening, dialogue and cooperation, which remain the only means worthy of the human person in resolving differences.

*O God, merciful and strong,
who crush wars and cast down the proud,
be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst
and to wipe away all tears,
to bring peace throughout the world,
so that we may all truly deserve to be called your
children.*

Sat 11/11 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Holy Souls Winnie Carney	RIP ANN
6.30pm	Grove Park		
Sun 12/11 8.30am	32 nd Sunday in OT	Ellen (Nell) O'Farrell Holy Souls	ANN RIP
9.45am		People of the Parish	INT
10.00am	Gunnersbury	The Fallen	RIP
11.15am		Antoinette Lupton	ANN
12.30pm		George Thomas Harrington	RIP
6.30pm			
Mon 13/11 10.00am	FERIA	Holy Souls	RIP
Tue 14/11 10.00am	FERIA	Holy Souls Funeral of Marion Sutton	RIP RIP
11.30am			
Wed 15/11 10.00am	FERIA	Holy Souls	RIP
6.00pm	Comboni Covent	Paddy Crinnegan	RD
Thur 16/11 10.00am	ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON	Holy Souls	RIP
12 Noon		Funeral of Eileen Kemble	RIP
Fri 17/11 10.00am	FERIA	Holy Souls	RIP
12 Noon		Funeral of Lee Monono	RIP
6.00pm	Grove Park PIME Convent	Katy Quinn	RD
Sat 18/11 10.00am	FERIA	Holy Souls	RIP
11.00am		Confession	
5.00pm		Confession	
6.30pm		Lyn & Peter Dennis	ANN
6.30pm	Grove Park	Laurence Ryan	1 st ANN

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Alex Tuffy, Cecilia Walsgrove, Claudio Bogi, Mary Frain, William Francis Ryan, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Jim Ward, Fr. Eamon Conarty, Tina Byrne, Greta Gribben, Romeo Monthy, Benjamin White and those suffering.

For the recently deceased: Mary Casser, Alphonsus Michael Egan, Marion Sutton, Helen Roskott, Senhora Vitalia, Brenda Houston, Eileen Kemble and Lee Monono. May they rest in peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Winnie Carney, Ellen (Nell) O'Farrell, Antoinette Lupton, Lyn & Peter Dennis, Gillian Kelly, Laurence Ryan, 1st Anniversary. May they rest in peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 152

1st Reading: **Wisdom 6: 12-16**

Psalm: **62: 2-8**

2nd Reading: **1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18**

Gospel: **Matthew 25: 1-13**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 155

1st Reading: **Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

Psalm: **127: 1-5**

2nd Reading: **1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6**

Gospel: **Matthew 25: 14-30**

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 – On sale now and **NEWLY STOCKED** with Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Year Diaries as well as sympathy cards, candles and rosaries etc. The Repository is open after all Sunday morning Masses. Pop in and see us.

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, TODAY – To allow for parishioners to join with all local residents attending the Act of Remembrance at the Chiswick Cenotaph (10.50am-11.10am), **our 11.00am Mass will begin at 11.15am.** The 11.15am Mass will be the annual Requiem for the Fallen. The 12.15pm Mass will begin at 12.30pm. The Royal British Legion procession to the Cenotaph leaves from outside the Memorial Club/Parish Centre, Bourne Place, 10.30am. All welcome.

NOVEMBER, THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS the 'November Dead Lists' are available at the back of the church for the month when one parish Mass daily will be offered for the Holy Souls.

NOVEMBER'S BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES – The annual Blessings of the Graves in local cemeteries during the Month of the Holy Souls will be 3.00pm Sunday 19th November in Gunnersbury Cemetery. (Warm, windproof and waterproof clothing is recommended; also portable chairs recommended for the elderly.) Details of all Blessings of Graves in Hounslow Deanery during November are on the noticeboard at the back of church.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION - Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. £1844.24 was donated by Chiswick/Gunnersbury and £20.00 by Grove Park making a **grand total of £1864.24.** If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church and you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. You may also wish to consider becoming a **Patron** of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today. Thank you again.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL - Next weekend we have an appeal from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) which supports persecuted and oppressed Christians through prayer information and action. Among many other countries, Nigeria is one of the countries where Christian persecution has become part of everyday life. "I thank God I am alive. I have so many reasons to be thankful to God" said Margaret Attah, a survivor of a church blast on Pentecost Sunday on 5th June 2022 at St Francis Xavier's Church, Owo, which killed 40 parishioners in Nigeria. ACN supports more than 5,000 projects helping the Church's mission internationally. If you wish to get involved in the charity, or if you wish to be an ACN volunteer, please contact John Ravi on 07932973650, John.Ravi@acnuk.org or go to www.acnuk.org

YOUTH CONFIRMATION – Registration is now online via the parish website <http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org> for parish children who will be 14 years old at least at the time of their Confirmation in summer 2024. **The closing date to register for Confirmation is Friday 5th Jan 2024** with the Introductory Talk on the 14th Jan 2024.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS & RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or THINKING ABOUT CATHOLICISM? – This year's course is **beginning on Wednesday, 15th November at 7.00pm** in the St Edward's Room, the entrance to which is from the side of the church before the Priests' House. If you know of anyone else who is considering becoming a Catholic or if a Catholic has missed out on any of the sacraments, please let them know. Please contact: chiswick@rcdow.org.uk 020 8994 2877

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are welcome to join the weekly social gathering of young adults in our parish. Today after the 6.30pm Mass, Roger Khan will join the group to give a talk about the Knights of St Columba, after which the social will be in the Chiswick Memorial Club, Bourne PI, appropriate to Remembrance Sunday. www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults

THE MEN'S GROUP - Next meeting Thursday 16th November, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a presentation on "The Intentional Father: A Practical Guide to Raise Sons of Courage and Character", followed by a drink at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: donnellysm@hotmail.com or just turn up.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2023. To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) you should **firstly** contact the Parish Office to request an appointment and collect a self-assessment form (also sent electronically). You should **secondly** complete the self-assessment form and bring it to your appointment with Canon Michael. 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. It is also *perfectly feasible* to submit an application to a Catholic school *without* a CCP.

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS DINNER - The annual Christmas dinner for our senior parishioners and neighbours will take place in the Parish Centre on Sun 3rd Dec. This event is for our parishioners, as well as for other senior citizens who live within our parish boundaries. Anyone who wishes to attend must have a ticket, which can be obtained from the Parish Office. We rely on volunteers to help with the successful running of the day. **We need volunteers:**

Sunday 3rd Dec: 9.00am – 11.00am – setting up
1.00pm – 3.30pm – helping to serve
3.30pm – 5.30pm – helping to serve and tidy up

We also need drivers both before and after the party. This is absolutely essential as many of the guests are unable to travel without transport. Please contact Jackie Knight if you are able to help on 0771 2675020 jmq123@btinternet.com. It would be lovely to have some teenagers/young people also volunteering for the event which is always great fun. Also we like to give each guest a small gift, items such as small boxes of sweets, toiletries, or gentlemen's socks are very welcome, and can be handed in at the Parish Office by Fri 1st Dec.

ST JOSEPH'S GROVE PARK NOTES

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT WITH SUPPER - Sat 25th November – please put the date in the diary for a fortnight from today. After the 6.30pm Mass parishioners are warmly invited to a quiz night but with all tables being winners in that they'll also enjoy a delicious home-cooked supper from Paola. Please let us try to her know numbers.

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.00pm with the next session Tuesday 14th Nov. For more info Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.45am MASS TODAY! Coffee morning will take place this weekend after the 9.45am Mass today, Sunday, in the Parish Centre and every weekend, except school holidays. Families, children, visitors all welcome. If you would like to volunteer to help at the coffee mornings, four volunteers are required on a rota basis. Please contact Monica by email: monicaolim@hotmail.com

'REMEMBRANCE' A miscellany of readings, letters and poems commemorating and remembering those affected by wars around the world, by Persever Productions. This evening, **Sunday, 7.30pm**, Chiswick Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue. Persever Productions CIO is a registered charity (no: 1201022), supporting actors. Click the link for tickets: - [Rememberance at The Chiswick Catholic Centre event tickets from TicketSource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rememberance-at-the-chiswick-catholic-centre)

CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR ST. MARY'S - GET STARTED ON YOUR CHRISTMAS TO-DO LIST! St. Mary's Primary School PTA is selling gorgeous, luxury Christmas Wreaths at discounted prices, with all profits from these purchases going back to the school. If you would like to have a look at what is on offer, please visit: www.pta-events.co.uk/stmarysw4/index.cfm?event=products The deadline for placing an order is tomorrow, Mon 13th of Nov, so hurry! Wreaths can be picked up at St.Mary's Christmas Fair on 2nd Dec. Other delivery arrangements possible. Query?: pta_stmarys@yahoo.com

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR We're gearing up for Christmas and our legendary Christmas Raffle which will take place at the Christmas Fair on Saturday, 2nd Dec. **If you own a local business and can offer your support**, or would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please contact the PTA via email, pta_stmarys@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

ST MARY'S NURSERY? - At St Mary's we are constantly striving to ensure that we are meeting the ever changing needs of children and families within our community. We are keen to learn your views and invite you to complete the one page form at the back of church (pls hand in to the Parish Office) or on the parish website. The answers provided will help us to make any changes that may be useful in meeting parents' needs. Thanks!

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – There will be **NO Tuesday post-Mass coffee morning this week** and will resume next week 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

05/11/23 - £4338.46

Grove Park

05/11/23 - £203.36

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