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13TH FEBRUARY 2022

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fr Michael writes:

I am the more bewildered about the current volatility around Ukraine because as recently as 3rd January this year there was such relatively good news from the politics between some of the world's great powers. In lieu of their scheduled 'Tenth Review Conference of the [nuclear arms] Non-Proliferation Treaty' postponed due to the pandemic, the leaders of 'the Five Nuclear-Weapon States' issued a rare joint statement. They declared:

The People's Republic of China, the French Republic, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America consider the avoidance of war between Nuclear-Weapon States and the reduction of strategic risks as our foremost responsibilities.

If the horrific consequences of nuclear war were their prime matter of agreement, nonetheless they all agreed that one of their 'foremost responsibilities' was the reduction of strategic risks, which surely includes conventional war, of which apparently there is now such a danger, if not technically between these five states. They reassuringly agreed that, "We affirm that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought" but then go on to broaden out the joint approach:

We underline our desire to work with all states to create a security environment more conducive to progress on disarmament with the ultimate goal of a world without nuclear weapons with undiminished security for all. We intend to continue seeking bilateral and multilateral diplomatic approaches to avoid military confrontations, strengthen stability and predictability, increase mutual understanding and confidence, and prevent an arms race that would benefit none and endanger all. We are resolved to pursue constructive dialogue with mutual respect and acknowledgment of each other's security interests and concerns.

'Stability and predictability' is hardly a description of the current situation pertaining to Ukraine. Pope Francis has called for prayer for the current situation at his Angelus address in St Peter's Square on 26th January: "I make a heartfelt appeal to all people of good will to raise prayers to Almighty God that all political actions and initiatives may be at the service of human brotherhood rather than partisan interests." So let us redouble our spiritual efforts in praying for peace and diplomacy.

(The full statement from the five leaders can be found on www.gov.uk or with an internet search under the title 'Joint Statement of the Leaders of the Five Nuclear-Weapon States on Preventing Nuclear War and Avoiding Arms Races'.)

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Sat 12/2 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass <i>Grove Park</i>	Doctor Ian Sparling Kanan, Najibi & Sfeir Families	ANN RIP
Sun 13/2 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	6 TH SUNDAY IN OT <i>Gunnersbury</i>	The Lawlor Family Margaret Barrett John Armstead David McCaffrey Vera & Francis Fenwick People of the Parish	INT ANN ANN RD ANN INT
Mon 14/2 10.00am	SS CYRIL & METHODIUS	Susan McBreary	RIP
Tue 15/2 10.00am 12 Noon	Feria	Cathal Harrison Funeral of Philip Romain	RD RIP
Wed 16/2 10.00am 6.00pm	Feria Comboni Convent	Ralph French Felicia	RD INT
Thur 17/2 10.00am	Feira	Nick Morris	ANN
Fri 18/2 10.00am 11.30am 6.00pm	Feria PIME Convent	Margaret Barry Funeral of Joseph Martial Sr. Angela Tortorella	RD RIP RIP
Sat 18/2 10.00am 6.30pm 6.30pm	Feria <i>Grove Park</i>	Eileen Byrne Ramón Camela Pascual Mary & Eileen Maloney	RD INT INT

LET US PRAY

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthly, Mary Garrett, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Trish Williams, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, Isabelle Ranle, Eileen McGuinness, Albie Korinek, Greta Gribben and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Joseph Martial, Philip Romain, Aishling Murphy, Josephine Mortlock, Aline Souza Alves Colpani, Tommy McCarthy, Rita Gregory. Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Doctor Ian Sparling, Margaret Barrett, John Armstead, Vera & Francis Fenwick, Nick Morris and Whally Gribben. Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.139:

1st Reading: **Jeremiah 17: 5-8**
Psalm: **1:1-4, 6**
2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20**
Gospel: **Luke 6: 17, 20-26**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.141:

1st Reading: **1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**
Psalm: **102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13**
2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 15: 45-49**
Gospel: **Luke 6: 27-38**

COVID SAFETY IN CHURCH:

- FACE MASKS RECOMMENDED, not legally required.
- HAND SANITIZER / HAND-WASHING
- GET BOOSTERED / VACCINATED
- LATERAL FLOW TEST BEFORE MASS is recommended
- ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID/FLU, please stay home!

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 **£1803.72**. 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/>

FOODBANK – *Thank you* to all those who have supported the Foodbank recently in Chiswick and Gunnersbury. As well as a large weight of non-perishable items of food donated, in January the cash donations were **£733.17** and February **£966.41** making a generous total and useful contribution of **£1699.58**. See their work at: <https://hammersmithfulham.foodbank.org.uk/>

COMBONI SISTERS 150th ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION – As we heard last Sunday, 2022 is the Sisters' sesquicentenary being founded in Verona in 1872 for mission in Africa. **There are a very small number of available places on the Sisters' pilgrimage to Comboni sites around Verona (24th – 28th May 2022) to which parishioners were invited last weekend. Please contact the Sisters for details if you are interested: 020 8994 1220; or <http://www.combonisc.co.uk/>** Various other celebratory events are planned for London and Chiswick including a Mass and Reception on a Thames cruiser emulating the journey of the first Sisters accompanied by the then Fr Daniel Comboni up the River Nile to the interior of Africa. A 150th Birthday Fund will also be established so that over this year contributions can be made to assist the Sisters in their projects.

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via the Zoom, Mondays at 7.30pm. Next meeting takes place on 14th Feb. Contact John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting will be on Thursday 24th Feb, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. We will follow on our Synodal Pathway conversation with a presentation on "*Divine Renovation - from a Maintenance to a Missional Parish*", followed by drinks at The Lamb. Men of all ages are very welcome. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnellysm@hotmail.com for details. We are affiliated to <https://catholicman.uk/>

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May at 3pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the Parish Office giving the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS – There is a NEW and FRESH selection on a rack at the back of the church. Prices are marked on each booklet/leaflet. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS' also at the back of the church opposite the CTS rack.

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'.

A DAY WITH MARY – This takes place on Sat 19th February at Holy Apostles Church, Winchester Street, SW1V, 9.45am-5.30pm.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE EALING – from 2nd March until 10th April, you are invited to peacefully pray for all those affected by abortion. To find out how you can help, call Sarah 07776256838, email or come to the opening event, 6.00pm, Sunday 20th Feb, Polish Church, Ealing Broadway. London40daysforlife@hotmail.com

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – The **Tuesday morning** post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St Edward's Room each week. All are very welcome! Please note there is **NO** coffee morning on Friday 18th February in the Parish Centre.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL: GOLDEN TICKET FOR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY. If you have a son in Years 2 or 3 who loves to sing then the world's greatest Catholic Choir would be delighted to hear from you. Every year six boys enter Year 4 as new choristers and all receive generous scholarships supplemented by means-tested bursaries where necessary providing education at a top independent school as well as the opportunity to sing and tour in a world famous choir. Fr Michael has four such 'Golden Tickets' if interested or also find out more at www.choirschool.com

GUNNERSBURY NOTES

The Late RITA GREGORY RIP - On Wednesday 9th March at 12.00 Noon the Requiem Mass and funeral of our late parishioner Rita Gregory will take place in the church. May she rest in peace.

CRIB OFFERING & FOODBANK – Please see notes of totals and thanks in the adjacent column.

GROVE PARK NOTES

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CHISWICK & GROVE PARK BRIDGE CLUB – meets every Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Parish Room of St Joseph's Church, 1 Bolton Rd. A friendly group who play duplicate bridge and usually finish around 10.00pm. There's a table fee of £3.00. For info call Phil Tait on 07860575135 or email philliptait@btinternet.com

GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS READY FOR THE SPRING? A NEW Garden Enterprise at Caritas St Joseph's Centre facilitates the employment of young adults with learning disabilities by engaging them in all aspects of garden maintenance. The enterprise can provide garden design services, and supply garden furniture made out of recycled wood by adults with learning disabilities. To discuss your garden maintenance and design requirements, please contact Gail Williams, the Centre Manager, gailwilliams@rcdow.org.uk

RETRouvaille - Covid 19 - a very challenging time for many marriages. So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. You wonder would we be better apart? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriageand you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing **3rd to 6th March** call or text 0788 729 6983. Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.org or visit www.retrouvaille.uk

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS : Weds Feb 16th meet 6.00pm at The Monument, Fish Street Hill, EC2R 8AH. Nearest tube: Monument. We'll learn about the Great Fire and walk along the river to the Tower of London. **Fri Feb 18th** meet 3.00pm, steps of St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD. We'll walk to Smithfield and then down Fleet Street to St Bride's church, with its crypt telling the story of Roman and Saxon London. **Sun Feb 20th** meet 3.00pm main gate, St Mary's University, Twickenham TW1 4SX. Nearest tube: Strawberry Hill. We'll discover the story of St Mary's and walk along the river to Richmond. The walks are led by Joanna Bogle, historian and author. No need to book, just turn up! Suggested donation £5.00. Children accompanied by an adult with responsibility for them. Each walk lasts 1-2 hours. Wear suitable clothing/shoes. We walk whatever the weather! See: catholichistorywalks@gmail.com

JOB OPPORTUNITY AS WARDEN & CLERK – St Scholastica's Retreat - Competitive Salary, pension, and accommodation onsite in Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire. The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden & Clerk to the Trustees for this almshouse charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. For details of the role and how to apply, see: www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy

VOLUNTEER READERS & SCRIBES at St Richard Reynolds Catholic College - We know that the presence of a reader and scribe can make a huge difference to a pupil sitting their exams and we are seeking volunteers for this very rewarding role. There is official guidance on the role of a reader/scribe and **full training would be given**. If you feel you could assist we would be delighted to hear from you. There is a considerable time commitment as the exams take place over a 3-4 week period, not daily, from the 16th May to 28th June. For details pls contact k.trimble@srrcc.org.uk or 020 8325 4630, ideally by the end of March although we would be delighted to hear from you anytime.

Collections for last weekend:

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

£4533.24

St. Joseph's Grove Park

£249.97

Thank you for your generosity.