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13th NOVEMBER 2022

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fr Michael writes:

Notwithstanding that today in the UK is a day dedicated to right remembrance of inestimable sacrifice, it is also across the Catholic world, Pope Francis' sixth World Day of the Poor and for which he has written a rich and poignant 'Message' which I have been reading, but which, at 3,000 words, is too long to reproduce easily though it bears much reflection. The full text is conveniently found on the Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-of-the-poor/>

With "Jesus Christ... for your sakes became poor" (cf. 2 Cor 8:9) being the theme, Francis points out that this is the Apostle Paul addressing the first Christians of Corinth encouraging them to show solidarity with their brothers and sisters in need in Jerusalem where "the community of Jerusalem was experiencing great hardship due to a food shortage in the country". Thus Paul sets about organizing a weekly collection. If this sounds remarkably familiar the Pope makes it clearer still: *From that time on, every Sunday, during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we have done the same thing, pooling our offerings so that the community can provide for the needs of the poor. It is something that Christians have always done with joy and a sense of responsibility, to ensure that none of our brothers or sisters will lack the necessities of life.*

Also familiar to us is that danger of compassion fatigue: *As for the community of Corinth, after the initial outburst of enthusiasm, their commitment began to falter and the initiative proposed by the Apostle lost some of its impetus. For this reason, Paul wrote them, asking in impassioned terms that they relaunch the collection, "so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means" (2 Cor 8:11). With the immensity of current need both across the world and at home ("What great poverty is produced by the senselessness of war!" he writes): This is the moment for us not to lose heart but to renew our initial motivation. The work we have begun needs to be brought to completion. That, in effect, is precisely what solidarity is: sharing the little we have with those who have nothing, so that no one will go without.*

However: *It is not activism that saves, but sincere and generous concern that makes us approach a poor person as a brother or sister who lends a hand to help me shake off the lethargy into which I have fallen. The message of Jesus shows us the way and makes us realize that there is a poverty that humiliates and kills, and another poverty, Christ's own poverty, that sets us free and brings us peace. The poverty that kills is squalor, injustice, exploitation, violence and the unjust distribution of resources. The poverty that sets us free, on the other hand, is one that results from a responsible decision to cast off all dead weight and concentrate on what is essential.*

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sat 12/11 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	Juanita Charles Charlotte Flynn	ANN ANN
Sun 13/11 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.15am 12.30pm 6.30pm	33 rd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Gunnersbury	Holy Souls People of the Parish Philip Begley Requiem Mass for the Fallen Antoinette Lupton Paul Lawlor	RIP INT RD RIP ANN 1 st ANN
Mon 14/11 10.00am	FERIA	Holy Souls	RIP
Tue 15/11 10.00am	St Albert the Great	Holy Souls	RIP
Wed 16/11 10.00am 6.00pm 6.00pm	St Edmund of Abingdon (Comboni Convent)	Holy Souls Margaret Ryan Maevie Brady: Reception into Church	RIP RD
Thur 17/11 10.00am 12.30pm	St Hugh of Lincoln	Holy Souls Funeral Mass: Maeve Brady	RIP RIP
Fri 18/11 10.00am 6.00pm	DEDICATION of BASILICAS of SS. PETER AND PAUL (PIME Convent)	Holy Souls Gerry Kelly and family	RIP SICK
Sat 19/11 10.00am 11-11.45am 5-5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	FERIA Grove Park	Holy Souls Confession Confession Benediction Lyn and Pete Dennis Paul Sfeir and deceased family	RIP ANN RIP

LET US PRAY

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

For those recently deceased: Anton Fernando, Maeve Brady, Bernard Keigher. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Juanita Charles, Charlotte Flynn, Antoinette Lupton, Paul Lawlor, Lyn & Pete Dennis, Gerald Louis, Austin Cromey. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.164

1st Reading: **Malachi 3:19-20**

Psalm: **97:5-9 response cf v9**

2nd Reading: **2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

Gospel: **Luke 21:5-19**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.167

1st Reading: **2 Samuel 5:1-3**

Psalm: **121:1-5 response cf v2**

2nd Reading: **Colossians 1:12-20**

Gospel: **Luke 22:35-43**

COMBONI MISSION MAGAZINE & JESUIT AND FRIENDS & Mission Today calendars available **FREE** at the back of church.

THIS MONTH'S CATHOLIC HERALD – available at the back of church. Please pay £5 into the 'Catholic Papers' box.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 13th November – 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, at 10.30am. All are welcome.

NOVEMBER BEING THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS the 'November Dead Lists' are available at the back of church in preparation for the month in which one parish Mass each day will be offered for the Holy Souls, those on the lists before the altar.

NOVEMBER'S BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES – The annual Blessings of the Graves in Gunnersbury Cemetery is at **3.00pm Sunday 20th November**. (Warm clothing, wind- and waterproof recommended; also portable chairs recommended for the elderly.) A complete list of all Hounslow cemeteries and the time and date of the Blessings of the Graves is on the board at the back of church.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION – THANK YOU to those who were able to contribute to this collection last weekend. An immensely generous **£2,331** was raised by Chiswick and Gunnersbury (**£1,481** through the cash collection and a further **£850** in cheques payable directly to the SRP Fund) with **£83** from Grove Park, a **total of £2,414**. Any further SRP Fund Gift Aid envelopes can still be returned via the normal collection this weekend and will be separated out by the counting volunteers.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2022/23 IS NOW OPEN - Fr Daniel has now published the application process as well as the teaching session dates from January to the Confirmation Masses 17th June 2023. Please go to the parish website and click on 'Sacraments' and then on 'Confirmation' and 'Form submission' for all details: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Sunday 18th December.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS & RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or THINKING ABOUT CATHOLICISM? – If you know of anyone who is considering becoming a Catholic or if a Catholic has missed out on any of the sacraments, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the course to follow. **Details of the course are now on the parish website (under 'Sacraments') with the course starting THIS WEDNESDAY at 7.00pm 16th Nov** until May 2023. If you'd like to register or express an interest please contact the Parish Office; chiswick@rcdow.org.uk 020 8994 2877

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is Thurs 17th Nov, 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 '**Persuasive Pro-Life**' - practical tips for explaining the pro-life position in a post Roe v. Wade world, followed by drinks at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnellysm@hotmail.com for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

ADVENT DAY RETREAT at COMBONI CENTRE – On Saturday 26th November from arrivals at 10.00am to departure at 1.00pm after Mass, Fr Louevi Louis of the Comboni Fathers will be leading this reflection for Advent at 2 Chiswick Lane. Please book with the Sisters at combonicentre16@gmail.com or phone 020 8994 1220. See poster at back of church.

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – Congratulations to the parish Centering Prayer Group and its founder John O'Brien who celebrated this week their 10th Anniversary, the first meeting having been on 10th November 2012. The group is convening weekly via Zoom at the new time of 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 15th Nov. New enquiries about learning the Centering Prayer method are welcome: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL in Chiswick. Following the success of last time, this will be happening again **THIS EVENING Sunday 13th Nov**. Meet outside church after the 6:30pm Mass for a pub trip. For Catholics aged 18-35. New people welcome! Come and meet!

CATHOLIC CENTRE LOUNGE BAR: DRAUGHT BEER, MORE OPENING DAYS & MORE HOURS! The Catholic Centre Lounge Bar has freshly restored draught beer and is now open on Fridays 12.00 noon to 10.00pm, Saturdays 12.00 noon to 6.00pm and Sundays 12.00 noon to 6.00pm. All welcome, also to bring suggestions for more social events in the Centre. The Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, W4 2AE.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION on Cycleway 9, Chiswick High Road, Citing documentation sent from the Council: Hounslow Council has launched the construction of phase 3b of Cycleway 9 (C9), between Chiswick Lane and Heathfield Terrace. Construction is outlined for completion in mid December, subject to change depending on material availability and other logistical challenges. On Tuesday 4th October Transport for London (TfL) launched their six month public consultation surrounding the updates to the cycleway. This consultation forms an important part of the Experimental Traffic Order review process, where the feedback received, alongside monitoring data, will be used to inform the future of Cycleway 9 on Chiswick High Road. The consultation will be live until Tuesday 4th April, up until which time individuals are invited to submit as many responses as they see fit. Register your interest in participating in the consultation via the following:
Website: <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/cycleway-9>
Email: Haveyoursay@tfl.gov.uk

ST JOSEPH'S, GROVE PARK NOTES

PARISH MEETING 7.15pm Sat 19th Nov, NEXT SATURDAY– Following the 6.30pm Mass the Parish Finance Committee cordially invites all parishioners to a parish meeting. Its purpose is to update parishioners about the long-awaited presbytery refurbishment, the broader financial position of the parish and anything else parishioners would wish to raise. Refreshments will be provided. The meeting would be approximately 45 mins to close at an hour.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION – Thank you and please see adjacent column for parish totals.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2023: To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP), *if your Catholic practice allows for it*, pls contact the Parish Office to request a self-assessment form (preferably sent electronically) and an appointment with Fr Michael.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL QUIZ and FISH & CHIP SUPPER
The *Friends of Westminster Cathedral* organisation is hosting its monthly Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper raising funds for the Cathedral on Weds 23rd Nov at 7.00pm. The evening's Quiz Master is **Fr Mike Maguire** who wonders if parishioners might wish to form a 'Chiswick Table'. Tickets per person are £18 (inclusive of supper). For details email co-ordinator: josephdavidallen@rcdow.org.uk

HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE – Caritas Social Action Network have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa. We know that coping with the cost-of-living crisis will be the main concern for many people this winter but if you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. For info please visit: <http://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>

CATHOLIC UNION EVENT - Monday 28th November 6.30pm (Doors 6pm). **Baroness Sheila Hollins** will deliver the Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture on "**Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe – Insights from the Vatican**" at the University of Notre Dame (1 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HG). In person and live streamed. Free, all welcome and followed by a Drinks Reception. To register and for livestream link, see [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or register at info@catholicunion.org.uk or 020 8749 1321.

REPOSITORY – On sale now 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 for cards, gifts and many more items.

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.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – **Tuesday morning** post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St Edward's Room each week and a **Friday coffee morning** in the Parish Centre Lounge Bar at 10.30am. All are very welcome!

Collections for last weekend:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
6/11/22 - £4,595.79

St Joseph's Grove Park 6/11/22 - £228.35

Thank you for your generosity.