



# 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

15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Canon Michael Dunne**  
**Fr Daniel Daley**  
**Fr Erasmus Egenonu CSSp**  
**Tomas Krejci**  
**Sharon Bowden**

*Parish Priest*  
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### For their annual *White Flower Appeal*, The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) writes:

Our mission is to save the lives of unborn babies and to protect women from abortion. Tragically, the threats facing unborn children in our country are great. Over ten million precious babies have lost their lives because of abortion since 1967. And millions of women and men have been deeply wounded too.

In recent months, SPUC has focused on the problem of abortion coercion. An independent poll showed that 87% of GPs are concerned about women being coerced into unwanted abortions as a result of the "home abortion" scheme. Coercion is abuse.

DIY "home abortion" makes women much more vulnerable to coercion from abusive partners and family members. Since abortion pills have become available over the phone, women no longer have the opportunity to speak confidentially with any medical professional.

Who might be standing in the background and exerting pressure on the women to whom they speak? It could be abusive parents, partners or even people-traffickers. Last year SPUC agreed to support "Lydia", a hugely courageous young woman who alleges that she was coerced into an abortion by an ex-partner and his family. She says that her ex-partner's aunt – who is a medical doctor – used false medical information to exert pressure.

Lydia tried to kill herself rather than go through with the abortion. But while the abortion provider knew this, they still went ahead with the procedure.

Lydia is overwhelmed with gratitude that SPUC supporters are helping her. She said that if she knew about organisations like SPUC, her baby would be with her today.

We must magnify the voices of women who have suffered. This is a huge blindspot in our public debate: how can abortion be about "choice" when so many women experience coercion?

You can send a powerful message to the Prime Minister TODAY by signing the postcard found at the back of the church as a part of our petition, calling on him to condemn the horror of abortion coercion and take steps to ensure that no other women suffer like Lydia has.

Please fill in your postcard today and either hand it to the priests outside or post it to SPUC. You can also make a prayer pledge to support our work.

Please support our work by giving as generously as you can to our White Flower collection today. Every donation, of whatever size, will help us save babies' lives.

There are many babies, children and adults alive today because of your generous support for SPUC in past years. Let's keep going until every baby is safe. Thank you.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 14/1 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass  <i>Grove Park</i>	Tom Jennings & Torin Creed Laurie Fabien	RIP ANN
Sun 15/1 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN OT  <i>Gunnersbury</i>	Tommy McCarthy John Glynn People of the Parish The Cahill Family Marian McMillian Sebastian Katsaitis	RD RD INT ANN RD RD
Mon 16/1 10.00am	FERIA	Maurice Cooleen	ANN
Tue 17/1 10.00am 6.00pm	ST ANTHONY	Joseph & Rosa Cava <b>Reception of Daniel Murnane</b>	ANN RIP
Wed 18/1 10.00am 11.30am 6.00pm	FERIA  <i>Comboni Cnvnt</i>	Elizabeth Cooleen <b>Funeral of Daniel Murnane</b> Breda Regan & Family	ANN RIP INT
Thur 19/1 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA	Laurence Cooleen <b>Service of Song, Felicia Agidee</b>	ANN RIP
Fri 20/1 10.00am 12 Noon 6.00pm	FERIA  <i>PIME Convent</i>	Margaret & Batt Hickey <b>Funeral of Felicia Agidee</b> Tim Kavanagh	ANN RIP RD
Sat 21/1 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	ST AGNES     <i>Grove Park</i>	Laurence Ryan Confession Baptism Confession Jennings & Connelly Family Geraldine Carroll	RD    RIP RD

### 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, Isabelle Ranle, Eileen McGuinness, Albie Korinek, Greta Gribben, John Monks, Jim Ryan, P.C.Wynne, 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, and those suffering.

**For those recently deceased:** Felicia Agidee, Desmond Conboy, Marie Downes, Maurice Batarseh, Daniel Murnane, Arthur Clancy, Mary Garrett, Martin Kane, Nancy Hughes, Bridget Morrissey. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Laurie Fabien, The Cahill Family, Maurice Cooleen, Joseph & Rosa Cava, Elizabeth Cooleen, Laurence Cooleen, Margaret & Batt Hickey, Sean Quinn, Maria Pilar, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. May they Rest in Peace.

### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.125

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6**

Psalm: **39: 2, 4, 7-10**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Corinthians 1: 1-3**

Gospel: **John 1:29-34**

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.127

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

Psalm: **26: 1,4, 13-14**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

Gospel: **Matthew 4: 12-23**

**WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2023** – The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion. According to an independent poll, 87% of GPs are concerned that the Government's 'pills for post' scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. SPUC is calling on the Prime Minister to condemn this abhorrent tragedy. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** – Those aged 18-35 are very welcome to join the weekly social gathering of young adults in our parish. Meet outside church after the 6.30 Sunday evening Mass and proceed to The Lamb. On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan after the 6.30 Sunday evening Mass there'll be an informal Q&A session with the priests in the St Edward's Room before then proceeding to The Lamb. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

**CRIB OFFERINGS** - The Crib Offerings by custom will go to the Westminster Catholic Children's Society to help disadvantaged children and families locally. This will help provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese. Offerings can be made in the Crib Offering marked candle safes beside the crib. Offerings for the candles at the crib should also be placed in the Crib Offerings boxes.

**RECYCLE YOUR RELIGIOUS ONLY CHRISTMAS CARDS** – If you would like to recycle your religious Christmas cards please do drop them any time through the Priests' House letterbox or hand them in to the Parish Office. Either the whole of the card or just the picture half can be given in and then over the year they can be turned into the prayer cards used next Christmas on the Christmas tree, through the kind labours of volunteers. The prayer cards on the tree enable parishioners and visitors to the church to remember their loved ones and commend them to God and/or bring their intentions to Jesus, Mary and Joseph at the crib.

**SCHOOL APPLICATIONS** - To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice, if your Catholic practice allows for it, you should contact the Parish Office for an appointment. Please ensure you also complete a self-assessment form by obtaining a copy from the Parish Office BEFORE meeting Fr Michael. If you are a Catholic but not a practising Catholic, coming to Mass *habitually*, over the last several years it is likely that it will be impossible for Fr Michael to issue a Certificate.

**PARENTING CHILDREN COURSE** - For parents who want to learn more about how to support their children's development and keep a strong and healthy family (of all types) we will be offering again the "Parenting Children Course". The course will run over 5 sessions, on the last Saturday of the month, from January to May, at the Comboni Centre, 2 Chiswick Lane. Babysitting will be offered by certified volunteers. To secure a place for the first session on 28<sup>th</sup> January, please email Isabel dos Santos Lima or Sister Natalia at [combonicouples@gmail.com](mailto:combonicouples@gmail.com)

**THE MEN'S GROUP** - Our next meeting is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a postponed presentation on '*Rerum Novarum and its Challenges*' - socio-economic morality and justice, 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 17<sup>th</sup> January. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**CATHOLIC CENTRE CHISWICK** – The Parish Centre is now open for all activities and the Lounge Bar has now reopened for its regular hours.

**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.

**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** – The Repository is open after Sunday morning Masses for cards, gifts and many more items. Also on sale is the Westminster Year Book price £5.00.

#### PARISH FUNERALS:

Very sadly, many parish families are suffering the death of a loved one at this time; friends and neighbours are enquiring about funeral arrangements. Let us spiritually accompany the deceased and the bereaved with our prayers, participating in the Lord's assistance - "*Blessed are those who mourn, they shall be comforted*" (Mt 5:5).

**Daniel Murnane** - 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.00pm, Reception into church  
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 11.30am, Requiem Mass

**Felicia Agidee** - 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.00pm - Service of  
Song in the church  
20<sup>th</sup> Jan 12.00 Noon, Requiem Mass

**Marie Downes** - 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 12.00 Noon, Requiem Mass

**Martin Kane** - 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 3.20pm, Mortlake Crematorium

**Arthur Clancy** - 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 12.30pm, Requiem Mass

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

#### GROVE PARK NOTES

**CHURCH LAVATORY & FLOWER ROOM** – This had been 'Out of Order' due to the burst pipe in the house resulting in the house water supply being turned off, but now an 'emergency supply' has been routed to the lavatory and sink in the Flower Room. Unfortunately there is no additional hot water supply but hot water is available in the kitchen off the Parish Room. Sorry for the inconvenience. Let's look forward to the renovation of the house.

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – Volunteering for CAFOD** - the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking people join us in our mission here in the Westminster diocese. Could you volunteer and help us raise awareness in either parishes or schools about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice? Join a volunteer meetings in Lambeth on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Jan or Oakwood, North London on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) or 0208 449 6970

**A DAY WITH MARY** – The next is on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, Holy Apostles Church, Winchester St, SW1V from 10am to 5.30pm.

**POST-EASTER HOLIDAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE LOIRE?** – The parish is planning a small group six-day coach trip 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 to the shrines and wines of the Loire. Based in the ancient Catholic city of Tours we'll visit the shrine of St Martin before further day trips to the medieval city and Cathedral of Orléans frequented by St Joan of Arc during the Siege of Orléans (which, against the English, she won...); also the Royal Abbey of Fontevraud, a World Heritage Site, where, among others, King Henry II of England and his son, King Richard the Lionheart, are buried; also the great Abbaye Saint-Pierre de Solesmes, a vast living monastery with over 1,000 years of history as well as being custodian and promoter of Gregorian chant. Where possible Mass will be celebrated daily at the various sites. There will also be a chance to explore a few of the vineyards of the Loire's celebrated wines. Sadly we will not have time to visit any of the Loire's famous royal chateaux. Travelling by coach and Eurotunnel, and staying in central two-star ensuite accommodation, the approximate cost, while details are still to be finalised, will be £750 excluding lunch, supper and admission charges. If interested please email the parish office.

**LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY**, Welcome you to come to a one-day retreat of quiet reflection on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, 11:00am – 4:30pm. The Catholic Church of Our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR  
**Programme:** Holy Rosary; Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form  
Lunch Break (Please bring your own lunch, Tea & Coffee available)  
Talk Based on Scripture: Catholic Christian Meditation; Blessed Adoration – Divine Mercy; Individual Healing Prayers  
4.30 pm - Retreat Ends. Enquiries: Eileen & David Brum 020 8542 2476 email: [lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com), Website: [www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com](http://www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com)

**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!

Collections for last weekend:

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

8/1/23 - £4299.78

**St Joseph's Grove Park 8/1/23 - £341.35**

Thank you for your generosity.