



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

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15TH MAY 2022

5th SUNDAY of EASTER

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Fr Michael writes:

I'm delighted to introduce the presence in the parish this weekend of the Catholic Union, the country's pre-eminent organisation of Catholic laity, inviting interest in their great work and service to the Church and the common good.

The Catholic Union writes:

We are delighted to have the opportunity to tell the parishioners of Chiswick about the work of the Catholic Union of Great Britain. We are an organisation of lay Catholics whose mission is to educate and inform the Government, Parliament and the wider public about the Catholic viewpoint on the issues of the day, and to urge that Catholic interests are taken fully into account. **In short, we want the Catholic voice to be clearly and thoughtfully articulated, understood and respected in the public life of our country.**

Founded in 1870, we are non-party political and have support from all parties. Our current President is Conservative backbencher Sir Edward Leigh MP and his predecessor was Labour peer Lord Brennan. We work closely with Catholic and other Christian parliamentarians, with the Catholic Bishops' Conferences and Catholic organisations to make submissions on draft legislation or proposed Government policy. For instance, we argued successfully for the early reopening of churches during the pandemic and for new police guidance on the Last Rites following the death of Sir David Amess.

We have commented recently on proposals to amend the Human Rights Act and to enact a ban on "conversion therapy". We also made submissions to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights about freedom of expression, the human rights implications of Covid regulations, and abortion law in Northern Ireland. We have written to the Chancellor urging a fairer tax system for families and to the Foreign Office urging support for persecuted Christians and others in the run-up to the international conference on freedom of religion or belief to be held in London in July.

You can read about these and other actions in a Summary which we have prepared for this membership appeal and will be distributing at all Masses along with our membership application form. Of course, like other organisations we need your moral and financial support! All lay Catholics in Great Britain are invited to join us and support our efforts. Members receive a Weekly Briefing email with a succinct and highly readable summary of the week's news and we also organise lectures, webinars and social events, many of which take place in London. We also hold an annual Summer Gathering which this year takes place at Oscott Seminary near Birmingham on 23 July. There are opportunities to get involved as a volunteer and to contribute your expertise and opinions. Please join us!

<https://catholicunion.org.uk/>

5TH SUNDAY of EASTER

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| Sat 14/5 6.30pm 6.30pm | Vigil Mass Grove Park | Major Dilys Davies Gayla's Mother | ANN SICK |
| Sun 15/5 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm | 5 TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Gunnersbury | People of the Parish John Monks son Margaret McGrath Ned Gilhooly Caroline Fleming Kit O'Keeffe | INT SICK ANN RD SICK ANN |
| Mon 16/5 10.00am 2.40pm | EASTER FERIA Mortlake Crematorium | Giacinto Vitale Funeral of Raymond Daniels | RD RIP |
| Tue 17/5 10.00am | EASTER FERIA | Victor Young | SICK |
| Wed 18/5 10.00am 6.00pm | EASTER FERIA <i>Comboni Convent</i> | Trish Williams May & Maryann Hemenstall | RD |
| Thur 19/5 10.00am | EASTER FERIA | Peggy Leung | RD |
| Fri 20/5 10.00am 6.00pm | EASTER FERIA <i>PIME Convent</i> | Johny Lim Sr. Anna Maria Grimoldi | RD RIP |
| Sat 21/5 10.00am 11-11.45am 12.30pm 5-5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm | EASTER FERIA Grove Park | Gerald & Clarisse Aquino Confession First Holy Communion Mass Holy Hour and Confession Benediction Charlie Flattery Celine Murphy | INT SICK ANN |

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 and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: David Gardner, Raymond Daniels, Ping Lin, Dominic Muller, Raymond Zucconi, Melanie Sanderson. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Major Dilys Davies, Margaret McGrath, Kit O'Keeffe, Celine Murphy and James Fullerton - 1st Anniversary. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.271

1st Reading: **Acts 14:21-27**

Psalm: **144:8-13**

2nd Reading: **Apocalypse 21:1-5**

Gospel: **John 13:31-35**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.273:

1st Reading: **Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29**

Psalm: **66: 2-3, 5-6, 8**

2nd Reading: **Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23**

Gospel: **John 14:23-29**

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'.

ALLEN HALL SEMINARY NEWS – available FREE at the back.

REPOSITORY – The Repository is open after Sunday morning Masses for cards, gifts and many more items.

LENT PROJECT 2022:

As pre-pandemic, we'll have a dual Lent Project, one *domestic* and one *overseas*. **£9718 has been donated to date. Thank you.**

The CARDINAL'S APPEAL is our domestic project and this year the appeal will fund parish social outreach projects and Caritas Westminster (celebrating this year its 10th year of foundation) social outreach projects. For what it does and which projects are supported see: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/> There are specific Cardinal's Appeal envelopes at the exits of the church.

COMBONI-150 is our overseas project, celebrating also the 150th anniversary of foundation of the Comboni Missionaries. All funds given through the parish will assist Comboni Sr Rosemary Herrera in Arequipa, Peru, hoping for a total of £4855. **The project aims to provide two bio-gardens as 'sow a seed and you feed a village' but also, in the interim, some food parcels and meals to those developing these gardens which will belong to the villagers.**

CASH placed in the Lent Project money box at the main doors of the church will be divided 65% for Comboni-150 and 35% Cardinal's Appeal. Cash placed in envelopes made for either charity and handed into the collection or the presbytery will go 100% to the named charity. Cheques should be payable to 'Our Lady of Grace and St Edward's Church' and come in an envelope marked with the designated charity.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND (PTF) - Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend as well as your support for seminarian Allen. **£2036.80 has been donated by Chiswick and £147.50 by Grove Park making an excellent grand total of £2184.30.** It is not too late to make a donation if you wish though there are only a few envelopes left at the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more info or online donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

SENIOR CITIZENS PLATINUM JUBILEE TEA PARTY - TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE for the celebratory Afternoon Tea provided free of charge to senior citizen parishioners and their neighbours and friends (rather like our Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch) at **3.00pm Saturday 4th June**. Contact the Parish Office at chiswick@rcdow.org.uk or chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk or tel: 020 8994 2877 or 020 8747 5074. We need volunteers to set up, serve and wash up after the tea party, as well as collect and return to home some guests. If this will work for you over the Platinum Jubilee weekend, please email the Catholic Centre Manager at chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION, SATURDAY 5.00pm-6.00pm returned last Saturday for the first time since before the pandemic and will now continue. Why not come for some restful silent prayer and perhaps avail yourself of the Sacrament of Penance also? Confession closes at 5.45pm the enable 6.00pm Benediction.

REQUIEM MASS FOR THE LATE PING LIN - Those who knew our late parishioner, Ping Lin, who made her home so much among us in the church, might wish to know that her Requiem Mass will be at 10.00am, Tuesday 24th May, in Our Lady of Grace and St Edward's, replacing the normal parish Mass at that time. A simple reception will follow in the Parish Centre. May she rest in peace.

CATHOLIC CENTRE, LOUNGE BAR - The Lounge Bar at the Parish Centre will now open **every Friday from 3pm to 10pm**. All welcome. In the parish synodality experience, there was hope for more social events in the Parish Centre. Please bring suggestions. The Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, W4 2AE.

THE MEN'S GROUP - A formation group for men - our next meeting is on Thurs 19th May, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. We continue "The Resolution for Men" course - with a focus on how to be better husbands, followed by drinks at The Lamb. Wives - we happily accept referrals! Men of all ages are very welcome. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnellysm@hotmail.com for details. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

IS YOUR CHILD 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD? Did you know that you are entitled to Free Nursery Childcare Provision? We have part time places in our well-equipped Nursery classes run by experienced, fully qualified teachers and Nursery Education Officers. We offer an outstanding provision for our children with a well-resourced classroom, a warm friendly team of teachers and staff. Visits are warmly welcomed. Please contact Miss Amy Williams in our school admin team to arrange an appointment, or informal discussion on 020 0208 994 5606 or email: office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk

CARDINAL'S MASS FOR THOSE PRIESTS WHO DIED UNDER COVID REGS - At 12.30pm on Saturday 28th May in Westminster Cathedral, Cardinal Vincent is celebrating a Requiem Mass for the 19 priests of our diocese, including **Fr John Seabrook, Parish Priest of St Joseph's Grove Park**, who died over the last two years when Covid regulations prescribed free attendance at their funerals. Parishioners and priests are warmly invited to attend. There is a reception afterwards in Cathedral Hall. May they rest in peace. If you cannot attend in person there is live-streaming via the Cathedral website: <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/>

ST JOSEPH'S, GROVE PARK NOTES

5th MAY POLLING DAY - Thank you to those parishioners who volunteered hours of cover enabling the smooth functioning of the Parish Room as a Polling Station for the Local Elections. All went well and the parish earned a helpful rent for church expenses.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND (PTF) - As in adjacent column, thank you for the £147.50 raised for the PTF last weekend.

CARDINAL VINCENT TO REMEMBER FR JOHN SEABROOK - please see the item above re: Cathedral Mass 12.30pm, 28th May.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY - Although the days of the printed edition of *The Universe* at the back of church have sadly gone, the group has powerfully re-launched itself digitally with the full endorsement of Cardinal Vincent. There's the website full of news and articles as well as options for reduced subscriptions for the digital *Universe Catholic Weekly* being sent directly to your email address. See: <https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - 22nd - 29th July - Information and booking forms are available from the Parish Office or at www.tangney-tours.com/westminster or 01732886666 for anyone wishing to go on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

CATHOLIC LISTENERS - A new confidential listening helpline. **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. Although we are not a counselling service, we have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Sometimes just communicating with someone who listens and understands can help clarify a way forward. We aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For further info please contact Ade, Catholiclisteners@gmail.com We are here to listen 08004480704.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE - On Saturday 21st May, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. We are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

THE PARADOX OF ABUNDANCE - Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called *Fix the Food System*. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for info, including an invitation for parish groups.

UKRAINIAN CRISIS DONATIONS - To ease the suffering of the displaced please see the home page of the parish website or these: <https://www.dec.org.uk/> or <https://cafod.org.uk/> or <https://acnuk.org/> or the **Ukrainian Catholic Church in London** is forwarding donations directly to and through its network in Ukraine. Please send cheques payable to **AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund to: Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London**, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, W1K 5BQ

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS - The 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
£4423.22
St. Joseph's Grove Park
£211.69

Thank you for your generosity.