



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

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15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Fr Jude writes:

Last Friday was the Feast of our parish's second patron St Edward the Confessor. The son of King Ethelred III and his Norman wife, Emma, daughter of Duke Richard I of Normandy, he was acclaimed King of England in 1042 with the support of the powerful Earl Godwin, his in-law to be. In 1044, he married Godwin's daughter Edith. St Edward's life was governed by four cardinal principles: **fortitude, faith working through love, reconciliation and detachment.**

St Edward did not see the crown as a "do or die affair", but with **great fortitude**, "waited for his time". He nevertheless, disposed himself for his God-given destiny, by patiently acquiring all the practical skills needed for leadership, with his 20-year period of exile in Normandy.

As a **man of faith that worked through love** (Galatians 4:6), his love for the Church and his subjects was visibly manifested in the construction, under his instructions, of the iconic St. Peter's Abbey at Westminster, better known as Westminster Abbey, and the removal of obnoxious taxes of the time in his "generally peaceful reign."

As a man of **reconciliation**, St Edward's conciliatory spirit enabled him weave through the crisis and challenges that he encountered in trying to maintain a delicate "balance of relationships" and "alliances" in his biological and nuclear family, his subjects of the kingdom of England and with his allies in Normandy (France). His struggles, generated by the tensions between Godwin his Father-in-Law and his Saxon supporters on the one hand, and the Norman barons on the other, was partly caused by his natural inclination to favour the Normans who were his kinsmen. St Edward's latter reconciliation with his mother, Emma who had once abandoned him at Normandy, for the lustre of the throne, as well as the normalization of his relationship with his estranged wife Edith, are testaments to his spirit of forgiveness.

These noble virtues of his were anchored on his **spirit of detachment**. Edward was not power drunk; rather, he was soberly intoxicated with the Holy Spirit. This enabled him to freely delegate his authority to his noblemen, while he made time to enjoy his recreation as well as other religious activities. St Edward thus sought the kingdom of God and its righteousness and other things were added unto him. This included the grace of a good death in London on January 5, 1066, surrounded by loved ones and his subjects with plenty of miracles attributed to his name.

As we remember this great saint who lived out the gospel in words and deeds, let us imitate his fortitude, faith, and self-denial so needed in our age where these values are fast being eroded by unbridled hedonism and loss of the sense of the sacred.

*St Edward the Confessor, pray for us.*

### 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 14/10 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Marriage of Lucy Colgan-Haugh and Matthew Clampin Terry McCorry Snr.	INT RD
6.30pm	<b>Grove Park</b>		
Sun 15/10 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT Gunnersbury</b>	Frank Eyre Ann Cassidy People of the Parish Anton Fernando Joe Beglane The Kiernan Family	ANN ANN INT ANN 2 <sup>nd</sup> ANN INT
Mon 16/10 10.00am	FERIA	Liam Finnerty	ANN
Tue 17/10 10.00am	ST IGNATIUS	Rudy Mazraani	SICK
Wed 18/10 10.00am 6.00pm	ST LUKE Comboni Covent	Andrew Neary Jnr. William Tully	RD RD
Thur 19/10 10.00am	FERIA	Peggy McGoldrick	ANN
Fri 20/10 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA PIME Covent	Maura McDonough Nuala Campbell	RD RD
Sat 21/10 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	FERIA <b>Grove Park</b>	Camilo Fernandes Confession Confession Dr. John Robinson Elias Baroud	RD ANN 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, Mary Casser, Tina Byrne, Greta Gribben and those suffering.

**For the recently deceased:** Cecil Pocock, Helena Duckett, Richard Louis and Mary Callaghan. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Frank Eyre, Ann Cassidy, Anton Fernando, Joe Beglane, Liam Finnerty, Peggy McGoldrick, Dr. John Robinson, Elias Baroud, Michael Peters, Wally Gribben. May they Rest in Peace.

#### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 140

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Isaiah 25: 6-10**

Psalm: **22**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20**

Gospel: **Matthew 22: 1-14**

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 143

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**

Psalm: **95: 1, 3-5, 7-10**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5**

Gospel: **Matthew 22: 15-21**

**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** – Open after Sunday morning Masses for cards, rosary beads, statues, gifts and other religious items. If any parishioners would like a crib for Christmas, please see Anne or Eddie as this year cribs will only be available to order with a 50% deposit taken for each order **by 5<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.**

**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.

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

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT** – over this weekend completes the four week cycle of counting the congregation for statistical purposes.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** - Thank you to all who supported the CAFOD Family Fast Day collection last weekend. **£984.46 was donated by Chiswick/Gunnersbury and £252.01 by Grove Park, totalling £1236.47. Thank you!**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** – Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Gift Aid Envelopes are available at the back of the church to be returned next weekend.

**SR NATALIA'S GOLDEN JUBILEE on Mission Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct** Parishioners are invited to join the Comboni Sisters celebrating Sr Natalia's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Profession. At 3.00pm in the Parish Centre there'll be a **free concert** starring her international concert pianist nephew and grandnephew on the grand piano! A reception will follow at 4.00pm. Put the date in the diary and share the joy!

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION** – Registration forms are 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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024** with the Introductory talk on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**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. It will be on Weds at 7.00pm from Nov 2023 to May 2024. To register or express interest please contact the Parish Office: [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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. Meet outside church after the 6.30pm Sunday Mass. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

**SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SECONDARY AND PRIMARY, 2023.** To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP), *if your Catholic practice allows for it*, you should **firstly** contact the Parish Office to request an appointment and collect a self-assessment form (which can also be sent electronically). You should **secondly** complete the self-assessment form and bring it to your appointment with Canon Michael. You should not bring blank CCPs from schools. 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. The period of churches being closed is irrelevant because Catholic practice is to be evidenced over *several years*. It is also *perfectly feasible* to submit an application to a Catholic school *without* a CCP. The application would be categorised according to the admission criteria published by the school. Phone or email the office for a 10-minute slot. Current availability is:

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.00-5.20pm**

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.00pm with the next session Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. For more info Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**THE MEN'S GROUP** - Our next meeting is on Thursday 19 Oct, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a short video and discussion on "The Power of The Rosary", followed by a drink at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: [donnelysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnelysm@hotmail.com) or just turn up.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION at 9.45am Family Sunday Mass** – With a shortage of volunteers for this Mass if you feel you might be called to this truly extraordinary ministry both to the Lord and to His People, and have some years of continuous practice of the faith in this parish or verified elsewhere with a Parish Priest's reference, and have a readiness to serve in the Church and parish, particularly in regular ministry in this Mass and prospectively also in visiting the elderly and housebound at home (for which a DBS certificate would be required) then please speak to one of the priests. Thank you.

**A DAY WITH MARY** – on **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** at St George's Church, Harrow Road, Sudbury, 10.00am to 5.30pm and **on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct** at Westminster Cathedral from 9.45am – 5.30pm. For more info see the leaflets at the back of the church.

**NOVEMBER'S BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES** – The annual Blessings of the Graves in local cemeteries next month in the Month of the Holy Souls will be: 3.00pm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November in Chiswick New Cemetery; and 3.00pm Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**EVENTS AT THE CATHOLIC CENTRE:-**

**1.The Tulsa Time Band.** We're pleased to welcome back to the Catholic Centre; the only British Tribute Band performing the music of Don Williams, with songs from his extensive back catalogue including 'You're My Best Friend' and of course, 'Tulsa Time!' Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm at The Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue. Tickets £12 each, available from the Parish Centre office or lounge bar, or online via Eventbrite [www.bit.ly/3OoVh99](http://www.bit.ly/3OoVh99)

**2.The Scene. DJ & VJ set – "Music & Movies to Move You".** The Chiswick Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, 7.30pm 'til 11pm. The only place in London to hear and see music & movies together from the 1940s -1990's with a varied spectrum of genres + some subliminal moments of the future. Price: £5 cash on the door. Reasonable prices at the bar. Next gig Friday 3rd Nov. Info: [contact.thescene@gmail.com](mailto:contact.thescene@gmail.com) Follow us for future events: [www.facebook.com/groups/thescenemusicgroup](http://www.facebook.com/groups/thescenemusicgroup) Instagram: the.scene.musicandmovies

**3.'REMEMBRANCE'** A miscellany of readings, letters and poems commemorating and remembering those affected by wars around the world, by Persever Productions. **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm**, Chiswick Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue. Part of Persever's programme of monthly events. Persever Productions CIO is a registered charity (no: 1201022). Supporting actors.

**HOME INSTEAD AFTERNOON TEA** - Local care company Home Instead Hammersmith & Chiswick invite all local seniors to join them at their complimentary afternoon tea and fun sessions. These take place at the Chiswick Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Ave on the last Weds of every month, between 2.30pm-4.30pm. The next event will take place on Wed the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. There will be a classic afternoon tea with music & a guest speaker. This is an opportunity for friendship, discussions, advice and fun! Please call us on 020 8746 1213 or visit us at our office, 186 Sutton Court Road, Chiswick.

**WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL** - Every September up to six boys join Westminster Cathedral Choir School in Year 4 as choristers. Becoming a chorister offers a boy the opportunity to sing in central London and on tour internationally in one of the world's famous choirs, and to join a thriving, inclusive, independent school for boys, age 4 – 13. All choristers receive generous scholarships supplemented by means-tested bursaries worth up to 100% of fees. The next Zoom session is 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 6.30pm. Contact Lucy Auger for a link: [lauger@choirschool.com](mailto:lauger@choirschool.com)

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS** - These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. They will run from 9.30am – 10.30am on the following days: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend on 0208 994 5606 or email [office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk)

**COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST HOLIDAY CAMP AT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, DUKE ROAD, CHISWICK** from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October, 9.00am – 4.00pm. Throughout the five days, there will be many different activities and sports to take part in which include football, basketball, gymnastics, rounders, tennis and more. For ages Reception to Year 6. £175 for a 5-day pass booking or £38 per day booking (10% sibling discount) Contact [www.schools@brentfordccst.com](mailto:www.schools@brentfordccst.com) for more information.

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR** - St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chiswick is gearing up for Christmas and their legendary Christmas Raffle, which will take place at the annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, 2nd December. 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](mailto:pta_stmarys@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance for your kindness!

**Collections for last weekend:**

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

8/10/23 - £4754.69

**Grove Park**

8/10/23 - £222.55

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