



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

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16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### Tomas writes:

*Ecce Homo! Behold the man!* With these words Pontius Pilate presented Our Lord, crowned with thorns, to the crowd. I am writing these lines from Jerusalem where I am on a week-long retreat and pilgrimage. It is only a short walk to the place on *Via Dolorosa* where these words were uttered. Staying true to the deep roots of my family in the Hapsburg empire, I have found my temporary home at the Austrian Hospice, founded in 1854 by the then Archbishop of Vienna. It is the oldest national pilgrim house in the Holy Land (I am happy not only about the Daily Offices and Mass in German, but also about the best Sacher cake in the Middle East). – *Ecce Homo!* Pontius Pilate was surely not aware of the profundity of his words. As one retraces the steps of Our Lord, one becomes more and more aware that we have been saved and redeemed because the man Jesus accepted the ultimate impotence of death: this acceptance began with the Incarnation and became definitive at Golgotha. Living our Christian lives truly, we cease to live simply as humans and begin to live as someone who doesn't just 'imitate Christ' but who is drawn into Him and, as a result of the eternal significance of Jesus's humanity, genuinely *participates* in His Incarnation, death and Resurrection. We are redeemed and saved because we are able to respond, as true humans, to the permanent appeal of loving our neighbour, to accept death, and continue to hope. In Jesus, we are not called to understand our faith as a sum of prescriptions and obligations imposing an external burden, but invited to rejoice that we have found the ground of our world and have a word for it: 'Father'. We are called to find God not just in eternal distance but also in the forgiving nearness, for in Jesus, at a turning point of world's history, our future has become reality – and we know that this reality is good. God will always be with us because the God who became man can never cease to be one of us. *Ecce Homo!* In Jesus, we have been redeemed not only from sin but also from the idols of this world. In Jesus, we have found the confidence to encounter our lives with serenity and inner peace that others can only envy, sustained by the sure knowledge that this world is not the only reality. In Jesus, we know that death is not a conclusion, but a fulfilment. For the man Jesus of Nazareth is none other than the one by whom God the Father intended from all eternity to reconcile us to His divine self. *Ecce Homo!*

### DIVINE MERCY – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 15/4 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass  <i>Grove Park</i>	Dr. Ian Sparling Fr. John Seabrook	ANN 3 <sup>rd</sup> ANN
Sun 16/4 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  <i>Gunnersbury</i>	Patricia Moore People of the Parish Jean Brown Elizabeth Londra Mabel Colley Veronica D'Sane	RD INT RD ANN ANN INT
Mon 17/4 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Dorothy Nelson	RD
Tue 18/4 10.00am 11.15am	EASTER FERIA	Michael Crowley <b>Funeral of Johnnie Ahtuam</b>	ANN RIP
Wed 19/4 10.00am 6.00pm	ST ALPHEGE	Maureen Gallagher Sr. Stefania Bassan	RIP RD
Thur 20/4 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Greg McNulty	RD
Fri 21/4 10.00am 6.00pm	EASTER FERIA	Mary Bagenal Patrick Mullen	ANN RD
Sat 22/4 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	EASTER FERIA  <i>Grove Park</i>	Pauline Coopey Confession Confession Margaret Cooney Mary & Frank O'Brien	ANN  INT INT

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, 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, Pat Gleasure, Tony Sheehan, Vinny McNamara, Sophie Duarte Bravo, Carlos Amaro Bitencourt, Maria Jose Bitencourt, Vera Jansen, Dr. Charles Bredin, Mary Frain, Josie Jordon, Margaret Organ, Natalie Williams, Dine-Hart Family and those suffering.

**For the recently deceased:** Jean (Johnnie) Ahtuam, Kevin Gavin, Beth Jarvis and Michael Pickersgill. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Fr. John Seabrook, Francis Quarshie, Dr. Ian Sparling, Elizabeth Londra, Mabel Colley, Michael Crowley, Mary Bagenal, Pauline Coopey. May they Rest in Peace.

#### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.256

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Acts 2:42-47**  
Psalm: **117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Peter 1:3-9**  
Gospel: **John 20: 19-31**

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.258

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Acts 2: 1-4, 22-33**  
Psalm: **15: 1-2, 5, 7-11**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Peter 1: 17-21**  
Gospel: **Luke 24: 13-35**

**CHOIR AND MUSIC THIS SUNDAY** – A reminder that the Choir and musicians of the parish have a Sunday rest on the Sunday after Holy Week and Easter. They will return next Sunday.

**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'.

## THE PARISH LENT PROJECT:

**OUR OVERSEAS LENT PROJECT THIS YEAR: St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG)** - a Catholic charity with a 127 year history of working to end the suffering still caused by leprosy. It supports 40 leprosy centres around the world treating and supporting almost 20,000 people in low-income countries. **£2727.94** has been donated so far. Leaflets at the back of church with our unique SFLG QR code so any donation made via the QR code records the donation coming from the parish so our fundraising thermometer can keep going up! Please see <https://www.stfrancisleprosy.org/>

**OUR DOMESTIC LENT PROJECT THIS YEAR: Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023** - Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; the Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal. **£1057.67** has been donated so far. Take a donation envelope either for info or to use the QR code to make your donation online, though pls let the Parish Office know so our fund-raising thermometer at the back of church can keep going up!

**CASH** placed in the Lent Project money box at the main doors of the church will be divided 50% for St. Francis Leprosy Guild and 50% 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. Undesignated cheques will be divided as per the cash in the Lent Project box.

**EASTER OFFERING - Thank you most sincerely for the Easter Offerings received in Holy Week, over Easter itself and now in Easter Week, together with the many cards with appreciative words and presents. Fr Michael, Fr Daniel and Fr Femi are most grateful.** If there are those would still like to make an offering, please take an Easter Offering envelope near the exit to the church doors and drop it into any routine parish collection or into the presbytery. The Easter Offering is one of two collections in the year which makes up the greater part of the priests' annual stipend.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES** – Thank you for your generosity as ever to the support of the Holy Places in the Holy Land and for the Christian communities who live among them. **The total donated was £1084.32.**

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. 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 20<sup>th</sup> April, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a talk by Andrew Hogan on "St Thomas More: Nothing Can Come Except What God Wills", followed by drinks at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly at [donnellysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnellysm@hotmail.com) for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to [www.catholicman.uk](http://www.catholicman.uk)

**BAPTISM** – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 7.30pm in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or online via the parish website: [www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org](http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org)

**WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY TO 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST** - This is the **last chance to join Westminster Youth Ministry** for two weeks in Porto, Fatima and Lisbon from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> August to celebrate World Youth Day with Pope Francis and 2 million other young people. Thanks to the support of the Cardinal's Appeal, the reduced cost for the pilgrimage is £1,500 inclusive of transport, accommodation, WYD Pass, insurance and some meals. **Furthermore, the parish has a budget to support any young parishioner (over 18) to travel with the diocesan group. Thus, the £1,500 cost of the diocesan pilgrimage can be reduced a lot more depending on the circumstances and number of any applicant(s).** If interested ask for Fr Michael or Fr Daniel. Applications to the Diocese to join the trip technically closed on 14<sup>th</sup> April but it may be possible to progress an application in the next few days. For info and booking forms email Phoebe Prendergast [phoebeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:phoebeprendergast@rcdow.org.uk) or Holly Cook at [hollycook@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hollycook@rcdow.org.uk) or call us on 020 3757 2516

**SENIOR CITIZENS CORONATION TEA PARTY, Bank Holiday Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, in the Parish Centre.** 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 Bank Holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. For tickets, contact Sharon in the Parish Office at [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk) or tel: 020 8994 2877. If you require transport to/from the Coronation Tea Party, please contact **Jackie Knight on 07712 675020 or [jmq123@btinternet.com](mailto:jmq123@btinternet.com)** Coronation Chicken sandwiches will be served! – as well as scones, jam and cream, followed by cakes and fruit, with finally a glass of celebratory fizz for the loyal toast. **We also need volunteers to set up, serve and wash up** after the tea party and also teenagers/young people out there who would also like to help? **Also, are there any drivers** who could assist please to collect and return to home some guests? We are also looking for **helpers to set up and decorate the Hall** at 11.00am Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. If any of this will work for you on Coronation Monday, please email Jackie on: [jmq123@btinternet.com](mailto:jmq123@btinternet.com) or give her a call on **07712 675020**. Thus: Jackie to volunteer help or arrange transport; Sharon/Parish Office to obtain tickets.

## GROVE PARK NOTES

**CHISWICK & GROVE PARK BRIDGE CLUB** – meets every Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Parish Room of St Joseph's Church, 1 Bolton Rd. There's a table fee of £3.00. For info call Phil Tait on 07860575135 or email [philliptait@btinternet.com](mailto:philliptait@btinternet.com)

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS** – Sharon, Parish Administrator, or Tomas, our seminarian, will be emailing parish volunteers offering opportunities to those who need them for the renewing of their DBS certificates. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative, Catherine Sutherland, is offering dates for thirty-minute appointments in the Priests' House Meeting Room to validate documents and to submit renewal applications. Please respond to the emails in good time. Any enquiries to: [chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) Dates: From 10.00am to 1.00pm on Tues 18<sup>th</sup> April or Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** – 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 the ministry of visiting the elderly and housebound at home (for which a DBS certificate would be required) then please mention it to Fr Michael. Thank you.

**VOCATIONS OPEN EVENING** - On Weds 17<sup>th</sup> May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre with short presentation, informal conversations, refreshments. Tubes: Bond St & Baker St.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** - led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov to Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. See: Galilee; Jerusalem; Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow. Cost, full board £2,265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill 01732 886666.

**CATHOLIC CARE AGENCY, SDCARE, Home-based or Domiciliary Care** - Being independent and comfortable at home is the key to happiness. SD Care offers specialised and adaptable home care for the elderly and support for their families. We use the same ethos of care and support for our excellent nursing teams as they do for you. That means a tailored, flexible care at home service with motivated staff providing the best standard of physical and emotional support. Whether that is a couple of hours per week, 24 hour live-in or night sitting, our dedicated care workers come highly recommended. For more info go to [www.sdcare.co.uk](http://www.sdcare.co.uk)

**REPOSITORY** – On sale this week First Holy Communion cards and gifts, Confirmation cards and other religious items and also the Westminster Year Book £5.00. It is open after all Sunday morning Masses.

**TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS** – The Tuesday post-Mass coffee morning and Friday Coffee morning has finished for Easter. They will resume Tues 25<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am in St. Edward's Rm and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1030am in the Parish Centre.