



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

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16TH JANUARY 2022

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fr Daniel writes:

In the Gospel today we hear about the first sign that Jesus made during his public ministry. A sign full of symbolism that encapsulates the Mystery to be revealed throughout the Gospel. The dreariness of the water is transformed into the joy of wine. The jars of the Old Law serve to bring the New. Humanity driven to chaos by their first parents are now adopted and brought to safety by God and entrusted to the motherly care of Mary. Since there is no room, even over an entire newsletter, to make a commentary of this Gospel that would do any justice to its richness, we should concentrate on one world only: "woman".

The word "woman" takes us back to the very beginnings of the book of Genesis when God created the perfect companion for Adam. *"Then, the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And, while he was asleep, he took one of his ribs and closed the flesh up again forthwith. The Lord God fashioned the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. And the man said: This one at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh! She is to be called Woman".* Later on in the story we learn that *"The man named his wife 'Eve' because she was the mother of all those who live".*

However, John in his Gospel, does not reveal the full implications of this title that Jesus gives to his mother, until nearly the very end. There at the cross we hear Jesus addressing his mother as "woman" for the second time: *"Seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother.' [...] After Jesus had taken the wine he said, 'It is fulfilled'; and bowing his head he gave up his spirit".*

It is at this point that we come to understand the reason why Jesus addressed his mother as "woman" all the time. It was not to distance himself from his mother but to reveal to her and to us the full scope of her mission. As we see Jesus, the new Adam "falling asleep" on the cross, and as his side is gashed opened, Mary appears as the new Eve. No longer as the "mother of all those who live", but as the mother of all who believe.

What a wonderful capacity, that of God, to make all things new! How attentive to the needs of His children! How loving and caring, so that none of His creatures should ever feel alone and unprotected. It is right, therefore, that we should acclaim together in the words of the Responsorial Psalm: *"O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name".*

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 15/1 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	Tom Furlong Melhem & Sfeir Family	RD RIP
Sun 16/1 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am	2 ND SUNDAY IN OT Gunnersbury	Bridie Tuffy Laurie Fabian Maria Martin, Mary Fitzpatrick & Joan Wawall Jacqueline Freeman Bill & Joan Healy People of the Parish	RD ANN RD RD ANN INT
11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm			
Mon 17/1 10.00am	ST ANTHONY	Norman Browne	ANN
Tue 18/1 10.00am	Feria	Paul & Nicole McKenna	INT
Wed 19/1 10.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Feria Comboni Convent	Mary Rogers Funeral of Sa Wood Dolly McEllin	ANN RIP RD
Thur 20/1 10.00am	Feria	Joey Browne	ANN
Fri 21/1 10.00am 6.00pm	ST AGNES PIME Convent	John & Patricia O'Malley & Family Christopher Brewer	INT INT
Sat 22/1 10.00am 6.30pm 6.30pm	Feria Grove Park	Pauline Kleiner Margaret Gilroy Antoine Sfeir	RD RD RIP

LET US PRAY

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthly, Eulalie Raymond, Mary Garrett, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Trish Williams, Hugh Caldin, Ben Okoro, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, Isabelle Ranle, Eileen McGuinness and all those suffering in the pandemic.

For those recently deceased: Ralph French, Melissa Hughes, Paul Myles, Mick Hayes, Patrick Doherty, Nancy Jennings, Sa Wood, Geraldine Brady, Joseph Martial, Marzenna Schejbal, Sheila Peters, Mary Innes, Valentina Orechovskaya, Patrick Hogan, Philip Romain and Ena Mulhall. May they rest in peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Laurie Fabian, Bill & Joan Healy, Norman Browne, Mary Rogers, Joey Browne, John O'Keeffe, Marie O'Keeffe. May they rest in peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.127:

1st Reading: **Isaiah 62: 1-5**

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

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 12: 4-11**

Gospel: **John 2: 1-11**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.129:

1st Reading: **Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10**

Psalm: **18: 8-10, 15**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 12: 12-30**

Gospel: **Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

COVID SAFETY IN CHURCH:

- FACE MASKS ON, even when singing, unless exempt
- SOCIAL DISTANCING where possible
- HOUSEHOLD MIXING to a minimum
- HAND SANITIZER / HAND-WASHING
- GET BOOSTERED / VACCINATED
- LATERAL FLOW TEST BEFORE MASS is recommended
- ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID/FLU, please stay home!

THE SYNODAL PROCESS: WRAPPING UP, FOR NOW - With



21st January being the deadline for submission of the parish report to the diocese the final session will be at 4.00pm to 5.30pm TODAY, Sunday 16th January in the Parish Centre. We'll start, aiming to be socially distanced, in the Lounge Bar and, depending on numbers, might move to the Main Hall. This

concluding meeting is aimed at all those who have participated in previous sessions, and will be reflecting on the whole parish process and helping to prepare the parish submission to the diocese with any last contributions. Fr Michael and Clare Muldoon, the Parish Synodality Rep, will then write up the submission to be in by 21st January. With the Synod being '2021-2023' parishes will certainly have more to discuss and, perhaps finally and most importantly, the implementation in the parish of the resolutions of the Bishops' Synod in 2023. In the meantime, the 'diocesan phase' of the synodal process is underway. The 'Diocesan Synodal Gathering' with Cardinal Vincent at Westminster Cathedral & Hall is on Saturday 19th February, 11.00am to 4.00pm. If you have been part of the parish synodal process and would like to join the diocesan gathering for the day, please see Fr Michael or Clare Muldoon before too long as places need to be booked by 31st January.

CRIB OFFERINGS - The Crib Offerings as 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. the crib will remain up until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas, Weds 2nd February.

BAPTISM - The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 1st and 8th Feb in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or the parish website: <http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org>

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice, if your Catholic practice allows for it, you should contact the Parish Office to request 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 (therefore including before the pandemic) it is likely that it will be impossible for Fr Michael to issue a Certificate.

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).

Sa Wood	- 19 th Jan 2.00pm, Requiem Mass
Geraldine Brady	- 26 th Jan 2.00pm, Requiem Mass
Patrick Doherty	- 28 th Jan 11.20am, Mortlake Crematorium
Ralph French	- 31 st Jan 6.00pm, Reception into Church 1 st Feb 12.00 Noon, Requiem Mass
Mary Innes	- 2 nd Feb 6.00pm, Reception into Church 3 rd Feb 12.30pm Requiem Mass
John Paul Myles	- 4 th Feb 10.00am Requiem Mass
Nancy Jennings	- 4 th Feb 12.30pm Requiem Mass
Patrick Hogan	- 7 th Feb 11.00am Requiem Mass
Mick Hayes	- 11 th Feb 1.45pm Requiem Mass
Philip Romain	- 15 th Feb 11.30am Requiem Mass
Joseph Martial	- 18 th Feb 11.30am, Requiem Mass

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

ST JOSEPH'S, GROVE PARK NOTES

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GROVE PARK - Our nearest Christian community neighbours are celebrating in 2022 their 150th Anniversary of the consecration of their church in 1872. Among the exciting events being planned is a Flower Festival in June and St Joseph's is invited to participate. If there are parishioners expert (and/or willing) in this particular ministry who might like to prepare an exhibit on behalf of St Joseph's, please liaise with Fr Michael in the first instance as he is also discussing options with Our Lady of Grace. 020 8994 2877 or email chiswick@rcdow.org.uk

CHISWICK & GROVE PARK BRIDGE CLUB - meets every Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Parish Room of St Joseph's Church, 1 Bolton Rd. A friendly group who play duplicate bridge and usually finish around 10.00pm. There's a table fee of £3.00. For info call Phil Tait on 07860575135 or email philliptait@btinternet.com

WESTMINSTER ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESAN TRUST - The Annual Report & Accounts 2020 are available to view at <https://bit.ly/DowAccounts2020> or you can scan the QR code on the poster at the back of the Church.

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) - The group is convening weekly via the Zoom, Mondays at 7.30pm. Next meeting takes place on 17th Jan. Contact John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

THE MEN'S GROUP The next meeting will be on Thursday 20th January, 8.15 for an 8.30pm start, on Zoom, due to current Covid concerns. We will listen to a Fr Larry Richards talk on how to be a Holy Leader of Your Family. Men of all ages are very welcome. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnellysm@hotmail.com for details. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

RETRouvaille - Covid 19 - a very challenging time for many marriages. So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings different challenges. You wonder would we be better apart? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriageand you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing 3rd to 6th March 2022 call or text +44 788 729 6983. Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.org or visit www.retrouvaille.uk

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS - There is a NEW and FRESH selection on a rack at the back of the church. Prices are marked on each booklet/leaflet. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS' also at the back of the church opposite the CTS rack.

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

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.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK - The new Westminster Year Book is on sale from the Parish Office during working hours price £4.50.

FOOT HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CLINIC - In the Catholic Centre, Dukes Ave, for chiropody, reflexology and wellbeing advice. Home visits also. Tel. Gerardine McCaffrey 07957165123.

Collections for last weekend:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
£3814.25
St. Joseph's Grove Park
£172.98

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