



# 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> JULY

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

Canon Michael Dunne  
Fr Daniel Daley  
Fr Jude Duruaku CSSp  
Fr Damian Wachowiak  
Sharon Bowden

Parish Priest  
Assistant Priest  
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Supply Priest  
Administrator

*Fr Daniel writes:*

### Faith and Suffering

One of my lasting memories of St Pope John Paul II, was a frail man, at the mercy of Parkinson's disease but who continued to appear in public. Cardinal Angelo Comastri, who was with the Pope during his last few months observed, "John Paul II knew that life is a race towards God's Banquet: the Feast of God's embrace, His infinite glory and happiness." Through his suffering John Paul II bore witness to a greater reality, he understood that as St Paul says in our second reading today, that what we suffer in this life, pales in comparison to the joys to come in the next. Both these Saints testified to the realities beyond this life by embracing their suffering with faith. They understood that it was Jesus' suffering and death which made his resurrection and ascension possible. Jesus shows us how human suffering can be transformative, how it can aide us in our quest to become holy. This is not an easy lesson for us to learn and rather than accept this, we instead find ourselves asking God why we must suffer so much? Recently, after I learnt that I had torn a small hole in my ligament I certainly asked God this question. However, as time has gone on, I have started to ask a different question: what does God want to me learn from this? After much prayer and reflection, I can see that he wishes me to devote more time to spiritual reading, which I have neglected this last year, so much so that I currently have four books I have started and still not finished! I am sure that in time I will return to playing the sport I love, but until then, as I continue my recovery, I will use the time to catch up on my reading. There is no easy answer to why we suffer in this life, but Cardinal Van Thuan encourages us to turn to a crucifix, which reminds us that when "Jesus' arms and legs [were] nailed to the Cross, and life [was] draining out of his body, it was then he accomplished the most for humanity. At his weakest moment, Jesus redeemed the world." This truth consoles and strengthens us, for as St Paul goes onto say to the Romans, we hope in what we cannot see, not just the kingdom to come but also that in our suffering, in those moments when we find it the hardest to see our God, are the moments when our God is closest to us, when his grace is most effective. We may not always be able to see him, but our God is always there, helping us along our path to holiness, no matter how painful that may be at times, so that like his Son, one day we too may share in his glory.

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

Sat 15/7 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass  Grove Park	Theresa Donovan Suzannah & Juan	ANN SICK
Sun 16/7 8.30am	15 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN OT	Patricia (Tricia) Margaret Chapman Joe Flaherty People of the Parish Hilda Goggin Eamonn King James Gavaghan	1 <sup>st</sup> ANN  ANN INT ANN ANN ANN
9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	  Gunnersbury		
Mon 17/7 10.00am	FERIA	Laura Williams - Birthday	RIP
Tue 18/7 10.00am 12.00	FERIA  Grove Park	Mary Murphy Funeral of John Lessel	RD RIP
Wed 19/7 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA  Comboni Convent	Canon Peter Gilbert Sr. Agnes Chiappa	ANN RD
Thur 20/7 10.00am	FERIA	Eamonn King - Birthday	RIP
Fri 21/7 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA  PIME Convent	Alice Aherne Sr. Dymphna	RIP RD
Sat 22/7 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	ST MARY MAGDALEN    Grove Park	Sammy Banks Confession Baptism Confession Jolanta Wozniak Rita Willis	RD    RD RD

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, Fr. Eamonn Conarty, Celine Duignan, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Alex Tuffy, Eileen McGuinness, Greta Gribben, John Monks, Jim Ryan, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Mike O'Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Pascale Murphy, Claudio Bogi, Gloria Weymouth, Theresa Southern, Constance Redmond, Georgia, Brid, Pat Gleasure, Tony Sheehan, Vera Jansen, Dr. Charles Bredin, Mary Frain, Natalie Williams, Monica McGowan, Kirsten Constance (and her baby), Kay Kiggins, Peter Kerridge, Brian Moignard, Nora Murphy, Bernadette Boylan, James Ward, Jenni Brown, Annette Griffin and those suffering.

**For the recently deceased:** Fr Mark Leenane, late PP of St Vincent de Paul Parish, Osterley; John Lessel, Fred Moses and P.C.Wrynne. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Theresa Donovan, Patricia (Tricia) Margaret Chapman, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, Joseph Flaherty, Hilda Goggin, Eamonn King, James Gavaghan, Canon Peter Gilbert. May they Rest in Peace.

#### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 102

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Isaiah 55: 10-11**

Psalm: **144:1-2,8-11,13-14**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Romans 8:18-23**

Gospel: **Matthew 13:1-23**

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 105

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**

Psalm: **85: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Romans 8: 26-27**

Gospel: **Matthew 13: 24-43**

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSE WEEKLY** – Five copies a week at the back of church. £3.50 per copy with cash to the the 'Catholic Papers' box.

**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.

**SEA SUNDAY** – Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday last weekend. Donations received by **Chiswick were £798.48 and by Grove Park £65.50 totalling £863.98**. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk) or donate via [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text SEA to 70460 to donate £5.

**LAST 11.00am CHOIR SUNDAY TODAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER** – Today's 11.00am Mass will be the last before the parish musicians and Choir take the well-earned summer break after so many uplifting and inspiring contributions to Masses and other great liturgies over the year such as the Carol Service before Christmas and Holy Week before Easter. With them will go the fullness of our **Altar Serving Team**, adults and children, so the 11.00am Mass will become simpler for the next few weeks. Our thanks to all the volunteers who make the Mass as rich, reverent, participative and beautiful as it is. From next Sunday we'll continue with hymns only at 11.00am, thanks, too, to other volunteers for that.

**SUNDAY 9.45am and 12.15pm MASSES UNTIL SEPTEMBER** – The 9.45am Mass also moves into holiday-season mode from next Sunday with the volunteers who generously support the Children's Liturgy stepping down. Our thanks for all they have done for our children over the year including, again, in holiday times of Christmas and Easter. Thank you, too, to those who have made suggestions to help the 9.45am Mass become more accessible to children. Fr Michael owes emails after a few more suggestions but two have been introduced: the children's percussion instruments for the last hymn, which is proving very popular with the children; and the provision of copies of *'My Picture Missal'* being available for parents/carers at the entrance to assist children's understanding of Mass. The books will continue to be put out over summer but, alas, music also at the 9.45am Mass will cease until September, as it will at the 12.15pm Mass, both for the summer being 'said' Masses.

**NEWSLETTERS** will continue for the Sundays of July but then they, too, will cease for the month of August with the first Newsletter of the new academic year being on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. **Those thinking ahead about applications for the new academic year's First Holy Communion Programme, Youth Confirmation Programme and RCIA need not be concerned as all details will be published with ample time allowed from September.**

**NATIONAL GALLERY'S ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI TOURS** - The St Francis Leprosy Guild's co-ordinator, Eileen, is offering free guided tours of the new exhibition about St Francis at the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square, a highlight of which is the actual habit worn by St Francis, in addition to the great art. (11.00am Saturday 29/07. See the Guild poster at the back and contact Eileen on 07542817869 or [eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org](mailto:eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org) )

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** – Those aged 18-35 are welcome to join the weekly meeting. This evening, Sunday after the 6.30pm Mass, Sr Rosario Fernandez of the Comboni Sisters will be talking to the Group about 'The Call To Missionary Life'. For contacts please see: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is convening this week at 7.30pm on Tues 18<sup>th</sup> July. For info: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk) Please note: NO meeting on Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS & DBS Certs** – Catherine Sutherland our Safeguarding Representative will be emailing parish volunteers offering opportunities to those who need them for the renewing of their DBS certificates. Catherine 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: [chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) Please contact the Parish Office for an the appointment.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERING AND MINISTRY** – *"There are many different kinds of service but we serve the same Lord,"* as St Paul says in his *First Letter to the Corinthians* (12.5). Looking to the new school year in particular but with some opportunities for a start sooner, there are many enjoyable and rewarding ways in which to contribute to the parish's family life and deepen in discipleship, participating in the local mission. Could you be a parish Reader, for instance, once a month? Or help with next year's Confirmation programme in a easy conversational way and coached, as you would be also helping with First Holy Communion, by others with years of experience? If so, please do speak to one of the priests.

**PIANO PLAYER FOR 11.00am SUNDAY MASS in August?** – Thank you to those who have volunteered for the piano playing at the 11.00am Sunday Masses. A rota for the six Masses from 23<sup>rd</sup> July through to 27<sup>th</sup> August is being prepared and will be suggested to volunteers this week. If there are any further volunteers please contact the Parish Office early this week.

**CHARITY FLOWER SALE** – Kay Senior wishes to thank all those who supported the Charity Flower Sale recently. £360.00 was raised and all profits will go to a Hospice in Chiswick.

#### GROVE PARK NOTES

**SEA SUNDAY APPEAL - THANK YOU** to all who supported the appeal last weekend. **£65.50** was donated and supports the work of the Stella Maris chaplains. See also the adjacent note.

**PRESBYTERY REFURBISHMENT** - Those who have house keys from previous need must not enter the house as it is legally a building site! The usage of church and Parish Room is not affected.

**IS YOUR CHILD 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD?** Did you know that you are entitled to Free Nursery Childcare Provision? We have a limited number of 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 our school admin team to arrange an appointment, or informal discussion on 020 8994 5606 or email: [office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk)

**CARETAKER JOB AT ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, Duke Rd.** – 36 hrs a week from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, c£26k per annum, work in Chiswick and have no commute! If interested pls contact the school or see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/caretakerhandyman-1346413>

**THE LATE FR MARK LEENANE, Parish Priest of Osterley, RIP** The Requiem Mass for the late Fr Mark will be at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August at St Vincent de Paul Church. His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be the principal celebrant. We pray for Fr Mark, his family and parishioners. May he rest in peace. The parish website is: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/osterley/>

**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 at the Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Ave, on the last Wednesday of every month, 2.30pm-4.30pm. The next event will take place on Weds 26<sup>th</sup> July. There'll be a classic afternoon tea with music, a guest speaker, 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.

**A DAY WITH MARY** – The next of these opportunities is on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July at Westminster Cathedral. 9.45am to 5.30pm. For more info see the leaflet at the back of the church.

**YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION** - The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, formation on *Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham*, among other topics, will be given. Come either: 14th - 21st Aug or 30th Aug - 6th Sept. To find out more, please enquire by 31st July by emailing the COLW Sisters at [freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org)

**BAPTISM** – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Sept in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or online via the parish website: <http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org>

**REPOSITORY** – The Repository is open after Sunday morning Masses for cards, rosary beads, statues, gifts and other religious items. Also on sale is the Westminster Year Book price £5.00.

**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**

**9/7/23 £4,171.84**

**Grove Park**

**9/7/23 £183.95**

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