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16th OCTOBER 2022

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fr Michael writes:

CHRISTMAS mince pies, iced cakes and chocolate selections are *already* in the supermarkets I was amazed to find last week. Christmas trees are in shops for sale and, more surprisingly, a few homes appear to have them, unless they've been up since last year. Is this earlier than *ever*, I wonder? There are thirty-six shopping days to go before the First Sunday of *Advent*, let alone the festive season itself, another twenty four shopping days beyond that. On the other hand, one fruit of being reminded this early of Christmas is that our familiarity with the joy of that season can inspire us also to celebrate with joy World Mission Sunday next week. It was an angel on Christmas Night after all who told shepherds - momentarily not watching their flocks because terrified by the angels - "*I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared to all people*" (Lk2:10). Next Sunday the Church across the world will be unified in prayer and support for *mission*, which is to say, sharing the joy of the Incarnation, of God being *with us*, indeed, *as us*. The theme the Holy Father has chosen this year is: *'You shall be my witnesses* (Acts 1:8). In his message for World Mission Sunday, he says: *'The same Spirit which guides the universal Church also inspires ordinary men and women to undertake extraordinary missions. And so it was that two hundred years ago, a young French woman - Blessed Pauline Jaricot - founded the Association for the Propagation of the Faith. She established a network of prayer and fundraising for missionaries, so that the faithful could actively participate in God's mission "to the ends of the earth"*. It's well worth noting that Blessed Pauline's 'undertaking an extraordinary mission' didn't mean she left her country, vital as that is for others on their respective extraordinary missions. Being witnesses of the Gospel is not an optional extra for a Christian: the option is *where* we witness not *that* we witness.

This is a helpful reflection as we contemplate our numbers and our mission here in Chiswick, Gunnersbury and Grove Park after the official count of the congregations over the last four weeks. For once we have a round-ish number, 950 attending Mass each weekend. It is encouraging, thanks be to God, with more parishioners returning to practice and new parishioners arriving in since the pandemic. The same statistic in 2021 was 818. In 2020, still within the pandemic and with limited opening and social distancing in church, the number was 494. In 2019, before the pandemic, we were 1534. Thus we may happily respond to the Lord's pointed question concluding today's Gospel - "*When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?*" (Lk 18:8) - with a collective yes in His parishes here while we are still here. But let us also discern both for here and for the wider world, how we might, with the grace of God, better be His witnesses.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 15/10 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass <i>Grove Park</i>	Dr John Robinson Timmy McNamara	ANN RD
Sun 16/10 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	29 th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time <i>Gunnersbury</i>	Pauline O'Mahoney Jim Mills James Filgate People of the Parish Bridie Holian Sarah O'Donnell	RD RIP RD RD RD
Mon 17/10 10.00am	St Ignatius of Antioch	Jack Fitzgerald	RD
Tue 18/10 10.00am	St Luke	Tom and Eileen McEllin	ANN
Wed 19/10 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA <i>(Comboni Convent)</i>	Ann and Family Barbara Gale-100 th birthday	INT RIP
Thur 20/10 10.00am	FERIA	Nan Bowe	RD
Fri 21/10 10.00am 12.00pm 6.00pm	FERIA Funeral Mass <i>(PIME Convent)</i>	Noel Stevenson Keith Stammers Jacqueline Freeman	RD RIP ANN
Sat 22/10 10.00am 11-11.45am 12.15pm 5-5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	St John Paul II <i>Grove Park</i>	Tom Jennings (Month's Mind) Confession Baptism Holy Hour & Confession Benediction Margaret Purves GC David Hooper	RD ANN RD

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.Wrynn, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Iris Faulkner, Mike O'Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Pascale Murphy, Breda O'Sullivan, Claudio Bogi, Loxley Alleyne, Gloria Weymouth and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Keith Stammers, Michael Keating, Dan Foley, Marie King, Marek Chybowski, Bridget (Breda) O'Sullivan and Anthony Fernando. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: John Robinson, Tom and Eileen McEllin, Jacqueline Freeman and Margaret Purves. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.152

1st Reading: : **Exodus 17:8-13**

Psalm: **120**

2nd Reading: **2 Timothy 3:14-4:2**

Gospel: : **Luke 18:1-8**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.155

1st Reading: **Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19**

Psalm: **33:2-3, 17-19, 23 response v 7**

2nd Reading: **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

Gospel: **Luke 18:9-14**

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.

THIS MONTH'S CATHOLIC HERALD is available at the back of church priced £5. Please put money in the 'CTS' box opposite.

THIS MONTH'S CATHOLIC POST is at the back of church **FREE**.

CAFOD'S HARVEST COLLECTIONS... – THANK YOU to those who were able to contribute last weekend to CAFOD's Harvest Collection for the East African food crisis affecting millions of people across Kenya, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Somalia. **Chiswick raised a generous £950; Grove Park an extraordinary £172, a total of £1,122** with further envelopes expected to be returned this weekend. **This comes on top of the support of parishioners to CAFOD's Pakistan Floods Emergency Appeal in September which was £2,581.30** with Chiswick's £2,447.05 and Grove Park's £134.25. Envelopes, with the option of Gift Aid, are at the back of church or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday.

WORLD PREMIER SUCCESS ON FRIDAY for the first ever live performance of **'AQUERO'**, an oratorio on the life and experience of St Bernadette of Lourdes. **Our Guest of Honour His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols** gave eloquent thanks to all those who had made the occasion such a success while he also highlighted the vital work of the charity **Friends of the Holy Land**, of which he is Patron, the beneficiary of the evening. A delightful supper was also a fund-raising success after the concert in the Parish Centre, thanks to immensely generous volunteering by a number of parishioners. **Many thanks to all who worked so hard for the evening.** The total of proceeds raised will be published next Sunday. For interest please see: www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk/

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SECONDARY AND PRIMARY, 2022. 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 Fr 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 this week within: **Tuesday 18th Oct 3.30-6.30pm; or Friday 21st Oct 3.30-5.30pm.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23 IS NOW CLOSED – having been open all through the month of September.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2022/23. Fr Daniel will publish the application process later this term as well as the dates of all teaching sessions, all of which will be in 2023 and can be entered into diaries early as attendance is essential and absence would likely result in being unable to proceed to Confirmation.

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 2022 to May 2023. No course details are yet available but if you'd like to register or express an interest please contact the Parish Office; chiswick@rcdow.org.uk 020 8994 2877

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is on Thursday 20th October, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, looking at the topics of Forgiveness and Integrity, followed by drinks at The Lamb - men of all ages are very welcome. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnellysm@hotmail.com for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to <https://catholicman.uk/>

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at the new time of 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 18th Oct. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

SAVE THE DATE for SR GRAÇA'S FAREWELL, Sun 23rd Oct – after twelve years in the parish and contributing so much to the parish Youth Confirmation programme in particular but also the youth group, other parish enterprises and Comboni initiatives in London and beyond, Sr Graça Almeida has been assigned by her superiors to lead the formation of a new Comboni apostolate in Porto in Portugal. A Farewell Reception will be held in the Parish Centre after 12.15pm Mass, Sunday 23rd October, which will conclude with a special blessing sending Sr Graça forth on mission.

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

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL in Chiswick THIS SUNDAY- Meet outside church after 6:30pm Mass Sunday 16th Oct. For Catholics aged 18-35. Mass followed by pub trip. See you there!

A DAY WITH MARY – at St Aloysius Church, Phoenix Road, NW2, just by King's Cross St Pancras station, is from 10.00am to 5.30pm on Sat 29th Oct. See board at back of church

The late DAN FOLEY RIP – Dan's funeral will be at St Vincent de Paul's Church, Osterley (2 Withan Rd, TW7 4AJ). Reception into church 7.00pm Thurs 20th Oct. Requiem Mass 10.00am Fri 21st Oct. followed by burial at Chiswick New Cemetery 12.00 noon.

ST JOSEPH'S, GROVE PARK NOTES

PARISH MEETING 7.15pm Sat 19th Nov, in the Parish Room – Following the 6.30pm Mass the Parish Finance Committee cordially invites all parishioners to a parish meeting. Its purpose is to update parishioners about the long-awaited presbytery refurbishment, the broader financial position of the parish and anything else parishioners would wish to raise. Refreshments will be provided. The meeting would be approximately 45 mins to close at an hour.

CATHOLIC CENTRE, LOUNGE BAR - The Lounge Bar at the Parish Centre is now open **every Friday from 3pm to 10pm.** All welcome, also to bring suggestions for more social events in the Centre. The Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, W4 2AE.

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 6th November in Chiswick New Cemetery; and 3.00pm Sunday 20th November in Gunnersbury Cemetery. (Warm clothing, wind- and waterproof recommended; also portable chairs recommended for the elderly.)

CATHOLIC UNION EVENT - Monday 28th November 6.30pm (Doors 6pm). **Baroness Sheila Hollins** will deliver the Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture on **"Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe – Insights from the Vatican"** at the University of Notre Dame (1 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HG). In person and live streamed. Free, all welcome and followed by a Drinks Reception. To register and for livestream link, see [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or register at info@catholicunion.org.uk or 020 8749 1321.

RETRouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages - Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

CAHOLIC LISTENERS - A new confidential helpline **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, for those returning to the faith. Although not a counselling service, we have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Contact Ade, Catholiclisteners@gmail.com or 08004480704.

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TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – Tuesdays after the 10.00am Mass in the St Edward's Room; also Fridays in the Parish Centre after Mass. All are very welcome.

Collections for last weekend:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
9/10/22 - £3,938.68

St Joseph's Grove Park 9/10/22 - £242.56

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