



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

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17TH APRIL 2022

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Bishop-Elect John Mbinda CSSp
Canon Michael Dunne
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Parish Priest
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Fr Michael writes:

“Stay with us Lord! Alleluia!”

With these words Pope Saint John Paul II concluded his astonishing twenty-six years of public addresses as Pope on Easter Sunday 2005, his last *urbi et orbi*, to the city and to the world. The phrase is taken from St Luke's Gospel (24:29), from the disciples who, on the evening of Easter Day, met a stranger on the road to Emmaus but not recognising that they walked with the Risen Christ asked Him to stay with them for supper. So downcast they had been with the death of Jesus that in spite of their hearts burning within them as He talked to them along the road, they didn't finally recognise Him until the breaking of the bread at supper in the Eucharist, whereupon they ran back to the apostles to confirm that they had seen the Risen Lord. The phrase is also the title John Paul gave to his last Apostolic Letter which was centred on the Eucharist and in which he writes: “*When the disciples on the way to Emmaus asked Jesus to stay with them, he responded by giving them a much greater gift: through the Sacrament of the Eucharist he found a way to stay in them. Present in the Eucharist as the Risen Lord he nonetheless bears the marks of his Passion, of which every Mass is a memorial. At the same time, while the Eucharist makes present what occurred in the past, it also impels us towards the future, when Christ will come again at the end of history. This makes the Eucharist an event which draws us into itself and fills our Christian journey with hope.*” One who was drawn deeply into this event was St Mary Magdalene. Present at the Lord's death, she was the first witness of the Resurrection. “Tell us Mary, what didst thou see upon the way?” begins the ancient prayer called the Easter Sequence which we read in Easter Sunday's Masses. And she replies to us “I saw Christ's glory as he rose”. Her tears mourning Jesus give way to her rejoicing in His glory as she clings to Him. She recognises that the glory she sees in Him was the *same glory* which forgave her sins, the *same glory* which cast out devils from her, the *same glory* which purified her heart and freed her from herself so that she could love as she did. And it is the *same glory* which transforms her *into glory*, for the Risen Lord Jesus is risen precisely to call us into His Risen Life, the Divine Life, to share in His Resurrection. And this, after His Ascension, she will have received in the Eucharist: “*Those who feed on Christ in the Eucharist,*” writes John Paul in his encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, “*need not wait until the hereafter to receive eternal life: they already possess it on earth. This pledge of future resurrection comes from the fact that the flesh of the Son of Man, given as food, is his body in its glorious state after the resurrection. With the Eucharist we digest, as it were, the secret of the resurrection, a medicine of immortality, an antidote to death.*”

A Happy & Holy Easter!

EASTER SUNDAY

Sat 16/4 9.00am	Vigil Mass	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer The Solemn Easter Vigil	INT
9.00pm			
Sun 17/4 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 10.30am 11.00am 12.30pm	EASTER SUNDAY <i>Gunnersbury Grove Park</i>	Declan McCarthy Patricia Loy Pat Trollope Davin Foster Elizabeth Londra People of the Parish Living & Deceased Veronica Dsane	RD ANN SICK RD ANN INT/ RIP INT
6.30pm			
Mon 18/4 10.00am	MONDAY of the Octave of Easter (oOE)	Michael Crooley	1 ST ANN
Tue 19/4 10.00am	TUESDAY oOE	Liam Gall	RD
Wed 20/4 10.00am 11.30am 6.00pm	WEDNESDAY oOE <i>Comboni Convent</i>	Mary Bagenal Funeral of Patricia Williams Sr. Luisa Emilia Zoia	ANN RIP RIP
Thur 21/4 10.00am	THURSDAY oOE	Sean Quinn	RIP
Fri 22/4 10.00am 6.00pm	FRIDAY oOE <i>Comboni Convent</i>	Ann Edgar Sr. Maria Grazia Teruzzi	INT RIP
Sat 23/4 10.00am 11-11.45am 12.15pm 3.00pm	SATURDAY oOE	Susie Gall Confession Baptism Memorial Mass, Tina Gallagher Confession	SICK RIP
5-5.45pm 6.30pm 6.30pm		Paddy Quinn Arthur Brown	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. Wryne and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Trish Williams, Ping Lin and Oleksandr Lastenko. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Tina Gallagher, Patricia Loy, Elizabeth Londra, Michael Crooley, Mary Bagenal, Paddy Quinn, Brian 'Harry' Prickett, Fr John L. Seabrook PP. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.258:

1st Reading: **Acts 10:34, 37-43**

Psalm: **117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

2nd Reading: **Colossians 3:1-4**

Gospel: **John 20:1-9**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.262:

1st Reading: **Acts 5: 12-6**

Psalm: **117:2-4, 22-27**

2nd Reading: **Apocalypse 1:9-12, 17-19**

Gospel: **John 20:: 19-31**

LENT PROJECT 2022:

As pre-pandemic, we'll have a dual Lent Project, one *domestic* and one *overseas*. In the five weeks of Lent: **£7937 Thank you.**

The CARDINAL'S APPEAL is our domestic project and this year the appeal will fund parish social outreach projects and Caritas Westminster (celebrating this year its 10th year of foundation) social outreach projects. For what it does and which projects are supported see: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/> There are specific Cardinal's Appeal envelopes at the exits of the church.

COMBONI-150 is our overseas project, celebrating also the 150th anniversary of foundation of the Comboni Missionaries. All funds given through the parish will go directly to assist Comboni Sr Rosemary Herrera (no relation of Fr Daniel...) in Arequipa, Peru. She is hoping for a total of £4855 in support of her ecological project among families in subsistence living. **The project aims to provide two bio-gardens as 'sow a seed and you feed a village' but also, in the interim, some food parcels and meals to those developing these gardens which will belong to the villagers.**

CASH placed in the Lent Project money box at the main doors of the church will be divided 65% for Comboni-150 and 35% 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.

EASTER OFFERINGS - are one of two collections in the year which makes up the greater part of the priests' annual income (stipend). If you will be away over Easter please take an Easter Offering envelope from beside the church doors and drop it into any other routine parish collection before or after Easter or to the presbytery. Thank you for any support you can give the priests!

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED from Friday 15th April and will re-open on Monday 25th April - If you require assistance during this time email: chiswick@rcdow.org.uk or tel: 020 8994 2877 which, if a priest is available, will be answered or leave a message.

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) - The group is convening weekly via the Zoom. The next meeting takes place on 19th April at 7.00pm. Contact John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is on Thursday 28th April, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. We will begin a new course called "*The Resolution for Men*" - a challenge to be better men of faith, better husbands and fathers, followed by drinks at The Lamb. Men of all ages are very welcome. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnelysm@hotmail.com for details. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

CATHOLIC CENTRE, LOUNGE BAR - The Lounge Bar at the Parish Centre will now open on the 1st & last Friday of the month from 3pm - 10pm. Next date Friday 29th April. All welcome. In the parish synodality experience, there was hope for more social events in the Parish Centre. Why not come along to discuss them and/or which days and which hours the lounge bar should be open? The Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, London W4 2AE'.

OVER 60's DANCE & EXERCISE TASTER CLASSES IN THE CATHOLIC CENTRE, DUKES AVE - LB of Hounslow- Thriving Communities Grant sponsored Over 60's Dance & Exercise Taster Classes given by local charity Move into Wellbeing® on Tuesday 26th April and 3rd May from 2.15pm - 3.15pm in the Catholic Centre Lounge/Bar Room.

OUR LADY OF GRACE - RED BOXES & MISSIO & MILL HILL MISSIONARIES IN 2021 raised £2,753 for the missions, a figure which includes parishioners giving directly. Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio's National Director has written to thank these generous mission-hearted parishioners and to inspire others. Our £2,753 was part of the total from Westminster Diocese in 2021 which was **£218,000**, which itself was part of the national total of almost **£2.5 million!** We are part of a worldwide network of people supporting mission through prayer and financial assistance. The founder of this network - a lay woman - Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified by Pope Francis on 22nd May this year. Her life, marked by intense suffering and great trust in God, helps us see how every prayer and every contribution is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Please visit www.missio.org.uk to find out more about Pauline and how our support of Missio changes lives for the better.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT AFTER EASTER - Fr Michael had written a fortnight ago, with the prospect of three permanent priests in the parish, about developing new initiatives or restoring pre-pandemic routines. However, with the news about Fr John's appointment to Kenya, the parish returns to having two priests so while ideas are always welcome, effecting them may well need to be lay led, which, where possible, is quite right anyway.

GUNNERSBURY NOTES

EASTER SUNDAY - 17th April - Mass at 10.00am

GROVE PARK NOTES

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There is no Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm but parishioners are welcome to the 9.00pm Solemn Easter Vigil at Our Lady of Grace.

CATHOLIC LISTENERS - A new confidential listening helpline will launch this month. **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. This service is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Although we are not a counselling service, we have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Sometimes just communicating with someone who listens and understands can help clarify a way forward. Simply talking about a problem can ease a burden. We aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For further information please contact Ade at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com We are here to listen 08004480704.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - 22nd - 29th July - Information and booking forms are available from the Parish Office or at www.tangney-tours.com/westminster or 01732886666 for anyone wishing to go on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

A DAY WITH MARY - The next of these opportunities is on Sat 23rd April at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George, London Road, Enfield from 9.30am to 5.00pm and also Sat 30th April, Westminster Cathedral from 9.45am to 5.30pm.

GALA FUNDRAISING MUSIC & DANCE for Chiswick Sea Cadets, Sat 23rd April at Chiswick Memorial Club 7.00-11.00pm Enjoy an evening of live music and dancing from 1960s to the present plus a delicious curry all for £10 a ticket per person (in advance only) created by the volunteers of the Chiswick Sea Cadets. All proceeds to the Sea Cadet unit. Contact David Bartels on 07397968657 or davidbartels@outlook.com for info/tickets.

PERMANENT DIACONATE - 'Come and See' - The Permanent Deacon is a man who serves the Church through ministry of Word, Altar and Charity, under the direction of the Bishop and Priest. For men who may be interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate, they are invited to a **'Come & See' Morning on Saturday 23rd April, 10am - 12noon** at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, Westminster SW1P 1QN. For further information see <https://rcdow.org.uk/vocations/permanent-diaconate/>

MAY PROCESSION AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLEDEN, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX, Sunday 8th May at 3pm. Preacher, Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church), who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection - Pokrova. Join the praying of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for Peace and Restoration in Ukraine.

UKRAINIAN CRISIS DONATIONS - To ease the suffering of the displaced please see the home page of the parish website or these: <https://www.dec.org.uk/> or <https://cafod.org.uk/> or <https://acnuk.org/> or the **Ukrainian Catholic Church in London** is forwarding donations directly to and through its network in Ukraine. Please send cheques payable to **AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund to: Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London**, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, W1K 5BQ

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS - There will be no Tues and Fri coffee mornings until after Easter. They will resume Tues 26th April in St. Edward's Room and Friday 29th April in the Parish Centre.

Collections for last weekend:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
£4847.81

St. Joseph's Grove Park
£457.42

Thank you for your generosity.