



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

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17th SEPTEMBER 2023

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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On this 'Evangelium Gaudium Sunday' the Bishops' Conference writes:

Evangelii Gaudium – Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “*Evangelii Gaudium*” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel”. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis’ calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.
- Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord’s Prayer, in 2024.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

A range of resources are being prepared for the Year of Prayer in 2024 which include a course on the Lord’s Prayer from small groups for Lent, encouragement to try different ways of praying from the tradition of the Church. The Mission Directorate will be supporting the Jubilee co-ordinator appointed by each diocese.

Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all. In the last year this has included:

- Enabling the recording of the videos on the four constitutions.
- Bringing together a working group from across England and Wales to prepare materials for the Jubilee Year 2025 and Year of Prayer 2024.
- Supporting Patrimony experts to deliver funding to 39 projects at outstanding Grade I and II* Catholic churches with the £6.6million awarded to the Catholic Bishops’ Conference via Historic England through the governments’ Culture Recovery Fund in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Supporting co-ordinators and their teams in dioceses through formation and sharing of best practice.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 16/9 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass <i>Grove Park</i>	Johnny Gamble – Birthday Joan McEntee	RIP RD
Sun 17/9 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	24 th Sunday in OT <i>Gunnersbury</i>	Tom Healey Joe Murphy Donald Cousins Victor B. Ubal Jnr. David Meeker People of the Parish	ANN RD RD ANN RIP INT
Mon 18/9 10.00am	FERIA	Alexa Martinez	ANN
Tue 19/9 10.00am	FERIA	Josephine Mortlock - Birthday	RIP
Wed 20/9 10.00am 6.00pm	ST ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN & PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG Comboni Convent	Joseph Carty Ernesto B. Lenero	6 th ANN RD
Thur 21/9 10.00am	ST MATTHEW	Padraig Colohan	RD
Fri 22/9 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA PIME Convent	William Francis Ryan The Selway Family	SICK INT
Sat 23/9 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA <i>Grove Park</i>	Leticia de Roxas Confession Baptism Confession Tony & Margie Sheehan Boutros Sfeir	RD INT ANN

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Pascale Murphy, Alex Tuffy, Cecilia Walsgrove, Claudio Bogi, Mary Frain, Kevin Herbert, William Francis Ryan, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Jim Ward, Fr. Eamon Conarty, Mary Tasser, Tina Byrne and those suffering.

For the recently deceased: Andrew Neary Jnr, Linda Anne Whyte and Cecil Pocock. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Tom Healey, Victor B. Ubal Jnr., Alexa Martinez, Joseph Carty, Boutros Sfeir, Mary Wilson, 2nd Anniversary. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 128

1st Reading: **Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28:7**

Psalm: **102:1-4, 9-12**

2nd Reading: **Romans 14: 7-9**

Gospel: **Matthew 18:21-35**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 131

1st Reading: **Isaiah 55: 6-9**

Psalm: **144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 1:20-24, 27**

Gospel: **Matthew 20: 1-16**

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

MOSAIC MAGAZINE - copies available at the back of the church, produced by the Diocese of Westminster's Fundraising Team, which explores how your support helps protect marriage, family life, and the new initiatives being launched to grow faith in young people.

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'.

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.

THE ANNUAL MASS COUNT – Starting next weekend for four consecutive Sundays the annual count of the congregation is made. This will not affect parishioners other than they might see a fellow parishioner walking up and down the side aisles of church with a faintly clicking counter in the hand. This count provides accurate helpful statistics for the Diocese, the state and the Holy See.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/2024 – Registration is OPEN
This year the registration for the sacramental programme is online, via the parish website <http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org> The closing date to register for First Holy Communion is **NEXT SUNDAY 24th Sept**, with the course beginning with the Enrolment Mass on Sunday 1st October at the 12.15pm Mass. The course is open to parishioners' children living within the parish boundaries of Chiswick, Gunnersbury and Grove Park, and who regularly attend Mass. Exceptionally, others with good reason may apply but those will need permission of their respective Parish Priests.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION – For parish children who will be 14 years old at least at the time of their Confirmation in summer 2024. Details will be forthcoming later this term when finalised. However, the course does not begin until January 2024 and the deadline for applications is not until a yet-to-be-determined date this December.

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 2023 to May 2024. 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

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are welcome to join the weekly social gathering of young adults in our parish. Meet outside church after the 6.30pm Sunday Mass. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

YOUTH MINISTRY - Join the Youth Ministry on their journey to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Saturday, 23rd September for only £35 (pilgrim levy included). The coach leaves at 7am from Westminster Cathedral, and should return around 8pm. Reflecting on this year's theme 'Mary, Mother of the Home', we'll be exploring the history of Walsingham and the role of Mary as our Mother on our drive to the shrine. Only 20 seats left! Sign up now on our website - <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/pilgrimage-to-walsingham/>

BAPTISM – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 10th and 17th Oct in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or online via the parish website: <http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org>

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SECONDARY AND PRIMARY, 2023.
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 Canon 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. Current availability is: **Weds 20th Sept 3.00pm - 5.30pm; Fri 22nd 3.00pm - 5.30pm; Weds 27th Sept 3.00pm - 5.30pm; Thurs 28th Sept 3.00pm - 4.10pm.**

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.00pm with the next session Tuesday 19th Sept. For more info Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

CARD-READERS FOR DONATIONS TO CHURCH CAN INCLUDE GIFT AID – If you have kindly given to the parish via the new card-readers, please consider also spending just two or three minutes completing the Gift-Aid Registration on the card-reader itself. If this is done once, then that particular card will be recognised ever after and will apply Gift-Aid to every future donation, *thereby giving the parish an additional 25% of every £1 given*. A separate registration needs to be made for each card to be used, but once registered the Gift-Aid will be applied from every registered card. The parish is very grateful for all contributions!

ST. JOSEPH'S, GROVE PARK NOTES

PARISH MEETING, AFTER MASS, Saturday 23rd Sept – A short meeting after 6.30pm Mass will helpfully facilitate communication between potential volunteers in the care of our church. We'll be looking at church, sacristy, parish room and bathroom cleaning and supplying; at the altar linens for changing, washing, ironing etc; garden maintenance; waste disposal; and at any other matters parishioners would like to raise, together with an update about the presbytery refurbishment, still on target for completion in October.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX in the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of St Thérèse – Combine the delights of autumn in Normandy and immersion into the life, spirituality and 'Little Way' of St Thérèse. The four night trip will allow for a day visiting St Thérèse places in Lisieux; a day in Alençon and environs, the place of her birth and childhood; and a day on 1,000 years of history in a trip to include Falaise Castle, birthplace of William the Conqueror, and the city of Bayeux, with Cathedral, Museum and 'Bayeux Tapestry', returning to Lisieux via Gold Beach, the central heroic landing on D Day 1944. **From 16th to 20th October 2023**, we travel from and to Chiswick via Eurotunnel and stay in the Grand Hôtel de l'Espérance (3*). Single occupancy is £740; double occupancy just £601 per person, excluding personal expenses. **If interested, contact the Parish Office soon for full details. Just TWO/THREE places left!**

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is on Thursday 21st September, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a presentation on "The Main Protagonists and the Legacy of Early Christian Monasticism", followed by a drink at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: donnelysm@hotmail.com or just turn up.

A LIFT TO MASS? - A parishioner living near Oxford Road North, W4, with limited mobility, would appreciate a lift to Mass on Sundays, 8.30am Mass if possible. If anyone, or more, could help, please contact the Parish at chiswick@rcdow.org.uk or 8994 2877.

SEMINARY JOB? – Library Assistant & Academic Secretary:
Allen Hall Seminary is recruiting a person to combine these two roles, supporting staff and students, most of whom are training for the Catholic priesthood. Please visit our website: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/library-assistant-and-academic-secretary-allen-hall-seminary/> for a full description of the position.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, Chiswick, requires a Midday Meal Supervisor **to start ASAP**. -Term Time Only, Monday-Friday, 1 hour per day. **The Candidate:** To work as part of a team. To be responsible for the supervision of, and maintain positive behaviour of pupils in a given area of the school during the midday break. Visits are warmly welcomed. For information please email office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk or call Mrs Collis 02089945606

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS - These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. They will run from 9.30am – 10.30am on the following days: Thursday 28th September, Thursday 19th October, Friday 17th November and Friday 8th December. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend on 0208 994 5606 or email office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk

ANDREW NEARY Jnr. RIP – with the late Andrew's funeral elsewhere, his Month's Mind Mass will be here at Our Lady of Grace, his home parish, at 12.00 noon, Friday 29th September. All who knew him and/or the family are very welcome to attend.

CATHOLIC CENTRE LOUNGE BAR is open for the routine hours for all to enjoy: Fridays from 12.00 Noon to 10.00pm; Saturdays and Sundays 12.00 Noon to 6.00pm. All are very welcome.

REPOSITORY – The Repository is open after Sunday morning Masses for cards, rosary beads, statues, gifts and other religious items. If any parishioners would like a crib for Christmas, please see Anne or Eddie in the Repository as this year cribs they will only be available to order with a 50% deposit taken for each order. **Orders must be given and deposits paid by 5th November at the latest.**

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – Tuesdays post-10.00am Mass, St. Edward's Room and Fridays post-10.00am Mass, Parish Centre.

Collections for last weekend:

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

10/9/23 - £ 3846.61

Grove Park

10/9/23 - £210.35

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