



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

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18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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

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**Today is the Bishops' Conference annual DAY FOR LIFE** but unusual for two reasons. For the first time the three Bishops' Conferences of Ireland, Scotland and England & Wales are holding the day jointly in the hope of breaking the silence over post-abortion trauma and to offer opportunities for healing and reconciliation. Secondly, today is exceptional because instead of a lead Bishop on Life addressing the theme the Bishops have asked Jane, a woman who had an abortion, to write on today's theme, 'Listen to her.'

*Jane's story (an extract):* When I was 15, I discovered I was pregnant and the fear clouded everything. I had one aim, and that was to solve the problem I had found myself in. A quick search for confidential help landed me at a clinic connected to an abortion provider. They seemed to genuinely believe that abortion was the solution to my problem and I don't remember discussing any other options.

That Saturday I travelled alone to the clinic. My parents were unaware, due to other difficulties in the family home that I didn't want to contribute to. I went through the degrading experience of a surgical abortion, and I thought that if I could just get through that day, I would never have to think about it again. I remember feeling conflicted as a tear rolled down my cheek, that I quickly wiped away. I believed I couldn't be sad because this was something I had chosen to do. So after the initial feeling of relief, I pushed down the experience and avoided anything to do with the topic of abortion.

Over the next few years, I became more curious about faith through the invitation of a friend. I was looking for direction and truth, but my spiritual life was always tainted by the thought that I could never be forgiven for what I had done – somehow, God's mercy didn't apply to me. In the fleeting moments of honesty with myself and God, I knew that my choice didn't make me lose something, but someone. At times, this realisation was unbearable. This led to periods of deep depression and suicidal thoughts, as well as more promiscuous behaviour and numbing the pain with alcohol, food, or isolation.

This all changed when I was encouraged to go to confession. Even when I tried to justify my choice, the priest met me with the love and mercy of Jesus. The tears he shed melted my heart of stone. I began to give up my old ways of life and follow His way. On this journey I was introduced to Rachel's Vineyard: a healing ministry that provides support for those who are suffering after abortion. I remember the kindness of the woman that I spoke to, and I knew I wouldn't be judged there. It took so much courage to go on a retreat, but I can genuinely say it changed my life. By hearing other people share their stories and being gently encouraged by the team, I was able to speak the truth of what had happened to me on that day.

[For Jane's full story, resources and links for support, please see: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/> ]

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Sat 17/6 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass  Grove Park	Claire McCade Patrick O'Brien & Angela Doran	RD ANN
Sun 18/6 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am  11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	11 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN OT  Gunnersbury	Eulalie & Ignatius Raymond People of the Parish Wiera Pacak, Birthday & Pat Edwards, Anniversary Maura Connaughton David Dinehart Elizabeth O'Leary	RIP INT INT/ANN  2 <sup>nd</sup> ANN ANN ANN
Mon 19/6 10.00am 11.30am	FERIA	Concetta Ritaccio <b>Funeral of Oonah McFarlane Wells</b>	RD RIP
Tue 20/6 10.00am	ST ALBAN	Christopher McNamara	ANN
Wed 21/6 10.00am 6.00pm	ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA Comboni Convent	Andrea & Maria Beschizza Sr. Rina Paola Calari	ANN RD
Thur 22/6 10.00am	SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE	Tina & Michael Maher – 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	INT
Fri 23/6 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA  PIME Convent	John Hynan Tomas Doyle	ANN RD
Sat 24/6 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm	NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  Grove Park	Cathy Cheshire Confession Confession Deceased O'Sullivan & Hayes Families Tony Ryan	RD   RIP ANN

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Alex Tuffy, Eileen McGuinness, Greta Gribben, John Monks, Jim Ryan, P.C.Wrynne, 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 and those suffering.

**For the recently deceased:** Winifred Lynch, Oonah Macfarlane Wells, Franco Locascio, Patrick Moran and Peter Perry. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Rosemary Hynes, Patrick O'Brien, Angela Doran, Pat Edwards, Maura Connaughton, David Dinehart, Elizabeth O'Leary, Christopher McNamara, Andrea & Maria Beschizza, John Hynan, Tony Ryan. May they RIP.

#### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.91

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Exodus 19: 2-6**

Psalm: **99: 1-3, 5**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Romans 5: 6-11**

Gospel: **Matthew 9: 36-10:8**

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 93

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Jeremiah 20: 10-13**

Psalm: **68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Romans 5: 12-15**

Gospel: **Matthew 10: 26-33**

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR AWAY THIS COMING WEEK** – With Sharon on a very well-deserved week's leave, the front door and phone may not be answered if the priests are in meetings, on the phone or out. Please ring the doorbell just once and if no reply please try on another occasion. On phoning the office, please leave a message if there is no response and a priest will return your call.

**COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTERS APPEAL** – Next weekend at all Masses, the Comboni Missionary Sisters will be speaking on behalf of all Orders of Missionary Sisters in the UK for the annual mission appeal. There will be a retiring collection for the work of all Orders as all contributions will be divided nationally between the Orders. Sr. Asmeret and Sr. Natalia will speak about their work.

**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. *Next Sunday evening 25<sup>th</sup> June* we have our next Q&A session with the priests of the parish after Mass in the St Edward's Room from c7.15 to 8.15pm. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is *not* convening this week but will do so via Zoom next week at 7.30pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. For info Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING** - If any child who has made their First Holy Communion would like to train as an altar server, please come to the church with a parent on Sunday 2nd July at 4.00pm for one hour. If interested, perhaps also come to the 11.00am Sunday Mass that morning as the children who have completed training over the last year will be commissioned into the Guild of St Septhen for Altar Servers at that Mass.

**BAPTISM** – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or via the parish website: [www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org](http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org)

**THE SUNDAY 9.45am FAMILY MASS** – The 9.45 'Family Mass' aspires to be especially accessible for children, hence the Children's Liturgy during term-time in the St Edward's Room. Please could parents and perhaps children, too, reflect how to enhance this accessibility, perhaps through music and other ways to encourage greater participation and let Fr Michael know any ideas. *Thank you.*

**Two 9.45am innovations so far in the light of suggestions are:**

- (i) The children's percussion instruments for the last hymn;
- (ii) The provision of 30 copies of the highly recommended '**My Picture Missal**' which are available for parents/carers before the Mass in the St Edward's Room to help attract your child's attention to what's happening in the Mass through pictures. These can be used for children of any age and may also be brought back from the Children's Liturgy by the children themselves. Please remember to return them at the end of Mass – or the following Sunday!

**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.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS** – 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.

**CHARITY FLOWER SALE** will take place outside Kay's house at 27 Flanchford Road, on Saturday and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 11am-1.00pm; 2pm-5pm. (All profits go to a Hospice in Chiswick). Flowers, Herbs, Marmalade and bric-a-brac for sale at reasonable prices. OLOG members will be entitled to a cup of tea in the garden once they have made their purchases.

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSE WEEKLY** – Such has been the demand for a return in hard copy of the Catholic Universe Weekly, we now have some copies at the back of church. £3.50 per copy with cash to the the 'Catholic Papers' box at the back.

**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.

## GROVE PARK NOTES

**NEW SPEAKER SYSTEM FOR ST JOSEPH'S** – After many decades of the old scarcely functioning amplification system, the Parish Finance Committee agreed to install a new one. Wiring has been installed with completion of the system coming shortly.

**PESBYTERY REFURBISHMENT TO BEGIN!** - After all the vicissitudes of the last two years between bigger and smaller plans, variable costs and available financing, the refurbishment of the presbytery is finally going ahead! The contractors are beginning work on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June which will last four months. The works will not affect the usage of either the Parish Room or the church.

**FR JOHN SEABROOK'S HEADSTONE** – The late Fr John's headstone is finally in place at his grave in Chiswick New Cemetery. The parish will add an inscription which currently bears only the words chosen by Fr John's family. Ours will reflect the gratitude for nearly twenty years' ministry in due course. May he rest in peace.

**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)

**TABLE TOP SALE IN THE CATHOLIC CENTRE, DUKES AVE** on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 10.00am to 4.00pm. If you wish to book a table contact Yvonne 07949262344 or 02087428496 or Pearl 07432711980. Set up is from 9.00am on the day.

**NATIONAL GALLERY'S ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI TOURS** - The St Francis Leprosy Guild's co-ordinator, Eileen, here at the beginning of Lent, 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 24/06; 1/07; 8/07; 29/07. See the Guild poster at the back of church and contact Eileen on 07542817869 or [eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org](mailto:eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org) )

**GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR** takes place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 12-4pm. There will be dozens of stalls, BBQ, raffles, music, food, bar and much more so please do come along! Entrance via Gumley Gardens, St John's Road, Isleworth TW7 6PP.

**PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD FROM OSTERLEY PARISH:** Coach leaves St. Vincent's, 2 Witham Rd TW7 4AJ on Sat. 15/7/23 between 9.15-9.30am. Return at 7.00pm. See poster for details, and contact the Osterley parish office to book. Tel. 020 8560 4737 / [osterley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterley@rcdow.org.uk) Cost £19 adult, £15 child, payable to WRCDT Osterley, 41095889 / 40- 05-20 / Ref. Aylesford

**WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL FRIENDS** - On Tues 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15pm Cardinal Vincent Nichols will speak and host a number of speakers on the theme Coronation Reflections. Full details of events and online booking on our webpage <https://tinyurl.com/CathedralFriends> Contact [friends@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:friends@rcdow.org.uk)

**VACANCY, CAFOD Diocese of Westminster - Community Participation Co-ordinator** – Full time role. Involves both recruitment and support of existing team of Volunteers. To inspire and resource volunteers to work with parish and school communities to enable them to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice in partnership with CAFOD. Further details on web page: [www.cafod.org.uk/jobs](http://www.cafod.org.uk/jobs) (Closing Date 25/6)

**REPOSITORY** – On sale this week First Holy Communion cards and gifts, Confirmation cards and other religious items and also the Westminster Year Book £5.00. Open after Sunday morning Masses.

**CALLIGRAPHY** – if you require beautiful handwriting for a wedding, birthday or special invitations/envelopes/place names etc, email Rose Viloso [rose.viloso@gmail.com](mailto:rose.viloso@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office.

**TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS** – The Tuesday post-Mass coffee morning is 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**  
11/6/23 - £4879.92  
**St Joseph's Grove Park**  
11/6/23 - £193.35

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