



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

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18TH SEPTEMBER

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Canon Michael Dunne
Fr Daniel Daley
Fr Erasmus Egenonu CSSp
Sharon Bowden

Parish Priest
Assistant Priest
Assistant Priest
Administrator

Fr Michael writes:

King Charles III has learned from Cardinal Vincent of the heartfelt prayers of the Catholic community for his late mother Queen Elizabeth. His Majesty responded by asking the Cardinal to ensure that the Catholics of our diocese know of his thanks and gratitude for these prayers. We will rightly include ourselves in the King's sentiments given that we celebrated our parish's Requiem Mass for Her late Majesty last Sunday. May she rest in peace. The meeting of King and Cardinal took place on Friday when His Majesty invited senior faith leaders to Buckingham Palace to address them. "I have always thought of Britain as a 'community of communities'," he said, with the Sovereign having a duty "to protect the diversity of our country, including by protecting the space for Faith itself and its practice through the religions, cultures, traditions and beliefs to which our hearts and minds direct us as individuals... As a member of the Church of England, my Christian beliefs have love at their very heart... The beliefs that flourish in, and contribute to, our richly diverse society differ. They, and our society, can only thrive through a clear collective commitment to those vital principles of freedom of conscience, generosity of spirit and care for others which are, to me, the essence of our nationhood. I am determined, as King, to preserve and promote those principles across all communities, and for all beliefs, with all my heart."

May God bless and save our King.

Parish Administrator and Parish Office

Sharon Bowden, our immensely hard-working, efficient, cheerful and welcoming Parish Administrator, well-known to many in the parish as anchor of all things administrative, has most unfortunately, on a week's annual leave, fallen and broken her hip. As ever her forbearance knows no bounds and she is also only full of praise for the doctors and nurses responsible for her treatment in hospital, and for her husband and family at home. As her convalescence might yet be six weeks, however, expectations of receptivity and response to door, phone and email enquiries need very significant adjustment. Try as we might we priests cannot provide full-time coverage and/or the prompt responses we are all used to from Sharon. Returning from a commitment elsewhere, there can be eight phone messages and fifteen more emails, even as there are further calls to the door. We all have appointments in the house we cannot interrupt to attend new enquiries. September is a busy time for everyone. Thus, if contacting the parish, please be patient as a response will be forthcoming. I will happily pass on your good wishes to Sharon for her recovery. Thank you.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 17/9 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	John Gamble - Birthday Kitty Kennedy	RIP RD
Sun 18/9 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am	25th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Gunnersbury	Tom Healey Juan Luca Casile Kalyani, Johnny, Sharon, Shreya, Minty & Family Alexa Martinez Mr & Mrs Sheehan Fulvia Del Carpio	ANN RD INT ANN ANN ANN
Mon 19/9 10.00am	FERIA	Juliana Pradhan	INT
Tue 20/9 10.00am	St Andrew Kim & Companions	Ann Mulrooney	RD
Wed 21/9 10.00am 6.00pm	ST MATTHEW <i>(Comboni Convent)</i>	Maria Rafaela Bianco	INT RIP
Thur 22/9 10.00am	FERIA	Tom Jennings	RIP
Fri 23/9 10.00am 1.00pm 6.00pm	St Pius of Pietrelcina Grove Park <i>(PIME Convent)</i>	Anastatia & Christy Hickey Funeral of Andrea McManus Percy Young	ANN RIP INT
Sat 24/9 10.00am 11-11.45am 12.15pm 5-5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	Our Lady of Walsingham Grove Park	Rosa Cava Confession Baptisms Holy Hour & Confession Benediction Mary O'Sullivan Alexander George	ANN RD 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.Wrynnne, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Iris Faulkner, Mike O'Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Isabel Pascale Murphy and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: HM Queen Elizabeth II, Charlotte Honhold, Maryann Plimsoll, Paul Sfeir, Bridie Holihan, Mary Ryan, Andrea McManus. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Rose Joseph, Victor B Ubal jnr. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.140

1st Reading: **Amos 8:4-7**

Psalm: **112:1-2, 4-8**

2nd Reading: **1 Timothy 2: 1-8**

Gospel: **Luke 16: 1-13**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.143

1st Reading: **Amos 6:1,4-7**

Psalm: **145:7-10**

2nd Reading: **1 Timothy 6:11-16**

Gospel: **Luke 16:19-31**

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.

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

ANNUAL MASS COUNT – over the next four weekends the number in the congregation will be counted for statistical purposes.

FAREWELL & WELCOME RECEPTION – THANK YOU to all those who volunteered and worked so generously last weekend to put on the Reception in the Parish Centre to say Farewell to Fr Daniel Herrero and Welcome to Frs Daniel and Erasmus. *Thank you* to those parishioners who were able to come to the event to make it a special send off and welcome. Fr Daniel H left on Monday on his motorbike to Plymouth, having sent all his luggage ahead of him, and texted later with news of his safe arrival so he will now be settling into mission there as are his successors in Chiswick.

CAFOD's PAKISTAN APPEAL – THANK YOU to all those who were able to contribute to this emergency appeal last weekend. **£1,427** was raised and together with Grove Park's £134.25 the parishes can send off **£1,561.25** to assist in the crisis.

A WORLD PREMIER IN THE PARISH! – At 6.30pm Friday 14th October, Our Lady of Grace Church will host the first ever live performance of **'AQUERO'**, an oratorio on the life and experience of St Bernadette of Lourdes receiving the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858. The charitable event will raise funds for Friends of the Holy Land, the ecumenical charity of which Cardinal Vincent is Patron, supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Tickets for the concert only are £20 and are available from the Parish Office. Or, to buy a ticket for the concert AND the post-concert buffet supper in the Parish Centre at £60 each, please go to: <https://aquero-chiswick.eventbrite.co.uk>

ALTAR SERVING RECRUITMENT – At 4.00pm Sunday 2nd Oct in church our parish Master of Ceremonies, Jim Cullen, is offering altar serving training for new servers. All parish children who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend the session which will last for one hour. At least one parent must attend the session also. New servers, supported by their parents, will need to be ready to attend the 11.00am Sunday Mass for some time before they can return to serve at a different weekend Mass.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM is on Saturday 24th Sept but a coach has not been arranged by our parish nor by our deanery. Although technically pilgrims are to go on parish-sponsored coaches it might be feasible to join the day there by private car. The Mass, celebrated by the Cardinal, is at 12.00 noon with the walk along the Holy Mile at 2.15pm. Enquiries to the Pilgrimage Administrator: elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk or phone 020 7798 9173 (Mon & Tues only in office hours).

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: **Weds 21st 3.00-5.50pm; Thurs 22nd 3.00-4.00pm; Fri 23rd 3.30pm-5.30pm.**

BAPTISM – Apply for infant baptism currently either with the wall-mounted forms at the back of church, the Parish Office or via the parish website. All dates for the Baptism Preparation Course (for those seeking baptism for their first child) and the baptism dates are on the parish website. Click 'Sacraments' then 'Baptism'.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23 applications need to be SWIFTLY RECEIVED as this weekend is the advertised closing date. The programme formally begins with the Enrolment Mass on 2nd October. Please register online at the parish website: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org clicking 'Sacraments' then FHC.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2022/23. The model of the abbreviated Youth Confirmation course developed over the pandemic in-between lockdowns is being kept for this academic year. Thus, all teaching sessions will be in 2023, in the Spring and Summer Terms. Fr Daniel will publish the application process later this term as well as the dates of all teaching sessions which can be entered into family 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

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.00pm. However, please note there will be **no meeting on 20th Sept** but it will reconvene on 27th September. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is on Thursday 22 September, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room, on how to Pray and Provide for our families, 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/>

CATHOLIC 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.

GROVE PARK NOTES

ANDREA McMANUS RIP – The Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 23rd September at 1.00pm. May she rest in peace.

CAFOD's PAKISTAN APPEAL – THANK YOU for the £97.05 collected on 3rd Sept and a further £37.20 last Saturday. A total of **£134.20** raised so that, together with Chiswick's £1,427, the parishes can send off **£1,561.25** to assist in the crisis.

The CATHOLIC UNION EVENT due to be held on Monday 19th Sept has been POSTPONED due to the State Funeral of HM The Queen. Baroness Sheila Hollins was due to deliver their Craigmyle Lecture on "Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe – Insights from the Vatican". It will be readvertised in due course.

RETOUVAILLE: 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 in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought together. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or 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

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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.

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 two weeks:

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