



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

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19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

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

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### Fr. Daniel writes:-

One of Jesus' most challenging teachings is for us to love our enemies. We can find ourselves asking God, how can I love the one who has made my life such a misery, the one who torments me every day, the who did this or that to me? It is hard but then God did not say being Holy would be easy! The people of Israel are warned that they must not bear hatred in their hearts, for this will corrupt their souls. Which is why one of the central commandments of our faith is to love our neighbour as ourselves. When we respond to hatred with more hatred, we are giving the aggressor what they want, we are playing the devil's game and perpetuating the cycle of hatred. Instead, if we respond with a blessing, if we respond with love, we deny hatred the fuel it needs to flourish, we break the cycle, we start playing God's game. Love is the antidote to hate. Jesus asks us to love our enemies because he wants to liberate our hearts from the prison of hatred and anger. Jesus demonstrates this throughout his life, but especially during his passion and death. At every point when he was met with hatred, he responded with love. Ultimately, as he was dying on the cross, he forgave those who put him there. Loving our enemies is not easy but if we want to be holy, like our God, then we are invited to follow Jesus' example and love our enemies. As St Paul reminds us, the 'wisdom of this world is foolishness to God.' To love our enemies may well seem foolish, but to God, choosing hatred over love is even more foolish! Our world is full of enough hatred and anger, our mission, as members of the body of Christ, is to bring God's love and compassion alive to all in our world. This includes to our brother or sister who persecutes us; our colleague who makes our life a misery; the official who denied your team three points because they forgot to draw the VAR lines! Our Lord, to paraphrase St Augustine, always loved the sinner and hated the sin. We must do likewise, learning to love our enemies because they too are made in the image and likeness of God and because our God loves us despite our sins. If there is to be any hope for humanity, we must overcome our hatred, and this can only be achieved through love.

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<b>Sat 18/2</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>  <b>Grove Park</b>	Thanksgiving Hayes Family Catherine Hynan	INT  ANN
<b>Sun 19/2</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>9.45am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>12.15pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN OT</b>  <b>Gunnersbury</b>	Gajendra Palita Rita Barrett Ramon Canela Pascual Joseph Eldridge Martial Laurence Ryan People of the Parish	INT ANN ANN RIP RD INT
<b>Mon 20/2</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>FERIA</b>	Robert Laberier	RD
<b>Tue 21/2</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>FERIA</b>	Virendra Kumar Mohanlal	INT
<b>Wed 22/2</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>12.30pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	Maureen Keogh Freda Murphy Alan Hamilton	2 <sup>nd</sup> ANN RD RD
<b>Thur 23/2</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>LENT FERIA</b>  <i>Nth Sheen Cemetery</i>	Members of the Myles Family <b>Funeral of Adriano Freitas</b>	ANN RIP
<b>Fri 24/2</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>LENT FERIA</b>	Surendra Narayan Sawant <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	INT
<b>Sat 25/2</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>5.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>LENT FERIA</b>    <b>Grove Park</b>	Jeremy Shedd Confession Confession Eamon Morley The Kungu Family	RD  RD INT

### LET US PRAY

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthly, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, Eileen McGuinness, Albie Korinek, Greta Gibben, John Monks, Jim Ryan, P.C.Wynne, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Iris Faulkner, Mike O'Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Pascale Murphy, Claudio Bogi, Gloria Weymouth, Theresa Southern, Constance Redmond, Georgia, Brid, Pat Gleasure, Tony Sheehan, Vinny McNamara, Sophie Duarte Bravo, Carlos Amaro Bitencourt, Maria Jose Bitencourt, Dr. Charles Bredin, Vera Jansen and those suffering.

**For those recently deceased:** Adriano Freitas. May he Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Nick Morris, Michael McLoughlin, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, Catherine Hynan, Rita Barrett, Ramon Canela Pascual, Maureen Kehoe, The Myles Family, Sidney Peter Mesher, Elizabeth Draper. May they Rest in Peace.

### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.139

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**

Psalm: **102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: : **1 Corinthians 3: 16-23**

Gospel: **Matthew 5: 38-48**

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.151

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7**

Psalm: **50: 3-6, 12-14, 17**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Romans 5: 12-19**

Gospel: **Matthew 4: 1-11**

**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.

**CAFOD TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL – THANK YOU** to those who were able to contribute to the emergency appeal last weekend without notice. A generous **£1251.71** was raised by **Chiswick and Gunnersbury** with a further **£50.00** from **Grove Park**. Thank you. If you were unable to contribute last weekend and would like to do so in the light of the ongoing emergency please visit CAFOD's Turkey-Syria Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/> or the Disasters Emergency Committee website <https://www.dec.org.uk/>

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - marking the beginning of Lent, is this Wednesday. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation but is a day of fasting and abstinence, requiring us to abstain from meat, and eat no more than one meal and two collations. **Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses: 10.00am, 12.30pm and 7.30pm.** The pupils from St Mary's School will join the 10.00am Mass. (There will be no Wednesday evening Comboni Convent Mass this Ash Wednesday but they will resume each subsequent Wednesday.)

**FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS – At 6.00pm** each Friday evening in Lent we will have the liturgical celebration of the Stations of the Cross. Leaflets will be available at the back of the church. (Accordingly there will be no Friday evening PIME Convent Mass throughout Lent but they will resume after Easter.)

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

**THE MEN'S GROUP** - Our next meeting is on Thursday 23rd February, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a video and discussion on '*Divine Renovation UK - My Parish Isn't Missional! How to Lead when you're Not in Charge*', followed by drinks at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly at [donnellysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnellysm@hotmail.com) for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to [www.catholicman.uk](http://www.catholicman.uk)

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP) –** The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE EALING –** Volunteers needed this Lent to give an hour a week from Ash Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb until Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to pray and offer help and outreach to mothers and anyone affected by abortion. Join with 1 million volunteers in 64 countries worldwide who have helped to save the lives of over 20,000 babies. To find out how you can help, please call Sarah 07776256838, email [london40daysforlife@hotmail.com](mailto:london40daysforlife@hotmail.com)

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY** - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give the following details to the Parish Office: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** - As preparations begin for the annual Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July**, we aim to travel together as a Diocese. In order to aid the planning stages and inform our travel options, it would be helpful if you could indicate your interest in travelling to Lourdes in July and state if you would be willing to offer any help or volunteer for any of the roles that support the Pilgrimage. To **express interest visit:** <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> Volunteers over 18 require a DBS check from Westminster Diocese Safeguarding with the correct level of clearance to work with the vulnerable. All participants, particularly Assisted Pilgrims, need to complete a Westminster Lourdes Pilgrimage Medical Questionnaire and to have received the appropriate permissions, including vaccinations, according to current UK health guidance.

**CATHOLIC CENTRE CHISWICK –** The Parish Centre is now open for all activities and the Lounge Bar is open for its regular hours: Friday noon to 11.00pm; Saturday and Sunday noon to 6.00pm.

**CAR PARKING IN THE CENTRE –** PLEASE would parishioners NOT park in the Parish Centre Car Park, particularly on weekdays, as MOST places in the car park are rented out at commercial rates helping to keep the Centre open. Ask the Manager before parking please: 020 8747 5074.

**LENT TAIZÉ PRAYERS**, in Notre Dame de France (French Church, 5 Leicester Place WC2H 7BX) at 19:30 on **25<sup>th</sup> February and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. A time of prayer with Taizé chants, scripture and silence in the heart of London. All are welcome!

**AGE CONCERN**, Friendship Club, Oxford Rd Nth, W4 4DN **Thursday Talk, All welcome! 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 11.30am** two representatives from LB Hounslow's **Community Solutions** team will come to talk about how this service can help you access information, advice and help on various topics.

**LENT PROGRAM ON CLIMATE CHANGE and the things that give us joy** at OUR LADY OF VICTORIES PARISH HALL 235a Kensington High Street W8 6SA on Thursdays during March:- **9<sup>th</sup> March 7-8pm:** What are the things that give you joy? What things stand in the way?

**16<sup>th</sup> March 7-8pm:** Showing the Letter Part 1, followed by reflections and telling your story.

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 7-8pm:** Showing the Letter Part 2, followed by invitation to a journey forward.

**30<sup>th</sup> March 7-8pm:** The world is better with you in it. How can we use our talents?

**CAFOD, THE BIG LENT WALK –** Walk 200 km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. To sign up go to: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk>

**BACH'S ST. JOHN'S PASSION – Westminster Cathedral**, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm, with stellar soloists, world-famous choir and Baroque orchestra <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/> but **AT HALF-PRICE** to parishioners (from £15-£45 a ticket to £7.50-£22.50!) with THIS OFFER CODE: SJP50 by this link only <https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F005D88A31F16CD?did=saint50john>

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT – Chiswick Catholic Centre**, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00pm to 11.00pm. DJ & Music, Irish Dancers, hot and cold Irish buffet included. £10 a ticket from the Parish Centre Lounge Bar, Friday Coffee morning, Parish Office or emailing [chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk) Limited numbers so please buy tickets early, which also helps catering plans!

**ST. PATRICK'S EVENT – Kensington, Our Lady of Victories**, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm. Live Music, Irish Dance Display, Open Buffet, Guinness and good Craic! Tickets £20 in aid of the charity Friends of the Holy Land [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/) from [fhk Kensington@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fhk Kensington@hotmail.co.uk) or 020 7937 4778 or 07746 847 126. Votive Mass of St Patrick at 6.00pm in church beforehand.

**MOVE INTO WELLBEING** - Chiswick-based Registered Charity is pleased to add another enjoyable exercise class on Tuesdays at The Catholic Centre, Dukes Ave from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This follows the very popular Tuesday class that is already held at 2.15pm, which is usually full to capacity. These adaptable movement classes with music can be done seated or standing. All Over 60's Residents of LB of Hounslow in Chiswick, W4 and beyond, are welcome to come try one. The suggested donation is £2/5, and interested attendees should sign-up on [info@moveintowellbeing.org.uk](mailto:info@moveintowellbeing.org.uk). Website: [www.moveintowellbeing.org.uk](http://www.moveintowellbeing.org.uk)

Twitter: @Movein2Wellbng

**REPOSITORY –** The Repository is open after Sunday morning Masses for cards, gifts and many more items. Also on sale is the Westminster Year Book price £5.00.

**TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS –** The Tuesday post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St. Edward's Room and on Friday at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. All are very welcome!

**MARY GARRETT – RIP** - The family of the late Mary Garrett would like to thank everyone who supported them following their recent bereavement, whether they sent a message of sympathy, offered a Mass for the repose of Mary's soul, attended her funeral Mass or sent flowers and kind words. This support has been much appreciated. Thank you. A Mass for your intentions will be offered.

**FOUND IN THE CHURCH –** A hearing aid has been found. If this belongs to you, please contact the Parish Office.

Collections for last weekend:  
**OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick**  
**12/2/23 - £3762.40**  
**St Joseph's Grove Park 12/2/23 - £164.35**  
*Thank you for your generosity.*