



# 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> JUNE 2022

## MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

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### Fr Daniel writes:

Who has never been at Mass and suddenly heard the name of a completely unknown character in one of the readings? This Sunday might be one of those days, and since the temptation to pull out the phone in the middle of Mass and Google the name might just get a little too overwhelming for some, I decided to spare you the struggle by dedicating few lines to the character of Melchizedek.

This character appears only twice in the Old Testament, in chapter 14 of Genesis and once more in Psalm 110. But despite his being such an obscure individual the striking similarities between him and Jesus have fed Christian imagination from the very early days. Melchizedek was King and Priest of Salem, a place that psalm 76 identifies as Jerusalem. Jesus too is King and Priest of the Heavenly Jerusalem. His name can also mean 'King of justice' and 'King of peace', but is there any king who has brought to the world justice and peace like Jesus has? Melchizedek was believed to be "without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life" (Heb 7:3) and so does the Word exist from before all ages. But also, having no father and mother, and therefore being unable to trace his ancestry to the tribe of Levi – from which all priests must come – Melchizedek's priesthood had to be of a completely new kind, just like Jesus' priesthood is of a new kind. And if that was not enough, Melchizedek appears offering unusual sacrifices of bread and wine, which Jesus also used when he instituted the Eucharist.

Jesus and Melchizedek, however, are united by more than these allegorical connections. When King David was anointed King of Israel, God envisaged his kingship as that of Melchizedek, which united in one single person the figure of the King and the High Priest. "The Lord has sworn oath to David, he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.'" (Psalm 110:4). David was made, therefore, the legitimate successor of Melchizedek. Jesus, being a descendant of David, inherited from him both the Kingship and the priesthood, becoming the legitimate but also the ultimate successor of Melchizedek. "And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek" (Heb 5:9-10).

Who exactly was this figure of the Old Testament? This is a question that still remains open. Some say Melchizedek was a Canaanite priest. Others believe he was Shem, the firstborn son of Noah, who lived until the time of Abraham (500 years according to Gen 11:11). What all Christian theologians agree on, however, is that he is a figure that points towards Christ and speaks of God's intention to save the whole of humanity.

### CORPUS CHRISTI

Sat 18/6 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass <i>Grove Park</i>	David Dinehart Zoe Pieris-Buttle	ANN RD
Sun 19/6 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	CORPUS CHRISTI <i>Gunnersbury</i>	Francis Gardner Oliver & Dexter Dinehart Pat Edwards People of the Parish Eulalie & Ignatius Raymond Mark, Jude, Lucy & Antoinette	RD INT ANN INT RIP INT
Mon 20/6 10.00am	ST ALBAN	Christopher McNamara	ANN
Tue 21/6 10.00am	ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA	Tina & Michael Maher	INT
Wed 22/6 10.00am 6.00pm	SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE <i>Combani Convent</i>	Andrea & Maria Beschizza Mark Simons	ANN RIP
Thur 23/6 10.00am	THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	Franciszek Niwczyk	ANN
Fri 24/6 10.00am 6.00pm	MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS <i>PIME Convent</i>	Adonae Helen Ryan	INT RIP
Sat 25/6 10.00am 11-11.45am 11.00am & 3.00pm 5-5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>Grove Park</i>	Mrs Alna Tiran <b>NO Confessions because Youth Confirmation 1&amp;2</b>  <b>Holy Hour &amp; Confession Benediction</b> Raja Cooray James Connolly	ANN    RIP RIP

### 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.Wrynn, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton and all those suffering.

**For those recently deceased:** James Coughlan, Kiernan Brennan, Tony Crist, Helena Bernacka, Joan Neighbours. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** David Dinehart, Pat Edwards, Christopher McNamara, Andrea & Maria Beschizza, Franciszek Niwczyk, Mrs Alna Tiran. May they Rest in Peace.

### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.83

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Genesis 14: 18-20**

Psalm: **109: 1-4**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

Gospel: **Luke 9:11-17**

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.102:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **1 Kings 19:16, 19-21**

Psalm: **15:1-2, 5, 7-11**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Galatians 5:1, 13-18**

Gospel: **Luke 9: 51-62**

**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'.

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

**FR. DANIEL TO DEPART and FR DANIEL TO ARRIVE, together with FR. ERASMUS: Chiswick priestly moves in the onward mission of the Church:** Fr Daniel has been with us since Sept 2021 and impelled as he ever has been by a strong sense of mission (cf 2Cor 5:14) – which brought him to our diocese and parishes – he offered himself to the Cardinal for ‘*Missio ad gentes*’ to be sent further afield for the mission of the Church. He has learned that he is to go to the Diocese of Plymouth for some years. The move is scheduled for Sept 2022 so we’ll have time for a Farewell Mass before his venturing west on mission. In the mean time, his successor in Chiswick has been announced also, the yet-to-be-priestly-ordained Deacon Daniel Daley. **Deacon Daniel will be ordained priest next Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am in Westminster Cathedral.** He’d be delighted if parishioners wished to attend his ordination together with three other deacons, including Deacon Mike Guthrie, who was eight months in lockdown in Chiswick Parish as many will remember. [The Ordination Mass will be livestreamed also on <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/>] We pray for these four newly ordained priests and give thanks to God for their future ministry. Fr Daniel Daley will then come to Chiswick in September to take up his appointment. Bishop John Mbinda’s Holy Ghost Father replacement has also been announced by the Spiritans & Diocese. We will look forward to welcoming Fr Erasmus Onyema Egenonu CSSp also in September and trust, if God’s Will, that he might stay in the parish a little longer than his illustrious predecessor!

#### LENT PROJECT 2022: GRAND TOTAL OF £10,557.67

**The CARDINAL’S APPEAL**, our domestic charity supporting social outreach projects across the diocese has received **£5,180.01**  
**COMBONI-150**, our overseas project both celebrating the Comboni Missionary Sisters 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of foundation as well as supporting one of their life and environment changing projects is to receive **£5,377.66.**

#### THANK YOU!

**FLOWER FESTIVAL IN ST PAUL’S CHURCH, GROVE PARK –** For those who love flowers, quite apart from the joy and duty of Christian unity, please see the adjacent notice in ‘St Joseph’s, Grove Park Notes’. The flower team volunteers from both St Joseph’s and Our Lady of Grace are teaming up to present a wonderful floral exhibition, assisted by the artwork of St Mary’s School pupils, on ‘Summertime is time in our Peace Garden’. Hopefully we will all be able to visit over the weekend 25/6<sup>th</sup> June.

**CONFESSIONS NEXT SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE –** As we will have the great joy of our two Youth Confirmation Masses next Saturday the routine morning session of Confessions at 11.00am has been cancelled. There will still be Confessions in the evening at 5.00pm.

**Sts PETER AND PAUL, 29<sup>th</sup> June, Holy Day of Obligation –** This Wednesday week, 29<sup>th</sup> June is the great celebration in the Church’s year of the Princes of the Apostles. Masses are at **10.00am and 7.30pm.** (There’ll be NO Comboni Convent Mass at 6.00pm.)

**CATHOLIC CENTRE, LOUNGE BAR -** The Lounge Bar at the Parish Centre is now open **every Friday from 3.00pm to 10.00pm.** All welcome. In the parish synodality experience, there was hope for more social events in the Parish Centre. Please bring suggestions. The Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, W4 2AE.

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP) –** The group is convening weekly via the Zoom. The next meeting takes place on 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.00pm. Contact John O’Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**A DAY WITH MARY –** The next is on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Witham Road, Osterley from 10.30am to 5.45pm.

**SUMMER TABLE-TOP SALE, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 9.00am to 4.00pm** at the Catholic Centre, 2 Duke’s Avenue. Toys, bric-a-brac, raffle, food, clothes, books and much more. Or, to book a table (£10) call Yvonne 020 8742 8496 or Pearl 07432 711980.

**IS YOUR CHILD 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD?** Did you know that you are entitled to Free Nursery Childcare Provision? We have 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 Miss Amy Williams in our school admin team to arrange an appointment, or informal discussion on 020 0208 994 5606 or email: [office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk)

#### ST JOSEPH’S, GROVE PARK NOTES

**ST PAUL’S GROVE PARK 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations –** please see <http://www.stpaulsgrovepark.com/> for full details but **The FLOWER FESTIVAL – in which St Joseph’s and Our Lady of Grace share a flower exhibition –** is over the weekend 25/6 June: Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am to 6.00pm with the Middlesex Yeomanry Concert Band playing a selection of rousing favourites in the afternoon; Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 11.30am to 6.00pm. On both days there is a constant supply of tea/coffee and delicious home-made cakes to enjoy in the vicarage garden. Come along to share the Christian joy! *Thanks to the flower team volunteers of St Joseph’s and Our Lady of Grace creating our wonderful contribution to the festival.*

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July –** Information and booking forms are available from the Parish Office or at [www.tangney-tours.com/westminster](http://www.tangney-tours.com/westminster) or 01732886666 for anyone wishing to go on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL -** Every September up to six boys join Westminster Cathedral Choir School (WCCS) in Year 4 as choristers. Becoming a chorister offers a boy the opportunity to sing in a world famous choir, and to join a thriving, inclusive, independent school for boys, age 4 – 13. All choristers receive generous scholarships supplemented by means-tested bursaries worth up to 100% of fees. Contact Lucy Auger to find out more. Telephone 020 7798 9081 or email [lauger@choirschool.com](mailto:lauger@choirschool.com).

**DO YOU HAVE FINANCIAL OR ACCOUNTANCY EXPERTISE to a professional level?** If so, you are unlikely to have time to give *pro bono!* However, if you do, or you know someone who might have a modest amount of time to offer in the great purpose and enterprise of Catholic education, and is firstly also a practising Catholic, then St Mary’s Catholic Primary School in Chiswick will be seeking to recruit a Foundation Governor with this expertise from September 2022 as the current office holder is completing term of office. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Cardinal Archbishop to represent his interests in providing the very best to and for the school children and community. If this opportunity might be of interest please arrange in the first instance a conversation with Canon Michael via the Parish Office.

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**THE PASSAGE** invite you to attend their Secret Garden Party on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 6.00pm to 9.00pm, at College Garden, Westminster Abbey. Tickets start at £55 per person and include a barbecue, alcoholic and soft drinks, live entertainment and a raffle & auction. Tickets can be purchased from our website below: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/garden-party/>

**CATHOLIC LISTENERS -** A new confidential helpline **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, has been set up for those returning to the faith. Although 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 clarifies a way forward. For info contact Ade, [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com) or phone 08004480704.

**UKRAINIAN CRISIS DONATIONS:** <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. 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 –** As normal there will be the Tuesday post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St Edward’s Room this coming Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June and also the Friday coffee morning in the Parish Centre Lounge Bar at 10.30am. All welcome!

#### Collections for last weekend:

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