



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

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1ST MAY 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Fr Daniel writes:

Throughout this time of Easter, the second reading on Sunday will be taken from the book of the Apocalypse. A book renowned for containing characters, figures, visions and messages that for the most part sound incomprehensible to us. So, what is it all about? Primarily the book contains the vision that John had of the heavenly liturgy. There he saw a throne with someone resplendent as precious stones seated on it. Around him four creatures praise him day and night, "*Holy, holy, holy the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come*". Then John saw at the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on both sides and sealed with seven seals. But no one was found worthy to open it. At this, John started to weep, for if none can open the scroll, whatever is written on it will never come to pass. Then one of the elders approached him and told him that "*the Lion of the tribe of Juda has conquered, so that he can open the scroll*". When John lifted his eyes, however, behold: the lion is a Lamb which carries the marks of having been slaughtered. He is alive now because he has triumphed over death. That is why he appears with seven thorns – sign of the fulness of power he has received – and seven eyes – sign of the fulness of wisdom. His power and his wisdom come not from his ability to destroy but by having given up his life for the salvation of humanity: he is Christ. At his presence the four creatures who worship God fell before him and worship him also with a 'new song'. He opened the seven seals and the scroll is rolled open, which triggered all that is written in it to take place: the last things pertaining to history. The invasion of a foreign nation (the Parthian Empire) bringing destruction and hunger, followed by plagues designed to convert sinners and finally the destruction of Babylon and the Beast (the Roman Empire), the dragon (Satan), the total victory over death and the liberation of the Children of God who from then on enjoy in the peace of the New Jerusalem. Contrary to what most people think, many of the events described in the book of the Apocalypse have already taken place in history. However, the book of the Apocalypse still remains of interest to us Christians because its central message is eternal and universal: **GOD IS WITH HIS PEOPLE**. And while it is true that Christians still suffer for their faith (it is believed that 1 in 9 Christians worldwide suffer persecution) victory over the Devil and his schemes and over death itself is certain.

3RD SUNDAY of EASTER

Sat 30/4 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Terry Gallagher Brian Carno	RD RD
Sun 1/5 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	3 RD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Gunnersbury</i>	Frank O'Farrell Nancy Chapman Cleta & Timothy Andradi Umberto Marani People of the Parish Maureen Hedigan	ANN ANN RIP RD INT RD
Mon 2/5 10.00am	ST ATHANASIUS	Catherine Bradley & Joan & Hannah McCarthy	INT
Tue 3/5 10.00am	Ss PHILIP & JAMES	Asunta	INT
Wed 4/5 10.00am 11.30am 6.00pm	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS <i>Comboni Convent</i>	Robin Lewis – 1 st Anniversary Funeral of Margaret Hogan Sr. Rosetta Fumagalli	ANN RIP RIP
Thur 5/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Paddy McLoughlin	ANN
Fri 6/5 10.00am 6.00pm	EASTER FERIA <i>PIME Convent</i>	Mary Patricia Smith Sr. Maria Valentina Concia	ANN RIP
Sat 7/5 10.00am 11-11.45am 5-5.45pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	EASTER FERIA	Cleo Smith Confession Confession Rosie McManus Annie Maguire	INT ANN 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. Wryne and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: David Gardner, Margaret Hogan, Kathleen Keane and Elsie Gillen. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Frank O'Farrell, Nanc Chapman, Robin Lewis, Paddy McLoughlin, Mary Patricia Smith, Rosie McManus, Beatrice King. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.265:

1st Reading: **Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41**

Psalm: **29:2, 4-6, 11-13**

2nd Reading: **Apocalypse 5: 11-14**

Gospel: **John 21: 1-19**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.268:

1st Reading: **Acts 13: 14, 43-52**

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

2nd Reading: **Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17**

Gospel: **John 10: 27-30**

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS –

There is a NEW and FRESH selection on a rack at the back of the church. Prices are marked on each booklet/leaflet. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS' also at the back of the church opposite the CTS rack.

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

LENT PROJECT 2022:

As pre-pandemic, we'll have a dual Lent Project, one *domestic* and one *overseas*. **£9338 has been donated to date. Thank you.**

The CARDINAL'S APPEAL is our domestic project and this year the appeal will fund parish social outreach projects and Caritas Westminster (celebrating this year its 10th year of foundation) social outreach projects. For what it does and which projects are supported see: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/> There are specific Cardinal's Appeal envelopes at the exits of the church.

COMBONI-150 is our overseas project, celebrating also the 150th anniversary of foundation of the Comboni Missionaries. All funds given through the parish will go directly to assist Comboni Sr Rosemary Herrera (no relation of Fr Daniel...) in Arequipa, Peru. She is hoping for a total of £4855 in support of her ecological project among families in subsistence living. **The project aims to provide two bio-gardens as 'sow a seed and you feed a village' but also, in the interim, some food parcels and meals to those developing these gardens which will belong to the villagers.**

CASH placed in the Lent Project money box at the main doors of the church will be divided 65% for Comboni-150 and 35% Cardinal's Appeal. Cash placed in envelopes made for either charity and handed into the collection or the presbytery will go 100% to the named charity. Cheques should be payable to 'Our Lady of Grace and St Edward's Church' and come in an envelope marked with the designated charity.

FOODBANK COLLECTION - takes place **next weekend** when we make our monthly collection of non-perishable items of food.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND - Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year four men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood. This fund also supports the ongoing formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC LISTENERS - A new confidential listening helpline will launch this month. **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. Although we are 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 can help clarify a way forward. We aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For further information please contact Ade at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com We are here to listen 08004480704.

CATHOLIC CENTRE, LOUNGE BAR - The Lounge Bar at the Parish Centre will now open on the 1st & last Friday of the month **from 3pm - 10pm**. All welcome. In the parish synodality experience, there was hope for more social events in the Parish Centre. Why not come along to discuss them and/or which days and which hours the lounge bar should be open? The Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, London W4 2AE'.

OVER 60's DANCE & EXERCISE TASTER CLASSES IN THE CATHOLIC CENTRE, DUKES AVE - LB of Hounslow- Thriving Communities Grant sponsored Over 60's Dance & Exercise Taster Classes given by local charity Move into Wellbeing® on Tues 3rd May, 2.15pm - 3.15pm in the Catholic Centre Lounge/Bar Room.

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) - The group is convening weekly via the Zoom. The next meeting takes place on 3rd May at 7.00pm. Contact John O'Brien:07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

Collections for last weekend:

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

£4540.65

St. Joseph's Grove Park

£294.43

Thank you for your generosity.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - 22nd - 29th July -

Information and booking forms are available from the Parish Office or at www.tangney-tours.com/westminster or 01732886666 for anyone wishing to go on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

ST JOSEPH'S, GROVE PARK NOTES

5th MAY, LOCAL ELECTIONS IN THE PARISH ROOM - As previously the Parish Room is to be used as a Polling Station on 5th May. We are responsible for public access from 7.00am to 10.00pm and 'on-call' should something arise which needs prompt attention. As Fr Michael can't be on site all 15+ hours are there parishioners who might be available locally at home for a few hours 'on-call'? If so, please email chiswick@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF GRACE - RED BOXES & MISSIO & MILL HILL MISSIONARIES IN 2021 raised £2,753 for the missions, a figure which includes parishioners giving directly. Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio's National Director has written to thank these generous mission-hearted parishioners and to inspire others. Our £2,753 was part of the total from Westminster Diocese in 2021 which was **£218,000**, which itself was part of the national total of almost **£2.5 million!** We are part of a worldwide network of people supporting mission through prayer and financial assistance. The founder of this network - a lay woman - Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified by Pope Francis on 22nd May this year. Her life, marked by intense suffering and great trust in God, helps us see how every prayer and every contribution is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Please visit www.missio.org.uk to find out more about Pauline and how our support of Missio changes lives for the better.

SENIOR CITIZENS DIAMOND JUBILEE TEA PARTY - Plans are afoot for a celebratory Afternoon Tea provided free of charge to senior citizen parishioners and their neighbours and friends (rather like our Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch) at **3.00pm Saturday 4th June**. Tickets would be available in May if plans develop but firstly we need volunteers to set up, serve and wash up after the tea party, as well as collect and return to home some guests. If this will work for you over the Diamond Jubilee weekend, please email the Catholic Centre Manager at chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk

BEREAVEMENT GROUP - The next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd May in the Parish Centre Rm 1 at 7.00pm.

EXIT HERE FUNERAL DIRECTORS COFFEE MORNING - Weds 11th May at 10:30am Exit Here is hosting a monthly informal event for open conversation, community support, and practical advice to anyone who has been bereaved. This is open to everyone, not just clients of ours. You are welcome to share your experiences, or just listen and be in the company of others who have been bereaved. Tea, coffee, and treats will be provided. Please email sam@exithere.com with any questions.

BACH'S MASS IN B MINOR AT THE BROMPTON ORATORY - The Schola Cantorum of the London Oratory School and the St Cecilia Players are performing J S Bach's great masterpieces at **7.00pm Weds 11th May**. Tickets are £25 (£12 concessions) available at the church door or on www.londonoratoryschola.com

MAY PROCESSION AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX, Sunday 8th May at 3pm. Preacher, Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church), who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection - Pokrova. Join the praying of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for Peace and Restoration in Ukraine.

ST. JOHN'S BEAUMONT OPEN MORNING 6th MAY - Jesuit Prep School for boys 3-13 yrs in Old Windsor with outstanding results and superb estate & facilities. To book: sjb.admissions@sjb.email or 01784 494 053. Generous bursaries to Catholic parishioners.

UKRAINIAN CRISIS DONATIONS - To ease the suffering of the displaced please see the home page of the parish website or these: <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 to and through its network in Ukraine. 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 - The Tuesday morning post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St Edward's Room each week and a Friday coffee morning in the Parish Centre Lounge Bar at 10.30am. All are very welcome!