



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

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20TH MARCH 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Canon Michael Dunne
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Fr Michael writes:

"In the name of God, let the cries of those who suffer be heard and let the bombings and attacks cease! Let there be a real and decisive focus on negotiation, and let the humanitarian corridors be effective and safe. In the name of God, I ask you: stop this massacre!" This was the urgent, anguished and thunderous cry of Pope Francis last Sunday from Rome addressing the prosecutors of the war in Ukraine after he had delivered his Angelus message to pilgrims. *"Faced with the barbarity of the killing of children, and of innocent and defenceless citizens, there are no strategic reasons that hold up: the only thing to be done is to cease the unacceptable armed aggression before the city is reduced to a cemetery,"* he said. Later in the week on Wednesday the Holy Father held a video-call with the Russian Orthodox Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Patriarch Kirill. *"The Church must not use the language of politics, but the language of Jesus,"* they agreed, according to the Vatican Press Office statement, adding that the Pope and the Patriarch stressed the exceptional importance of the ongoing negotiation process.

On Friday Pope Francis announced the **Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary** at 4.00pm this coming Friday 25th March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. The Consecration will take place simultaneously in St Peter's Basilica in Rome and Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Fatima, the Consecration calling to mind so clearly Our Lady's call in Fatima 13th July 1917 for prayers for the conversion of Russia, without which Russia would *"spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church,"* and *"the good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated."*

We are all invited to participate in the prayers for peace and in the entrustment and consecration. In our Diocese the Cardinal will attend the Act of Consecration at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral at 4.00pm and then celebrate **Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 5.30pm** where there should be plenty of space for parishioners to attend. The prayer of Consecration will conclude the Mass. Parishes, too, have been invited to participate so **here at Our Lady of Grace, the Act of Consecration and prayers for peace will be integrated into Vespers, the Evening Prayer of the Church, which will be celebrated at 4.00pm.** All will be most welcome to join and an Order of Service will be provided. The text of the Act of Consecration has not yet been released by the Holy See but immediately it is available it'll be on the parish website for parishioners to pray at home if they wish [www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org]. We must join the practical with the spiritual of course and Caritas Westminster has provided links to the many ways we can help practically, which can also be viewed on the home page of the parish website.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat 19/3 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	Margaret Barnett – Birthday George, Nohad, Marga Baroud	RIP RIP
Sun 20/3 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	3 RD SUNDAY OF LENT Gunnersbury	Sr. Bernadette Isabelle Walsgrove Ofelia Boca – 1 st Anniversary People of the Parish Lyla Keane Melissa Hughes	RD ANN ANN INT SICK RD
Mon 21/3 10.00am	Lent Feria	Cleveland Beckford	RD
Tue 22/3 10.00am	Lent Feria	Patricia Gallagher	SICK
Wed 23/3 10.00am 10.30-12.00 12.30pm 6.00pm	Lent Feria <i>Comboni Convent</i>	Margaret Barnett Exposition and Benediction Funeral of Mary Yeo Sr. Franca M. Surcis	RIP RIP RIP
Thur 24/3 10.00am	Lent Feria	Clare Bourke	ANN
Fri 25/3 10.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Grove Park	Denis Bourke Vespers and Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to Mary Stations of the Cross	ANN
Sat 26/3 10.00am 11 - 11.45am 5 - 5.45pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	Lent Feria Grove Park	Mary Killen Confession Confession William Duncan Brian Green – 1 st Anniversary	RIP RD ANN

LET US PRAY

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, Mary Garrett, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Trish Williams, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, Isabelle Ranle, Eileen McGuinness, Albie Korinek, Greta Gribben, and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Umberto Marani, Mary Yeo, Rodrigo Salomon Castillo Garcia, Martin Surr, Ivan Rizov. Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Anthony O'Keeffe, Desmond Kelly, Isabelle Walsgrove, Ofelia Boca, Clare Bourke, Denis Bourke, Brian Green, John Sanger, Joyce Louis, John Larkin, Elizabeth Shepherd. Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.160:

1st Reading: **Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15**

Psalm: **102:1-4, 6-8, 11**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12**

Gospel: **Luke 13: 1-9**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.168:

1st Reading: **Joshua 5: 9-12**

Psalm: **33: 2-7**

2nd Reading: **2 Corinthians 5: 17-21**

Gospel: **Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32**

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.

A GREAT GRACE FOR OUR PARISHES – an additional priest joining Frs Michael and Daniel at the beginning of April, will be **Fr John Mbinda CSSp**, a missionary priest of the Holy Ghost Fathers, also called the Spiritans. Fr John brings with him over 20 distinguished years' experience as a missionary both in Europe and in Africa, most recently after his term of office as Superior of his Order in his native Kenya and in South Sudan. We look forward to welcoming him and his ministry among us.

LENT

A) WEEKLY SPIRITUAL EXERCISES FOR LENT:

TUESDAYS 6.30pm to 7.30pm: 'ENCOUNTERING THE SPIRIT' – a small group prayer experience based on the spiritual listening and speaking learned from the synodal process. Each week we will reflect together on the previous Sunday's Gospel and how to put it into practice. The meeting is on **Tuesday 22nd March** in the St Edward's Room on the theme of 'Repent'.

WEDNESDAYS after Mass from 10.30am to 12.00 noon: EXPOSITION and BENEDICTION. The Rosary will follow 10.00am Mass as usual but in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps leave and return; perhaps just drop in for extra prayer. Benediction will be at 12.00 noon.

FRIDAYS 6.00pm: STATIONS OF THE CROSS. Following the Angelus at 6.00pm, there will be a liturgical celebration of the Stations of the Cross. Those present may process behind the priest around the church at the Stations or remain in pews as preferred. (There will be no 6.00pm Mass in the PIME Convent during Lent.)

B) LENT PROJECT 2022:

As pre-pandemic, we'll have a dual Lent Project, one *domestic* and one *overseas*. In the first two weeks of Lent: **£234 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 marked 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE EALING – from 2nd March until 10th April, you are invited to pray peacefully for all those affected by abortion. Call Sarah 07776256838, or email london40daysforlife@hotmail.com

CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day – Thank you for your generous giving last weekend. **£968.82** was donated from Chiswick and **£128.00** from Grove Park. This will go to support some of the poorest people in our world. Donations in envelopes can still be given this weekend or by visiting www.cafod.org.uk/len

CRIB OFFERINGS – We have received a 'Thank you' from the Catholic Children's Society for your kind donations from the Crib Offerings from **Chiswick £1,688.53** and **Grove Park £15.20** to help local disadvantaged families. See the board at the back.

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via the Zoom, Mondays at 7.30pm. Next meeting takes place on 21st March. Contact John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting will be on Thursday 24th March, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. We will watch the movie "Courageous" - an entertaining and inspiring call to male leadership in the family, refreshments will be provided. Men of all ages are very welcome. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnelysm@hotmail.com for details. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

GUNNERSBURY and GROVE PARK NOTES

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – As we can't leave new boxes of envelopes in church due to GDPR restrictions, those who have previously received new boxes of envelopes each year will be posted this year's in the week commencing 28th March.

ST. JOSEPH'S – Please note the Crib Offerings thank you note from Westminster Catholic Childrens' Society in adjacent column.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - Westminster Cathedral, Sat 14th May, 3.00pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please contact the Parish Office giving: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – are available to collect from the Parish Office (weekdays 9.00am to 4.00pm) to those parishioners who have signed up for them. Those envelopes that haven't been collected will be posted out w/c 28th March. Gift Aiding your Offertory and other donations to our parish using numbered envelopes or a Standing Order, is a very practical way of increasing the value of your offering by 25 pence for every pound you give at no extra cost to you! Providing you are a UK Taxpayer, you can join the scheme by signing a Gift Aid Declaration which can be obtained from the Parish Office or contact the office by email: chiswick@rcdow.org.uk We would also ask those parishioners who have already signed up to inform the office about any changes (eg your name and address) so we can update our records before we start to distribute new envelopes. Thank you for your continued generosity: in 2021 the parish received **£29,275 in Gift Aid back from HM Treasury thanks to your being in this scheme!**

UKRANIAN CRISIS DONATIONS – To read about ways to ease in a small way the humanitarian suffering of the displaced please see the home page of the parish website or these directly:

1. **Disasters Emergency Committee:** <https://www.dec.org.uk/>
2. **CAFOD:** <https://cafod.org.uk/>
3. **Aid to the Church in Need:** <https://acnuk.org/> channelling £1M through the churches of eastern Ukraine, covering Kharkiv, Zaporizhyya, Donetsk, Odesa and Krym (church buildings being emergency accommodation providing humanitarian assistance)
4. **Ukrainian Catholic Church in London** is forwarding donations directly to and through its network in Ukraine. To donate, 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, London W1K 5BQ

LENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (aged 18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on **Saturday 2nd April 2022** in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat (10.30am-6.30pm) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, with talks, workshops, prayer, Stations of the Cross, time for confessions and mass. Venue: Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. Register by emailing: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

A DAY WITH MARY – takes place on Sat 26th March at Our Lady of Fatima, Commonwealth Ave, White City from 9.45am-5.30pm.

FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL is recruiting a part time administrator based in Cathedral Clergy House, 20 hrs a week, £14,500 per annum: <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/>

CHISWICK BAROQUE presents **REQUIEM FOR OUR TIME – MUSIC & SILENCE.** Thurs 7th April at 7.30pm. Venue: St. Vincent de Paul Church, 2 Witham Road, Osterley TW7 4AJ. 1 ½ hours of musical meditation where music arises out of and falls back into silence, providing a space for personal reflection. Contemplative music for four unaccompanied voices.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – **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!

Collections for last weekend:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
£4295.22
St. Joseph's Grove Park
£225.38

Thank you for your generosity.