



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

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at Our Lady of Grace & St Edward, Chiswick, London W4

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocations Sunday)

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### Fr Daniel writes:

Good Shepherd Sunday is traditionally the weekend where we talk about vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as hold the collection for the priests training fund. While this is good, it is also an opportunity to examine our own vocation and how we are living it. Many mistakenly believe that only those called to the priestly or religious life have a vocation, but the reality is that all Christians have a vocation, a calling, a reason God made us. The challenge can be working out what this may be. There are some who know from a young age what they want to be; I was never one of these! My ambitions fluctuated from being a train driver, to a professional footballer, to a lawyer, the one constant in all of that was to be a family man.

Now in my mind I always thought this meant marriage and professional career, yet on both fronts, things did not run smoothly. On the professional front I never seemed to get the jobs I wanted, while on the personal front, I never seemed to meet the right woman at the right time. What changed my approach was to stop asking 'what I wanted' and to start asking God 'what is your plan for my life?' What we want is important because God wants us to be happy, fulfilled, but if we are not even considering God's plan for us, then it is very likely that we will miss our vocation entirely. Only after I asked this question did God reveal to me how I could be the family man I craved, just in a different way to what I expected, not a father to my own but a father to his people.

St Charles de Foucauld said, "God calls all the souls he has created to love him with their whole being, here and hereafter, which means that he calls all of them to holiness, to perfection, to a close following of him and obedience to his will. But he does not ask all souls to show their love by the same works, to climb to heaven by the same ladder, to achieve goodness in the same way." We each have a calling from God that is specific to us; it may be like another, but the path God sets before us is specific to us. For some this will be married life, others single life, for some it will be teaching, for others it will be contemplation. Working out our vocation, will take prayer, patience, and trust that God knows what he is doing! Above all it is important to remember that as Fr Stephen Wang writes in a terrific little book on vocations, that "for the Christian a vocation is not just something that God calls us to do, it is also the person calls us to be." The countless saints that have gone before us are a testament to the diversity of vocations there are. Good Shepherd Sunday is an opportunity to reflect and ask ourselves: am I only who I want to be, or am I who God wants me to be?

### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – Good Shepherd Sunday

Sat 20/4 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass  Grove Park	Andrew Neary Jnr Paddy McGuinness	RIP ANN
Sun 21/4 8.30am 9.45am  10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	4 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  Gunnorsbury	Anthony Farrell Christina & Ted Crowley – 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary People of the Parish Elizabeth Grbesa Maureen O'Brien Holden, O'Leary & Cronin Families	ANN INT  INT INT RD RIP
Mon 22/4 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Ralph Stock	RD
Tue 23/4 10.00am	ST. GEORGE	Roger Gilroy	INT
Wed 24/4 10.00am  6.00pm	STS. ERKENWALD & MELLITUS Comboni Convent	Michael Smith  Sonje Davison for full recovery	RD  INT
Thur 25/4 10.00am	ST. MARK	Brian Murphy	ANN
Fri 26/4 10.00am 12 Noon 6.00pm	EASTER FERIA  Pime Convent	Margaret Niwczyk Bejnarowicz <b>Funeral of Maureen Rank</b> Fr. Michael Daley	INT RIP RD
Sat 27/4 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	EASTER FERIA  Grove Park	William Burke Confessions Confessions Brian Gill Mary Bagenal	RD   1 <sup>st</sup> ANN ANN

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Alex Tuffy, Cecilia Walsgrove, Claudio Bogi, Mary Frain, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Fr. Eamon Conarty, Greta Gribben, Romeo Monthly, Benjamin White, Brid O'Neill, Anne Beglane, Margaret Niwczyk Bejnarowicz, Sr Mary Lonergan, Laura Marani, Fay Mushantaf, Pascal de Thomasson, Pearl Fernandez, Michele Sfeir, Kevin Herbert, Vinny McNamara, Tony Sheehan, Anthony Foley, Eileen McGuinness, Laurence Taylor, Roger Gilroy, Georgina, Adrian McGowan.

**For the recently deceased:** Fr. Michael Daley, Maureen Rank, Michael Carter, Christopher Colgan, Liz Reeves. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Paddy McGuinness, Kathleen Keane, Mary Bagenal, Christy McNamara, Angela Redmond, Patrick Bagenal, Anthony Farrell, Brian Murphy, Brian Gill on his 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. May they Rest in Peace.

#### THIS SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.261

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 4: 8-12

Psalm: 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2

Gospel: John 10: 11-18

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.264

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 9: 26-31

Psalm: 21: 26-28, 30-32

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24

Gospel: John 15: 1-8

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSE WEEKLY** – Five copies a week at the back of church. £3.50 per copy with cash to the the 'Catholic Papers' box.

**CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS** – are on a stand 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'.

**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 which pays for the formation of men for the priesthood. There are currently 49 studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid (Spain) and one at the Beda (Rome). There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year three deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training 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 church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with a donation if you can. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND is our overseas Lent Project** – With our thoughts on the crisis in the Holy Land, the ecumenical charity *Friends of the Holy Land* enables us to make some contribution to the relief efforts. **So far £5,720.09** has been donated including online. For their current work see their website <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/> which includes a page 'Our Response to Gaza' detailing their supporting those churches in Gaza which are sheltering "Christians, Muslims and those of no faith". Please contribute to the Lent Project Box at the main church doors (divided with the Cardinal's Appeal) or take an FHL Gift Aid envelope and return it to the parish dropping it into any collection or the Priests' House letterbox. Alternatively, perhaps give online with this link and/or QR code on the posters at the exits of the church which take you to our parish appeal on the FHL website: [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/our-lady-of-grace-chiswick-lent-2024](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/our-lady-of-grace-chiswick-lent-2024)

**CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL** – If you can please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. **So far £2,889.71**. Please take a donation envelope, for more info. You can use the QR code to make your donation online but please let the Parish Office know so that we can add the amount to our Project Thermometer total! Thank you.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** – Those aged 18-35 are welcome to join the weekly social gathering of parish young adults after the 6.30pm Sunday Mass. [www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults](http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults)

**THANKS FROM THE FOODBANK TEAM** – "As promised, we would love to update you on the total funds you have raised for us in your recent April collection as well as a little news of what we have been up to at the Foodbank. St Dunstan £70.30, St Joseph £79.60, Our Lady of Grace £707.11. Therefore **a total of £857.01** which is amazing. We would love to update you with a great new initiative – the introduction of regular fresh food produce at our sessions as, to date, we have provided cupboard staples that can last a long time and do not need refrigeration. We aim for products with some form of nutritional value. However, we believe the fresh items will add additional vitamins, more flavour and sustenance. So far this has been much appreciated by our clients as per a recent comment: "Excellent helpful and polite staff and excellent food selection." We would not be able to provide this in addition to our usual food items, were it not for the financial funding we receive, so thank you very much for your support! As usual our sessions have been very busy and we are so grateful for our team of volunteers who help during the eight weekly sessions at our four various Foodbank sites. During the last three months, we have provided parcels including a total of 75,890 meals to those referred to us. To that end our little van has been very busy delivering the food to our centres, so your donation is also gratefully used to top up the electricity or fuel needed to get the food from our warehouse to the various sites. **Thank you so much for your support from all of us at the Foodbank.**"

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19th- 26th July** – Registration for the Westminster pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent is now open via the application form <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. **All applications need to be submitted by Tues 30th April.**

#### PARISH FUNERALS:

**Maureen Rank** - 26<sup>th</sup> April 12 Noon, Requiem Mass

**Michael Carter** - 8<sup>th</sup> May, 12 Noon, Requiem Mass

#### FR MICHAEL DALEY'S FUNERAL:

Fr Michael was Assistant Priest in Our Lady of Grace, Chiswick, from 2005-2008. His mortal remains will be received into Holy Cross Church, Ashington Road, Parsons Green, SW6 3QA, 6.00pm Weds 24<sup>th</sup> April followed by a Requiem Mass. The Funeral Mass will be at noon Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April in the same church. The Cardinal will preside.

**May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES have now been distributed** to those parishioners in Chiswick, Gunnersbury and Grove Park who have signed up for Offertory Envelopes. 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 at: [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk)

**ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA SCAVENGER HUNT** - Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm @ St. Mary's School. Please join us for an afternoon of solving clues in a race around Chiswick with prizes to be won! BBQ to follow. £5 registration per child includes swag and a snack. Up to six children per team, one adult per two children required to participate. Families wishing to participate can just turn up on the day; both cash and card payments will be accepted. See you there!

**CATHOLIC CENTRE LOUNGE BAR** – The Catholic Centre Lounge Bar is open for the routine hours: Fridays from 12.00 Noon to 10.00pm; Saturdays and Sundays 12.00 Noon to 6.00pm.

**HOME INSTEAD AFTERNOON TEAM** - Local care company Home Instead Hammersmith & Chiswick invite all local seniors to join them at their complimentary afternoon tea and fun sessions. These take place at the Chiswick Catholic Centre on the last Wednesday of each month, 2.30pm-4.30pm. The next event will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. There will be a classic afternoon tea with music & a guest entertainer. This is an opportunity for friendship, discussions, advice and fun! Please call us on 020 8746 1213 or visit us at our office, 186 Sutton Court Road, Chiswick.

**HOME START** - If you have availability and you are a parent or grandparent (or have similar experience), you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start is offering a free training to be a home-visiting volunteer supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run in Hampton Wick from 9.45am-2.30pm, on Thursdays from 9<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> June (not half-term 30<sup>th</sup> May). After the course, volunteers visit and support a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more info, please contact Erin on 07884 536161 [erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk](mailto:erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk) or [volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk)

**RETRouvaille** – **Do you need support in your marriage?** Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidentially for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.45am MASS** – The coffee morning takes place TODAY after the 9.45am Mass in the Parish Centre.

**TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS** – Tues post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St Edward's Room each week and Fri coffee morning in the Parish Centre Lounge Bar at 10.30am. All welcome!

**HEARING AID FOUND IN CHURCH** – This was found in the church last Friday. If it belongs to you, please contact the Parish office on 020 8994 2877 or email [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk)

#### Collections for last weekend

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

14/4/24 - £4190.33

**Grove Park**

14/4/24 - £200.10

**Thank you for your generosity.**