



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

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21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2023

## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Canon Michael Dunne  
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### Fr Michael writes:

We have just a week left to run for our Parish Lent Project which traditionally ends in this parish on the Solemnity of Pentecost, next Sunday. Thus, a week to go but **we have already done spectacular well raising £14,126!** Our target was for £12,000 combined but you have given £9,434 for the St Francis Leprosy Guild and a further £4,691 to the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Well done and thank you! If anyone wishes to top up even further, details for donations are overleaf and the project will close next Sunday evening.

Also on a Franciscan theme, the St Francis Leprosy Guild's co-ordinator, Eileen, here at the beginning of Lent, is offering free guided tours of the new exhibition about St Francis at the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square, a highlight of which is the actual habit worn by St Francis, in addition to the great art. (11.00am Saturday 27/05; 3/06; 24/06; 1/07; 8/07; 29/07. See the Guild poster at the back of church and contact Eileen on 07542817869 or [eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org](mailto:eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org) )

I wrote last week here about another great medieval mystic, Mother Julian of Norwich on the 650<sup>th</sup> anniversary that week of her Revelations of Divine Love. I was delighted to see this week that the Holy Father, Pope Francis himself, has sent a message to both the Anglican and Catholic Cathedrals of Norwich expressing his "spiritual closeness" to those celebrating the anniversary and imparting his blessing. He writes:

*The profound significance of this English mystic for the Christian tradition speaks to us from across the centuries. Indeed, her maternal influence, humble anonymity, and profound theological insights stand as timely reminders that faith in God's loving providence and holiness of life expressed in generous service to our brothers and sisters in need, are timeless truths underpinning not only the life of Christian discipleship but the very fabric of a just and fraternal society.*

*Of particular note is Julian's generosity in welcoming those who sought spiritual counsel and encouragement. This willingness to sacrifice self-convenience for the sake of others is especially needed in responding to the endemic problems of isolation and loneliness felt by so many. It is my hope that through a greater appreciation of the life of Mother Julian, Christians today will be encouraged to follow ever more faithfully and joyfully the example of Jesus, the one who came "not to be served but to serve" (Mt 20:28).*

*How vital, too, for today's world, is the message of God's mercy and compassion revealed to Mother Julian. We learn that she was taught through God's grace that, despite the presence of evil in our midst, "all manner of thing shall be well". I pray that all who face the pressing challenges of war, injustice, ecological disaster or spiritual poverty, may be consoled and strengthened by these enduring words.*

### 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 20/5 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Margaret Edwards Thomas Sedric Brown	RD RD
6.30pm	Grove Park		
Sun 21/5 8.30am	7 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER	James Fullerton Eileen & Donal McSweeney People of the Parish	2 <sup>nd</sup> ANN ANN INT
9.45am	Gunnersbury	Jerry Twomey John Sweeney Sean O'Houlihan	ANN RD RD
10.00am			
11.00am			
12.15pm			
6.30pm			
Mon 22/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Mr & Mrs Brian Cash	INT
Tue 23/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Monica, Michael & Adrian McGowan	INT
1.20pm	Mortlake Crematorium	<b>Funeral of Bridget Feltham</b>	RIP
Wed 24/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Fifi Helbawe	INT
6.00pm	Comboni Convent	Sr. Rachele Beretta	RD
Thur 25/5 10.00am	ST BEDE	Michael & Breda Sheehan	ANN
Fri 26/5 10.00am	ST PHILIP NERI	Danny Hickey	ANN
6.00pm	PIME Convent	Charlie Hempenstall	RD
Sat 27/5 10.00am	ST AUGUSTINE	Anne & Albert D'Annunzio	ANN
11.00am		Confession	
12.15pm		Baptism	
5.00pm		Confession	
6.30pm		Madge Carroll	RD
6.30pm	Grove Park	Helen Biggins	4 <sup>th</sup> ANN

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Alex Tuffy, Eileen McGuinness, Greta Gribben, John Monks, Jim Ryan, P.C.Wrynne, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Mike O'Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Pascale Murphy, Claudio Bogi, Gloria Weymouth, Theresa Southern, Constance Redmond, Georgia, Brid, Pat Gleasure, Tony Sheehan, Vera Jansen, Dr. Charles Bredin, Mary Frain, Natalie Williams, Michel Speir, Monica McGowan, Kirsten Constance (and her baby), Kay Kiggins, Peter Kerridge, Brian Moignard and those suffering.

**For the recently deceased:** Bernard 'Brian' Gill, Brian Robbins, Bridget Feltham, Winifred Lynch, Jolanta Wozniak, Terry Sheehan, Margaret Organ and Mr. Salitha. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** James Fullerton, Eileen & Donal McSweeney, Jerry Twomey, Michael & Breda Sheehan, Danny Hickey, Anne & Albert D'Annunzio, Beatrice & Frederick King, Helen Biggins. May they Rest in Peace.

#### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.275

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1: 12-14

Psalm: 26: 1, 4, 7-8

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 4: 13-16

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.288

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm: 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

**FR FEMI'S MUSICAL MINISTRY** – for those who have expressed an interest in purchasing some of Fr Femi's musical works and collaborations these CDs are now available in the repository. You can follow his musical ministry online [www.spiritanssound.com](http://www.spiritanssound.com) and <https://www.youtube.com/@OLUWAFEMIORILUACSSP>

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSE WEEKLY** – Such has been the demand for a return in hard copy of the Catholic Universe Weekly, we now have some copies at the back of church. £3.50 per copy with cash to the the 'Catholic Papers' box at the back.

## THE PARISH LENT PROJECT:

**OUR OVERSEAS LENT PROJECT THIS YEAR: St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG)** - a Catholic charity with a 127 year history of working to end the suffering still caused by leprosy. It supports 40 leprosy centres around the world treating and supporting almost 20,000 people in low-income countries. **£9434.83** has been raised! Leaflets at the back of church with our unique SFLG QR code so any donation made via the QR code records the donation coming from the parish. Please see <https://www.stfrancisleprosy.org/>

**OUR DOMESTIC LENT PROJECT THIS YEAR: Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023** - Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; the Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal. **£4691.29** has been raised. Take a donation envelope either for info or to use the QR code to make your donation online, though please also let the Parish Office know.

**CASH** placed in the Lent Project box at the main doors of the church will be divided 50% for St. Francis Leprosy Guild and 50% Cardinal's Appeal. Cash placed in envelopes marked for either charity and handed in 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. Undesignated cheques will be divided as per the cash in the Lent Project box.

**GIFT AID** - Have you signed a Gift Aid Declaration? We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim for the tax year 2022-23 asking HMRC to give us the tax that you have paid on your donations. So, if you have stopped paying tax, please would you contact the Parish Office at [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk) so we can update our records and do not ask for the tax if you haven't paid it.

**May we take this opportunity of thanking you most sincerely for joining the Gift Aid scheme. For tax year 2021-22 we received £30,479.69, making a real difference. THANK YOU!**

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND – THANK YOU** to those who were able to contribute to the annual collection supporting those training for the future priesthood of our diocese. **£2003.01 was raised by Chiswick & Gunnersbury**, with a further **£222 from Grove Park**, a total of **£2225.01!** Please pray for vocations and for all our priests.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** – Those aged 18-35 are very welcome to join our weekly social. Meet outside church after the 6.30 Sunday evening Mass TODAY. Also, please book in the 6.30pm Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June when Fr Juniper of the radical Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be the guest of the parish and the Young Adults' Group. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Please note there will not be a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. For more info Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**THE MEN'S GROUP** - Our next meeting is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a screening of the 2022 film "Father Stu" based on the true story of a US boxer who discovers faith and becomes a Catholic priest. Refreshments provided. 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)

**BAPTISM** – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or via the parish website: [www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org](http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org)

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** – If you feel you might be called to this truly extraordinary ministry both to the Lord and to His People, and have some years of continuous practice of the faith in this parish or verified elsewhere with a Parish Priest's reference, and have a readiness to serve in the Church and parish, particularly in the ministry of visiting the elderly and household at home (for which a DBS certificate would be required) then please mention it to Fr Michael. Thank you.

**THE SUNDAY 9.45am FAMILY MASS** – The 9.45 'Family Mass' aspires to be especially accessible for children, hence the Children's Liturgy during term-time in the St Edward's Room. Please could parents and perhaps children, too, reflect how to enhance this accessibility, perhaps through music and other ways to encourage greater participation experienced elsewhere, home or abroad, and let Fr Michael know of any ideas which have borne fruit. *Thank you.*

**RECEIVING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT HOLY COMMUNION** – As we return to the option and practice of receiving the Precious Blood, communicants should please note that the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales does not allow for intinction, - the practice of dipping the Sacred Host into the Precious Blood before receiving Holy Communion. Though some Bishops' Conferences in Europe and around the world allow for this, it isn't an option here for the congregation and so the Minister of Holy Communion is likely to intervene and ask you not to intinct. Please respect the request.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS** – Catherine Sutherland our Safeguarding Representative will be emailing parish volunteers offering opportunities to those who need them for the renewing of their DBS certificates. Catherine is offering dates for thirty-minute appointments in the Priests' House Meeting Room to validate documents and to submit renewal applications. Please respond to the emails in good time: [chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) Please contact the Parish Office [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk) or 02089942877 to arrange the appointment.

**SOIREE MUSICALE - A Romantic Journey for Voice and Piano, THIS EVENING, Sunday 7:30pm, in the Catholic Centre, Dukes' Ave.** An Italian soprano Silvia Martinelli and pianist and husband Andrea Trovato display a delightful, eclectic springtime programme combining opera and German songs. Walk with them along a primrose path enjoying the melodious flowers by Rossini, Chopin, Clara Schumann, Liszt, Donizetti, Verdi, and more. The recital includes three appealing piano solos: Chopin Waltz Op. 34 No. 1, Liszt's Sonetti dal Petrarca, and Rigoletto Paraphrase.

**TABLE TOP SALE IN THE CATHOLIC CENTRE, DUKES AVE** on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 10.00am to 4.00pm. If you wish to book a table contact Yvonne 07949262344 or 02087428496 or Pearl 07432711980. Set up is from 9.00am on the day.

**'HOME INSTEAD' AFTERNOON TEA** - 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, 2 Dukes Avenue, W4 2AE on the last Wednesday of every month, between 2.30pm-4.30pm. The next event will take place on Weds 31<sup>st</sup> May. There will be a classic afternoon tea with music & a guest speaker. 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.

**CAFOD - Called to action by our faith** – You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June for a morning exploring faith, why we campaign & how you can help. Includes guest speakers & discussion in workshops to explore activities such as [Live Simply](http://Live Simply), our Unfair Food System and Liturgy Resources. From 10.30am-1.00pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further info contact Tony [tsheen@cafod.org.uk](mailto:tsheen@cafod.org.uk) or booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events>

**MEET THE MOTHER OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS!** – Antonia Salzano, the mother of the Fulham parish-born Blessed Carlo Acutis, the 15-year old apostle of the Eucharist who died 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2006 and was beatified on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020, will give a talk at the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi Church, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, London WC2E 7NB, after 6.30pm Mass, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023. See [www.maidenlane.org.uk](http://www.maidenlane.org.uk)

**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'.

**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.

**REPOSITORY** – On sale this week First Holy Communion cards and gifts, Confirmation cards and other religious items and also the Westminster Year Book £5.00. Open after Sunday morning Masses.

**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!

Collections for last weekend:

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

**7/5/23 - £4199.16**

**St Joseph's Grove Park**

**7/5/23 - £235.76**

*Thank you for your generosity.*