



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

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22nd JANUARY 2023

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)

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Tomas writes:

When Pope Francis established *Sunday of the Word of God*, he did so on the 30 September 2019, the Feast of St Jerome, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin – his translation, the Vulgate, became the normative Catholic text for centuries. The purpose of the newly instituted Sunday was setting aside “a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people”. This Sunday, we are thus reminded of the seminal importance of the Scriptures for the life of the Church.

There is a profound bond which links the Bible and the faith of believers. We are bound to listen attentively to the word of the Lord, not only in our personal prayer and reflection, but – above all – in the celebration of the sacred liturgy. The Second Vatican Council teaches us that “the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body, in that she never ceases, above all in the sacred liturgy, to partake of the bread of life and to offer it to the faithful from the one table of the word of God and the body of Christ”. It is in the liturgy when we hear the word of God as taught by the instrument of the Holy Spirit on earth – the Catholic Church.

Vatican II also reminds us that the sacred Scripture is to be “read and interpreted in the light of the same Spirit through whom it was written”. It was the Holy Spirit who inspired the writers of the individual books of the Old and the New Testament and which also helped to complete the formation of the canon of the Bible at the end of the 4th century. That same Holy Spirit works in the hearts and minds of those who hear the word of God. We are therefore invited to have continuing confidence in the working of the Holy Spirit as he continues in his own way to inspire and illuminate our hearts whenever the Church authentically teaches and interprets the sacred word. For when sacred Scripture is read in the light of the same Spirit by whom it was written, it remains ever new. In the words of Pope Francis: “Every day we read a page of the Gospel, we pray with the Psalms, we read the Prophets, we will be moved by the Lord's faithfulness. Scripture will also help us to understand what the Lord asks of our lives today.” May this Sunday of the Word of God help us to grow in our familiarity with the sacred Scriptures, under the reliable guidance of our Church.

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 21/1 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	Jennings & Connelly Family Geraldine Carroll	RIP RD
Sun 22/1 8.30am	3 rd SUNDAY IN OT Gunnersbury	Bridget Noonan, Kitty McLean, Joseph Johnson, Bridget Meikle Eulalie Raymond People of the Parish Nancy Jennings Jose Fernandes Elaine Burke	ANN 1 st ANN INT RIP ANN INT
Mon 23/1 10.00am	FERIA	Clarina Fernandes	ANN
Tue 24/1 10.00am	ST FRANCES DE SALES	Olivia & Kieran & Family	INT
Wed 25/1 10.00am 12.00 Noon 6.00pm	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE <i>Comboni Crvnt</i>	John Lawlor Funeral of Maria Downes Edmund Regan	ANN RIP RD
Thur 26/1 10.00am 3.20pm	Ss TIMOTHY & TITUS <i>Mortlake Crem</i>	Mary Moran Funeral of Martin Kane	ANN RIP
Fri 27/1 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA <i>PIME Convent</i>	Paul O'Toole Georgina	RD RIP
Sat 28/1 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	ST THOMAS AQUINAS Grove Park	Brian Davison Confession Baptism Confession Tony Ryan The Davenport Family	ANN RIP INT

LET US PRAY

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthly, 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.Wynne, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Iris Faulkner, Mike O'Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Pascale Murphy, Claudio Bogi, Gloria Weymouth, Theresa Southern, Constance Redmond, Georgia, Brid, Pat Gleasure, Tony Sheen, Vinny McNamara and those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Marie Downes, Arthur Clancy, Mary Garrett, Martin Kane, Nancy Hughes, Bridget Morrissey. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Johnny von Pflügl, Bridget Noonan, Kitty McLean, Joseph Johnson, Bridget Meikle, Eulalie Raymond 1st Anniversary, Jose Fernandes, Clarina Fernandes, John Lawlor, Mary Moran, Brian Davison, Donal Houlihan 2nd Anniversary. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.127

1st Reading: **Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

Psalm: **26: 1,4, 13-14**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

Gospel: **Matthew 4: 12-23**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.130

1st Reading: **Zephaniah 2:3, 3: 12-13**

Psalm: **145: 7-10**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

Gospel: **Matthew 5: 1-12**

CATHEDRAL VESPERS, TUESDAY 5.00pm – To honour the life of the late Pope Benedict and to pray for his soul, Ecumenical Vespers are to be sung in Westminster Cathedral this Tuesday 24th January at 5.00pm, within the annual Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. Cardinal Vincent will preside and many of the Bishops of England and Wales and ecumenical guests will be present. Lord Williams of Oystermouth, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, will give an address. With the Cathedral Choir also, it will be a splendid as well as solemn occasion. Canon Michael will attend; parishioners are warmly invited also. No booking is required as access is open though a timely arrival beforehand is advised.

SPIRITAN FATHER (CSSp) MOVES TO & FROM CHISWICK – To facilitate Fr Erasmus studying full-time in the second semester of his current studies coming to completion this summer, the Spiritan Provincial Leader in the UK is sending Fr Femi Victor Orilua CSSp to succeed him here. As a parish we very much appreciate what Fr Erasmus has done for us over the five months of his appointment in Chiswick, Gunnersbury and Grove Park. It is expected that Fr Femi will arrive in early February and his appointment currently is for one term until Easter/April. As we wish Fr Erasmus well, let us make a point of expressing our thanks.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL – Thank you to all those who supported last weekend's annual appeal in support of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. **£494.65 was donated** and a cheque has been sent to SPUC to help assist their campaign to defend unborn babies and their mothers.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are very welcome to join the weekly social gathering of young adults in our parish. Meet outside church after the 6.30 Sunday evening Mass and proceed to The Lamb. On Sunday 29th Jan after the 6.30 Sunday evening Mass there'll be an informal Q&A session with the priests in the St Edward's Room before then proceeding to The Lamb. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

CRIB OFFERINGS - The Crib Offerings by custom will go to the Westminster Catholic Children's Society to help disadvantaged children and families locally. This will help provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese. Offerings can be made in the Crib Offering marked candle safes beside the crib. Offerings for the candles at the crib should also be placed in the Crib Offerings boxes.

PARENTING CHILDREN COURSE - For parents who want to learn more about how to support their children's development and keep a strong and healthy family (of all types) we will be offering again the "Parenting Children Course". The course will run over 5 sessions, on the last Saturday of the month, from January to May, at the Comboni Centre, 2 Chiswick Lane. Babysitting will be offered by certified volunteers. To secure a place for the first session on 28th January, please email Isabel dos Santos Lima or Sister Natalia at combonicouples@gmail.com

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 24th January. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL – Every year up to six boys join as choristers in Years 4&5. Becoming choristers offers the right boys the opportunity to sing in a world-famous choir and to join a world-class school for boys aged 4-13, **with up to 100% off fees**. At 13+ (Year 9) choristers transfer to the UK's leading independent schools, almost always with further financial support. Families can discover all about the opportunities of chorister life at WCCS on **Sunday 5th February** at 10.00am at Westminster Cathedral Choir School, SW1. If interested, please contact Lucy Augur 020 7798 9081 lauger@choirschool.com

PARISH FUNERALS:

Very sadly, many parish families are suffering the death of a loved one at this time; friends and neighbours are enquiring about funeral arrangements. Let us spiritually accompany the deceased and the bereaved with our prayers.

Marie Downes - 25th Jan 12.00 Noon, Requiem Mass
Martin Kane - 26th Jan 3.20pm, Mortlake Crematorium
Arthur Clancy - 30th Jan 12.30pm, Requiem Mass
Mary Garrett - 13th Feb 6.00pm Reception into Church
14th Feb 12 Noon, Requiem Mass

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

POST- EASTER HOLIDAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE LOIRE? – The parish is planning a small group six-day coach trip 17th – 22nd April 2023 to the shrines and wines of the Loire. Based in the ancient Catholic city of Tours we'll visit the shrine of St Martin before further day trips to the medieval city and Cathedral of Orléans frequented by St Joan of Arc during the Siege of Orléans (which, against the English, she won...); also the Royal Abbey of Fontevraud, a World Heritage Site, where, among others, King Henry II of England and his son, King Richard the Lionheart, are buried; also the great Abbaye Saint-Pierre de Solesmes, a vast living monastery with over 1,000 years of history as well as being custodian and promoter of Gregorian chant. Where possible Mass will be celebrated daily at the various sites. There will also be a chance to explore a few of the vineyards of the Loire's celebrated wines. Sadly we will not have time to visit any of the Loire's famous royal chateaux. Travelling by coach and Eurotunnel, and staying in central two-star ensuite accommodation, the approximate cost, while details are still to be finalised, will be £750 excluding lunch, supper and admission charges. If interested please email the parish office.

A DAY WITH MARY – The next is on Sat 28th Jan, Holy Apostles Church, Winchester St, SW1V from 10am to 5.30pm.

CATHOLIC CENTRE CHISWICK – The Parish Centre is now open for all activities and the Lounge Bar is open for its regular hours.

LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY, Welcome you to come to a one-day retreat of quiet reflection on Sat 28th Jan, 11:00am – 4:30pm. The Catholic Church of Our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR
Programme: Holy Rosary; Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form
Lunch Break (Please bring your own lunch, Tea & Coffee available)
Talk Based on Scripture: Catholic Christian Meditation; Blessed Adoration – Devine Mercy; Individual Healing Prayers
4.30 pm - Retreat Ends. Enquiries: Eileen & David Brum 020 8542 2476 email: lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com, Website: www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com

MOVE INTO WELLBEING - Chiswick-based Registered Charity is pleased to add another enjoyable exercise class on Tuesdays at The Catholic Centre, Dukes Ave from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This follows the very popular Tuesday class that is already held at 2.15pm, which is usually full to capacity. These adaptable movement classes with music can be done seated or standing. All Over 60's Residents of LB of Hounslow in Chiswick, W4 and beyond, are welcome to come try one. The suggested donation is £2/5, and interested attendees should sign-up by contacting them on info@moveintowellbeing.org.uk. This second MiW class is supported by LB of Hounslow's Neighbourhood Grant, referred by Cllr Joanna Biddolph. Please bring along a water bottle if possible, wear comfortable clothes to exercise in, and adapt any movements as needed. For enquiries and to register Email: info@moveintowellbeing.org.uk Website: www.moveintowellbeing.org.uk Twitter: @Movein2Wellbng

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, Stamford Brook are looking for volunteers to assist at their weekly drop-in service each Sunday, 12pm to 3.30pm. They offer rough sleepers, homeless and those isolated, a shower service, a sit down meal and clothing. Volunteers would be tasked with preparing/cooking meals in kitchen, or assisting with serving meals to guests. If you can commit once monthly, please contact Marcia Silvera, 07955331927 or email chiswickdadropin@gmail.com

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 – The Repository is open after Sunday morning Masses for cards, gifts and many more items. Also on sale is the Westminster Year Book price £5.00.

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
15/1/23 - £4278.32

St Joseph's Grove Park 15/1/23 - £224.35

Thank you for your generosity.