



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

020 8994 2877

www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org

chiswick@rcdow.org.uk

For even more regular news on parish life and activities, check the Latest News page on the parish website www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org or follow the parish on Twitter @ourladychiswick or Facebook at Our Lady of Grace & St Edward, Chiswick, London W4

22ND MAY 2022

6th SUNDAY of EASTER

Canon Michael Dunne
Fr Daniel Herrero
Sharon Bowden

Parish Priest
Assistant Priest
Administrator

Fr Daniel writes:

With the beginning of the lockdown around this time two years ago, and while society was thrown into complete chaos due to the shortages of toilet paper, something new and exciting appeared, it was called: THE LIVESTREAMING. Catholics had the possibility, for the first time ever, to fulfil the Sunday Mass obligation from the comfort of their sofa. It was the panacea, the business, it was every Catholic teenager's dream come true. But, just as our worries about the shortages of toiletries soon disappeared, the enthusiasm around following Mass online also vanished very quickly. Something was not working, but what was it?

Some blamed it on the poor video and audio quality or the limitations of the internet bandwidth... but deep down we all knew that following the Mass online was not quite the same. We could not receive Communion, we could not pray together with our brothers and sisters, we were not allowed into the church building, which means so much to us... We tried hard, but there was, and there is, a physical aspect about the sacraments that we cannot avoid nor substitute.

Thank God this situation has now changed. Consequently, the bishops of England and Wales are asking Catholics, who are not impeded for a serious reason, to return to the practice of coming physically to church for Mass on Sundays and Solemnities: *"The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply"*.

[...] *"Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply.*

[...] *In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.*

As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives."

6th SUNDAY of EASTER

Sat 21/5 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass <i>Grove Park</i>	Charlie Flattery Celine Murphy	SICK ANN
Sun 22/5 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	6 th SUNDAY of EASTER <i>Gunnersbury</i>	Margaret & Krystyna Katusuah Beatrice King Mary O'Rourke Kathleen Keane People of the Parish	INT RD ANN RD RIP INT
Mon 23/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Henry Song	SICK
Tue 24/5 10.00am 11.30am	EASTER FERIA	Funeral of Ping Lin Funeral of Dominic Muller	RIP RIP
Wed 25/5 10.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	ST BEDE <i>Comboni Convent</i>	Stefan Pietraszewska & Deceased family members Funeral of David Gardner Philips Mother	RIP RIP SICK
Thur 26/5 10.00am 7.30pm	ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Esteri Sartori People of the Parish	RD INT
Fri 27/5 10.00am 6.00pm	ST AUGUSTINE <i>PIME Convent</i>	Dan & Margaret Hickey Sr. Nunzialba Carsana	ANN RIP
Sat 28/5 10.00am 11-11.45am 12.15pm 5-5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	EASTER FERIA <i>Grove Park</i>	Kan Tan Young Confession Baptism Holy Hour and Confession Benediction James Fullerton Helen Biggins	ANN 1 st ANN 3 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, 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 and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: David Gardner, Raymond Daniels, Ping Lin, Dominic Muller, Raymond Zucconi, Melanie Sanderson, Frieda Batarseh. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Celine Murphy, James Fullerton - 1st Anniversary, Beatrice King, Dan & Margaret Hickey, Kan Tan Young, Helen Biggins. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.273

1st Reading: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Psalm: 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.281:

1st Reading: Acts 7: 55-60

Psalm: 96: 1-2, 6-7, 9

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

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'.

ALLEN HALL SEMINARY NEWS – available FREE at the back.

REPOSITORY – The Repository is open 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*. **£10,069 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 assist Comboni Sr Rosemary Herrera in Arequipa, Peru, hoping for a total of £4855. **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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD is this Thursday 26th May. Masses are at 10.00am and 7.30pm (both simple said Masses).

PRIEST TRAINING FUND (PTF) - Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection. An additional £1,075 has been donated by Chiswick bringing the total to **£3,111 and with the £147.50 by Grove Park makes an excellent grand total of £3,258.50.** The parish collection is now closed but please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more info or online donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

SENIOR CITIZENS PLATINUM JUBILEE TEA PARTY - TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE for the 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**. Contact the Parish Office at chiswick@rcdow.org.uk or chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk or tel: 020 8994 2877 or 020 8747 5074. 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 Platinum Jubilee weekend, please email the Catholic Centre Manager at chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION, SATURDAY 5.00pm-6.00pm has returned for the first time since before the pandemic and will now continue. Why not come for some restful silent prayer and perhaps avail yourself of the Sacrament of Penance also? Confession closes at 5.45pm to enable 6.00pm Benediction.

THE FUNERAL REQUIEM MASS FOR THE LATE PING LIN - Those who knew our late parishioner, Ping Lin, who made her home so much among us in church, might wish to know that her Requiem Mass is at 10.00am, Tuesday 24th May, replacing the normal parish Mass at that time. A simple reception will follow in the Parish Centre. May she rest in peace.

CATHOLIC CENTRE, LOUNGE BAR - The Lounge Bar at the Parish Centre is now open **every Friday from 3pm to 10pm**. All welcome. In the parish synodality experience, there was hope for more social events in the Parish Centre. Please bring suggestions. The Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, W4 2AE.

IS YOUR CHILD 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD? Did you know that you are entitled to Free Nursery Childcare Provision? We have part time places in our well-equipped Nursery classes run by experienced, fully qualified teachers and Nursery Education Officers. We offer an outstanding provision for our children with a well-resourced classroom, a warm friendly team of teachers and staff. Visits are warmly welcomed. Please contact Miss Amy Williams in our school admin team to arrange an appointment, or informal discussion on 020 0208 994 5606 or email: office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY - Although the days of the *The Universe* in print have gone, the group has powerfully re-launched itself digitally with the full endorsement of Cardinal Vincent. There's the website full of news and articles as well as options for reduced subscriptions for the digital *Universe Catholic Weekly* sent to your email: <https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/>

CARDINAL'S MASS FOR THOSE PRIESTS WHO DIED UNDER COVID REGS - At 12.30pm on Saturday 28th May in Westminster Cathedral, Cardinal Vincent is celebrating a Requiem Mass for the 19 priests of our diocese, including **Fr John Seabrook, Parish Priest of St Joseph's Grove Park**, who died over the last two years when Covid regulations prescribed free attendance at their funerals. Parishioners and priests are warmly invited to attend. There is a reception afterwards in Cathedral Hall. May they rest in peace. If you cannot attend in person there is live-streaming via the Cathedral website: <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/>

ST DUNSTAN'S, GUNNERSBURY NOTES

The Funeral Mass for the late Raymond Zucconi will be at 11.00am Monday 30th May with burial afterwards in Gunnersbury Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

The Funeral Mass for the late Miss Melanie Sanderson will be at 10.30am Wednesday 1st June with burial afterwards in Gunnersbury Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

A JUBILEE COFFEE MORNING will be held on Sunday 5th June after the 10.00am Mass in the Priest's House. All are welcome.

ST JOSEPH'S, GROVE PARK NOTES

CARDINAL VINCENT TO REMEMBER FR JOHN SEABROOK - please see the item above re: Cathedral Mass 12.30pm, 28th May.

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

CATHOLIC LISTENERS - A new confidential listening helpline. **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. 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 info please contact Ade, Catholiclisteners@gmail.com or phone 08004480704.

THE PARADOX OF ABUNDANCE - Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." CAFOD's new campaign is called *Fix the Food System*. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for info, including for parish groups.

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!

PLANT SALE - *Parishioner Kay Senior writes:* Covid last year prevented me holding a charity plant sale opposite the church as previously, so I sold them from home. I'm doing the same this year in Flanchford Road (near Hartswood Road end) on 28th and 29th May from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Please come along and if there are volunteers to make tea and provide gifts of home-made cakes, you will be able to sit and enjoy my small but beautiful garden. All offers of help to kay.senior@btinternet.com as soon as possible please. I also need grand maman jam jars for my delicious low sugar marmalade. Please email if you have any to pick up. All profits go towards establishing a Hospice in Chiswick.

Collections for last weekend:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
£3850.37
St. Joseph's Grove Park
£208.38

Thank you for your generosity.