



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

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23rd APRIL 2023

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Fr. Daniel writes:



In our first reading, St Peter says something very interesting about Jesus, “God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades, for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since as David says of him...you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.” This reflects what we profess in the Apostle’s Creed and we find in the Catechism, that with his human soul united to his divine person, the dead Christ descended into Hell (*the Catechism, para 632 & 636*). It is a terrific truth which raises two questions; first what is hell? Second, why did Jesus go there? Hell according to Scripture is the abode of the dead, *Sheol* in Hebrew or *Hades* in Greek, a place for those who are deprived of the vision of God (*the Catechism, para 633*). Hell is the absence of God, a place where God is not. Before Jesus’ Resurrection, the fate of all the dead, both evil and righteous, was to descend into hell, as they awaited the arrival of the Redeemer. This does not mean they were treated the same, as we know from the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, the rich man was in agony, while Lazarus rested in the bosom of Abraham. It is these faithful whom Jesus descends into hell for, not to deliver the damned, or to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him (*the Catechism, para 633*). Jesus goes to hell to preach the Gospel to the dead. Those who know his voice, hear his call, they rise up and follow Christ into eternal life. What a sight it must have been! Therefore, we can see that Jesus’ victory over sin and death is total. Our God’s care for us transcends not only the prison bars of death but also time as by descending to hell Christ spreads his redemptive work to all humanity of all times and all places, “for all who are saved have been made sharers in the redemption.” (*the Catechism, para 634*). The descent into hell shows us not only how much Jesus loves humanity, but also how far he is willing to go to save us. Not only does he become like us, not only does he suffer and die like us, he descended to where God was not, to free us from the chains of death. This is the source of hope, we know that no matter how far we fall, no matter how bad it gets, our God will come to where we are, hold out his hand and invite us to repent and follow him. This is what we celebrate at Easter every year, that thanks to Jesus’ Passion, Death and Resurrection, death is no longer the end,

hell is our prison no more! Our Lord has shown us the path of life, if we want this, then we need to follow him, by actions and our words, in both this life and the next. In the wonderful words of St Josemaria Escriva, “*The Lord’s triumph, on the day of the Resurrection, is final. Be filled with hope: Jesus Christ is always victorious.*”

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| Sat 22/4 6.30pm 6.30pm | Vigil Mass <i>Grove Park</i> | Margaret Cooney Mary & Frank O’Brien | INT INT |
| Sun 23/4 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm | 3 rd SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Gunnersbury</i> | Anthony Farrell Cyprian Uchendu People of the Parish Mary Madden Judith Carratu John Brunton | ANN ANN INT RD RD RD |
| Mon 24/4 10.00am | ST GEORGE | Sean Grealley | 1 st ANN |
| Tue 25/4 10.00am | ST MARK | Nicholas Hynan | ANN |
| Wed 26/4 10.00am 6.00pm | EASTER FERIA | Davidier, Chaudhre & Alphonse Families Sr. Luisa de Berti | INT RD |
| Thur 27/4 10.00am | EASTER FERIA | Helen McCroaly | RD |
| Fri 28/4 10.00am 6.00pm | EASTER FERIA | Joan Coates – Birthday Mrs Butler | INT RD |
| Sat 29/4 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm | ST CATHERINE OF SIENA <i>Grove Park</i> | The Sweeney Family Confession Confession Paddy Quinn Nonie Leonard & Family | RIP ANN INT |

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, 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 Sheehan, Vinny McNamara, Sophie Duarte Bravo, Carlos Amaro Bitencourt, Maria Jose Bitencourt, Vera Jansen, Dr. Charles Bredin, Mary Frain, Josie Jordon, Margaret Organ, Natalie Williams, Dine-Hart Family, Michel Sfeir, Monica McGowan, Kirsten Constance (and her baby) and those suffering.

For the recently deceased: Kevin Gavin, Beth Jarvis, Michael Pickersgill and John Catchpole. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Anthony Farrell, Cyprian Uchendu, Sean Grealley 1st Anniversary, Nicholas Hynan, Paddy Quinn, Lovina Gracias. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND’S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.258

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-4, 22-33

Psalm: 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-21

Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

NEXT WEEKEND’S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.262

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14, 36-41

Psalm: 22

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 20-25

Gospel: John 10: 1-10

PLEASE REMEMBER: TEST OF GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY ALERT ON MOBILE PHONES TODAY AT 3.00pm - The text will read: "This is a test of **Emergency Alerts**, a new UK government service that will warn you if there's a life-threatening emergency nearby.

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. **£3464.17** has been donated so far. 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 so our fundraising thermometer can keep going up! 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 Cardinal's Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; the Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal. **£1552.64** has been donated so far. Take a donation envelope either for info or to use the QR code to make your donation online, though pls let the Parish Office know so our fund-raising thermometer at the back of church can keep going up!

CASH placed in the Lent Project money 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 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. Undesignated cheques will be divided as per the cash in the Lent Project box.

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 next weekend. This fund pays for priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year 8 men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and 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. Donations envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations Thank you for your generosity.

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 TODAY. 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 25th April. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

BAPTISM - The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 9th and 23rd May, 7.30pm in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or online via the parish website: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org

PARISH VOLUNTEERS - Sharon, Parish Administrator, or Tomas, our seminarian, will be emailing parish volunteers offering opportunities to those who need them for the renewing of their DBS certificates. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative, Catherine Sutherland, 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. Any enquiries to: chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Dates: From 10.00am to 1.00pm on Tues 25th April or Sat 29th.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS - The Tuesday post-Mass coffee morning and Friday Coffee morning resumes this Tues 25th April 10.30am in St. Edward's Rm and Friday 28th April 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

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 housebound at home (for which a DBS certificate would be required) then please mention it to Fr Michael. Thank you.

SENIOR CITIZENS CORONATION TEA PARTY, Bank Holiday Monday, 8th May, in the Parish Centre. 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 Bank Holiday Monday 8th May. For tickets, contact Sharon in the Parish Office at chiswick@rcdow.org.uk or tel: 020 8994 2877. If you require transport to/from the Coronation Tea Party, please contact **Jackie Knight on 07712 675020 or jmq123@btinternet.com** Coronation Chicken sandwiches will be served! - as well as scones, jam and cream, followed by cakes and fruit, with finally a glass of celebratory fizz for the loyal toast. **We also need volunteers to set up, serve and wash up** after the tea party and also teenagers/young people out there who would also like to help? **Also, are there any drivers** who could assist please to collect and return to home some guests? We are also looking for **helpers to set up and decorate the Hall** at 11.00am Monday 8th May. If any of this will work for you on Coronation Monday, please email Jackie on: jmq123@btinternet.com or **give her a call on 07712 675020.** Thus: Jackie to volunteer help or arrange transport; Sharon/Parish Office to obtain tickets.

GROVE PARK NOTES

CHISWICK & GROVE PARK BRIDGE CLUB - meets every Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Parish Room of St Joseph's Church, 1 Bolton Rd. There's a table fee of £3.00. For info call Phil Tait on 07860575135 or email philliptait@btinternet.com

VOCATIONS OPEN EVENING - On Weds 17th May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre with short presentation, informal conversations, refreshments. Tubes: Bond St & Baker St.

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.spiritansound.com and <https://www.youtube.com/@OLUWAFEMIORILUACSSP>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. Sun 19th Nov to Mon 27th Nov. See: Galilee; Jerusalem; Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow. Cost, full board £2,265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill 01732 886666.

CATHOLIC CARE AGENCY, SDCARE, Home-based or Domiciliary Care - Being independent and comfortable at home is the key to happiness. SD Care offers specialised and adaptable home care for the elderly and support for their families. We use the same ethos of care and support for our excellent nursing teams as they do for you. That means a tailored, flexible care at home service with motivated staff providing the best standard of physical and emotional support. Whether that is a couple of hours per week, 24 hour live-in or night sitting, our dedicated care workers come highly recommended. For more info go to www.sdcare.co.uk

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS - are on a stand at the back of the church. This now includes new booklets for Lent with daily reflections and prayers. 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. It is open after all Sunday morning Masses.

Collections for last weekend:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
16/2/23 - £4382.09

St Joseph's Grove Park 16/2/23 - £206.35

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