



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

23rd JULY 2023

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fr Michael writes:

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50) is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for today's World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. This celebration of Grandparents and the Elderly and its associated prayer for them is always placed on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, which this year falls on Wednesday, 26th July. Saints Joachim and Anne being the Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary were thus the Grandparents of Jesus. The words of the theme recall us to the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her elder cousin, St Elizabeth. In his message for today's celebration Pope Francis reflects on the Visitation as:

the joyful meeting, between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth. Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth addressed the Mother of God with words that, millennia later, continue to echo in our daily prayer: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." The Holy Spirit, who had earlier descended upon Mary, prompted her to respond with the Magnificat, in which she proclaimed that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation. That same Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations: between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly or to push them to the margins of life, as tragically happens all too often in our time. Let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. His loving plan spans past, present and future; it embraces and connects the generations. It is greater than we are, yet includes each of us and calls us at every moment to keep pressing forward. In the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, between young and old, God points us towards the future that he is opening up before us. Indeed, Mary's visit and Elizabeth's greeting open our eyes to the dawn of salvation: in their embrace, God's mercy quietly breaks into human history amid abundant joy. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future.

He has a strong and practical request, too, that the young make a point of visiting their grandparents or an elderly neighbour living alone this weekend.

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| Sat 22/7 6.30pm 6.30pm | Vigil Mass Grove Park | Jolanta Wozniak Rita Willis | RD RD |
| Sun 23/7 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am | 16 th SUNDAY IN OT Gunnersbury | Breege Doherty Patrick Fintan Kehoe People of the Parish Basilio, Juana & John Rodriguez Fr. Frank Flynn Helena Ronan | RD ANN INT ANN ANN ANN |
| 12.15pm 6.30pm | | | |
| Mon 24/7 10.00am | FERIA | Oonah McFarlane Wells | RD |
| Tue 25/7 10.00am | ST JAMES | Andrew O'Shaughnessy | RD |
| Wed 26/7 10.00am 6.00pm | Ss JOACHIM & ANNE Comboni Convent | Breege Doherty Sr. Orsolina & Sr. Luisella Musazzi | RD RD |
| Thur 27/7 10.00am | FERIA | John Kilroe | RD |
| Fri 28/7 10.00am | FERIA | Michael & Tina Maher – 60 th Wedding Anniversary | INT |
| Sat 29/7 10.00am 11.00am 12 Noon | Ss MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS | Freda Hargraves Confession Memorial Mass for Margaret Workman | ANN RIP |
| 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm | | Confession John Hogan Baby Edward Walker | RD RD RD |

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, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Mike O'Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Pascale Murphy, Claudio Bogi, Gloria Weymouth, Theresa Southern, Constance Redmond, Georgia, Brid, Tony Sheehan, Vera Jansen, Dr. Charles Bredin, Mary Frain, Natalie Williams, Monica McGowan, Kirsten Constance (and her baby), Kay Kiggins, Peter Kerridge, Brian Moignard, Nora Murphy, Bernadette Boylan, James Ward, Jenni Brown, Annette Griffin, Conrad Murphy and those suffering.

For the recently deceased: Fr Mark Leenane, late PP of St Vincent de Paul Parish, Osterley; Fred Moses, P.C.Wrynne and Margaret Workman. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Patrick Fintan Kehoe, Basilio, Juana & John Rodriguez, Fr. Frank Flynn, Helena Ronan, Freda Hargraves. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 105

1st Reading: **Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**

Psalm: **85: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8: 26-27**

Gospel: **Matthew 13: 24-43**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 108

1st Reading: **1 Kings 3:5, 7-12**

Psalm: **118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:28-30**

Gospel: **Matthew 13: 44-52**

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. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS' at the back of the church.

SIMPLE MASSES FOR SUMMER: -The Sunday Masses in which there is routinely the Choir or the singing of hymns will become simpler over these weeks of July and August. The 11.00am Choir is on holidays and so are the musicians who support the 9.45am and 12.15pm Masses. It is hoped the 11.00am Mass can sustain hymns. Regarding **weekday Masses**, these will remain the same except that the Friday 6.00pm Mass in the PIME Convent, Chiswick Lane, is suspended for the holiday period and will resume in September.

NEWSLETTERS will continue for the Sundays of July but then they will cease for the month of August with the first Newsletter of the new academic year being on Sunday 3rd September. **Those thinking ahead about applications for the new academic year's Youth Confirmation Programme and RCIA** (for adults thinking of becoming Catholics or Catholics who have not received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation) **need not be concerned as all details will be published with ample time allowed from September.** However, the First Holy Communion programme is detailed immediately below:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/2024 – Registration is OPEN
This year the registration for the sacramental programme is online, via the parish website <http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org> The closing date to register for First Holy Communion is Sunday 24th September, with the course beginning with the Enrolment Mass on Sunday 1st October at the 12.15pm Mass. The course is open to parishioners' children living within the parish boundaries of Chiswick, Gunnersbury and Grove Park, and who regularly attend Mass. Exceptionally, others with good reason may apply but those will need permission of their respective Parish Priests.

BAPTISM – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 5th and 12th Sept in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or online via the parish website: <http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org>

A PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX in the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of St Thérèse – What about combining the delights of autumn in Normandy and immersion, in her sesquicentenary, into the life, spirituality and 'Little Way' of St Thérèse of Lisieux? The four night and five day trip will allow for one full day visiting the places associated with St Thérèse in Lisieux itself, including the Carmelite Convent in which she lived and died in her vocation; then a day in Alençon and environs, the place of her birth and childhood; and finally a day on a thousand years of Norman and British history in a trip to include Falaise Castle, birthplace of William the Conqueror, and the historic city of Bayeux, with Cathedral, Museum and Tapestry, returning to Lisieux via Gold Beach, the central of five heroic landings on D Day 1944. **From 16th to 21st October 2023**, we travel from and to Chiswick by de luxe minibus via Eurotunnel. We stay in the Grand Hôtel de l'Espérance (3*). Based on fifteen pilgrims (and a stable currency exchange and other costs), single occupancy will be £740; double occupancy just £601 per person, excluding lunches, entrance fees and personal expenses. If interested, please contact the Parish Office. With the parish organizing the trip, pilgrims **MUST** have personal travel insurance and sign a waiver of liability and assumption of risk. Any monies paid cannot be refunded unless a substitute pilgrim, if a waiting list develops, takes the place of a cancellation.

NATIONAL GALLERY'S ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI TOURS - The St Francis Leprosy Guild's co-ordinator, Eileen, 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. The **LAST OPPORTUNITY for this tour is at 11.00am Saturday 29/07**, next Saturday. If interested please soon contact Eileen on 07542817869 or eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org)

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are welcome to join the weekly social gathering of young adults in our parish. Meet outside church after the 6.30pm Sunday Mass. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

PARISH VOLUNTEERS & DBS Certs – 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 Please contact the Parish Office for an the appointment.

COMBONI THANKS! – Sr Natalia and Comboni friends are very grateful to all who came to support the Quiz Night and Pizza last Friday and all who volunteered to help at the event, including the Comboni Sisters in Aboke, Uganda, who administer the girls' school which will benefit from the funds raised and so transform more girls' lives in Uganda. **The Quiz Night and Pizza raised an amazing £2,187.** With this combined with those who supported the **Sponsored Walk from Fulham to Westminster Cathedral on 10th June, which itself raised an astonishing £4,439**, the total raised for the school project is **£6,626.** £6,000 was sent to the school on 20th July for them to begin the work. The overall total needed is £10,000, so if anyone can give ideas for raising £3,374, or who can contribute something towards the £3,374, Sr Natalia would welcome a conversation! Thanks to all who supported these events!

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – Please note: NO meeting on Tues 25th July. The group is convening again at 7.30pm on Tues 1st August. For info: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

CARD-READERS FOR DONATIONS TO CHURCH – A new development in church are the card-readers, much recommended by the diocese and requested by many visitors to the parish as well as parishioners. There's a question about connectivity with the church internet as they can be slow. Among Fr Michael's many quibbles with them is that they don't say 'Thank you' after receiving a donation. The parish is, however, very grateful for all contributions!

ST JOSEPH'S GROVE PARK NOTES

NEW VICAR OF ST. PAUL'S GROVE PARK – At 7.30pm Monday 24th July the new Vicar of St Paul's, Rev Caroline Halmshaw, is to be installed by the Bishop of Kensington. Parishioners would be welcome to attend, with reception afterwards.

PRESBYTERY REFURBISHMENT - Those who have house keys from previous need must not enter the house as it is legally a building site! The usage of church and Parish Room is not affected.

THE LATE FR MARK LEENANE, Parish Priest of Osterley, RIP
The Requiem Mass for the late Fr Mark will be at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 1st August at St Vincent de Paul Church. His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be the principal celebrant. The parish website is: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/osterley/>

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 at the Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Ave, on the last Wednesday of every month, 2.30pm-4.30pm. The next event will take place on Weds 26th July. There'll be a classic afternoon tea with music, a guest speaker, 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.

CATHOLIC CENTRE LOUNGE BAR is open for all to enjoy on Fridays from 12 Noon to 10.00pm, Saturdays and Sundays 12 Noon to 6.00pm. All welcome.

A DAY WITH MARY – The next of these opportunities is on Sat 29th July at Westminster Cathedral 9.45am to 5.30pm. The following Sat 5th August, the Day with Mary is again relatively close at St Mary of the Angels Church, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, 10.00am to 5.30pm. For more info see the leaflet at the back of the church.

YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION - The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, formation on *Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham*, among other topics, will be given. Come either: 14th - 21st Aug or 30th Aug - 6th Sept. To find out more, please enquire by 31st July by emailing the COLW Sisters at freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org

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! Please note next Tuesday 25th and Friday 29th July will be the last coffee mornings before they conclude for the August break and will resume in September. *Thanks to all the volunteers.*

Collections for last weekend:

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