



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

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24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

## 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Fr Michael writes:

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July is the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary, and so grandparents of Jesus. This being the case, today as the closest Sunday to the 26<sup>th</sup> is the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly as instituted by Pope Francis just a year ago in 2021. His theme for this year is from Psalms (92:15), *In old age they will still bear fruit*. As ever with such a day there is a rich meditation from the Holy Father which rewards reading by every age and generation of reader and which can be easily found in full on the diocesan website [ [www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.rcdow.org.uk) ] but we are also invited to visit or accompany one or several of the elderly living alone: *"Let us make sure that no one feels alone on this day,"* he writes. *"Expecting a visit can transform those days when we think we have nothing to look forward to; from an initial encounter, a new friendship can emerge. Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time!"* The Church is even offering a plenary indulgence to all elderly who participate in the celebration of this day today, either in person or virtually, for themselves or the Holy Souls, as well as to all those who visit or accompany the elderly, fulfilling the usual conditions, of Communion, Confession and praying for the Pope's intentions.

### From the Holy Father's reflection:

*"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true "gospel" that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbour few expectations for the future.*

*Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the mindset of the "throw-away culture". The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!*

*Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer. Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts. We can be the enduring chorus of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life.*

### 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 23/7 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass <b>Grove Park</b>	Thanksgiving – Mary Hayes Imelda Gemma	INT 16 <sup>th</sup> ANN
Sun 24/7 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	17 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time <b>Gunnersbury</b>	John Hunt People of the Parish Anne O'Gorman Maura Connaughton Hedley Cox Helena Ronan	RD INT RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> ANN RD ANN
Mon 25/7 10.00am	<b>ST JAMES</b>	Anne McNeill	INT
Tue 26/7 10.00am	<b>ST JOACHIM &amp; MARY</b>	Olive Prosper	RD
Wed 27/7 10.00am	<b>FERIA</b>	Easter Brown	RIP
Thur 28/7 10.00am	<b>FERIA</b>	Joseph Quinn	INT
Fri 29/7 10.00am	<b>Ss MARTHA, MARY &amp; LAZARUS</b>	Freda Hargraves	ANN
Sat 30/7 10.00am 11-11.45am 12.15pm 5-5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	<b>FERIA</b> <b>Grove Park</b>	Sr. Catarina Lawlor <b>Confession</b> <b>Baptism</b> <b>Holy Hour &amp; Confession</b> <b>Benediction</b> Henry Song Hugh Dommett	INT     SICK 10 <sup>th</sup> ANN

### LET US PRAY

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthly, 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.Wrynn, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Iris Faulkner, Mike O'Farrelly and those suffering.

**For those recently deceased:** Mary Galvin, Patricia Chapman, Josef Garbowski, Mary Daly. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Imelda Gemma, Maura Connaughton, Helena Ronan, Freda Hargraves, Hugh Dommett. May they Rest in Peace.

### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.114

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Genesis 18:20-32**

Psalm: **137:1-3, 6-8**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Colossians 2:12-14**

Gospel: **Luke 11:1-12**

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.117:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Ecclesiasters 1:2; 2:21-23**

Psalm: **89: 3-6, 12-14, 17**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11**

Gospel: **Luke 12:13-21**

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## FURTHER EXTRACT FROM POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE:

We [the elderly] ought to take care of ourselves and remain active in our later years. This is also true from a spiritual standpoint: we ought to cultivate our interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. In addition to our relationship with God, we should also cultivate our relationships with others: first of all by showing affectionate concern for our families, our children and grandchildren, but also for the poor and those who suffer, by drawing near to them with practical assistance and our prayers. These things will help us not to feel like mere bystanders, sitting on our porches or looking out from our windows, as life goes on all around us. Instead, we should learn to discern everywhere the presence of the Lord. Like "green olive trees in the house of God" (cf. Ps 52:10), we can become a blessing for those who live next to us. Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for the concerns, thoughts and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations. This would be our own contribution to the revolution of tenderness, a spiritual and non-violent revolution in which I encourage you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, to take an active role.

**SEA SUNDAY – Thank you** for giving to Sea Sunday recently. An additional £95 was donated by **Chiswick** totalling **£848.07** and **£20** by **Grove Park** totalling **£173.52** making a **grand total of £1021.59**. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris Chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk) and if you still wish to donate visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate)

**CONVENT MASSES CONCLUDED FOR THE SUMMER** – Mass for both the Comboni Convent and the PIME Convent on Chiswick Lane have concluded for the summer. It is expected that both Masses, which are open to parishioners and the public, will resume, if the Sisters request it, in September.

**VISITING PRIESTS ON MASSES** – Fr Michael is back to being sole resident in the presbytery, which may well mean the door and phone is not answered outside of office hours if he has appointments in or away from the house. It also means there will be a number of visiting priests to celebrate Masses both at weekends and during the week. Please make them welcome.

**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.

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is convening weekly via the Zoom. The next meeting takes place on 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm. Contact John O'Brien:07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SECONDARY AND PRIMARY, 2022** Details of times to apply to Fr Michael for a Certificate of Catholic Practice for school applications in the autumn term, if your Catholic practice allows for it, will be advertised only in September.

**CATHOLIC LISTENERS** - A new confidential helpline **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, for those returning to the faith. Although not a counselling service, we have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Contact Ade, [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com) or 08004480704.

**TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS** – The Tuesday morning post-Mass coffee morning in the St Edward's Room has now concluded for the summer break. The Friday coffee morning in the Parish Centre will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am in the Lounge Bar and will then conclude until September. All are very welcome!

**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.

Collections for last weekend:

**OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick**  
**£3670.19**

**St. Joseph's Grove Park**  
**£226.62**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## GUNNERSBURY NOTES

**PARISH FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING** – please see the note below with the same heading. Volunteers most welcome.

**PARISH FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING** – Those who have formerly been Covid Stewards among other relevant church volunteers are invited to attend Fire Marshall training on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> July between 7.00 to 9.00 pm so that the parish can appoint Fire Marshall for each weekend Mass. (The skills to be learnt are entirely transferable to different weekend Masses as the same procedures will be followed at all Masses.) This will take place in the church of St Vincent de Paul, 2 Witham Road, Osterley, TW7 4AJ. Please e-mail the Chiswick parish office to indicate if you would very generously be willing to be trained and qualified for this important mandatory role in the parish. Parking is available.

## GROVE PARK NOTES

**PARISH FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING** – please see the note above with the same heading. Volunteers most welcome.

**BAPTISM** – It is possible to apply for infant baptism currently either with the form from the board at the back of church, the Parish Office or via the parish website. The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September in the church and St Edward's Room.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2022/23** will, it is to be hoped at last after the worst of the pandemic, begin again this autumn rather than with an abbreviated course beginning in January 2023. There will be plenty of time to apply for the programmes in September with programmes beginning in October at the earliest. No application forms are yet available.

**ADULT CONFIRMATIONS & RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or THINKING ABOUT CATHOLICISM?** – If you know of anyone who is considering becoming a Catholic or if a Catholic has missed out on any of the sacraments, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the course to follow. It will be on Weds at 7.00pm from Nov 2022 to May 2023. No details are yet available. There will be plenty of time to apply for the programme in Sept/Oct.

**FUNDING A DEFIBRILLATOR** - Pankaj Patel, the Treasurer of Age Concern, Chiswick, will be running 10km on July 30 to raise funds for a defibrillator and associated training for the benefit of the elderly members of Age Concern. He has set up a fundraising page that can be accessed via <https://gofund.me/06283014>

**AMORIS LAETITIA** – The Joy of Love – New reflection document on Marriage and Family Life (MFL). The MFL Committee, chaired by Bishop David Oakley, has produced a document of reflections on the main themes of Amoris Laetitia called 'The Joy of Love':- [www.cbcew.org.uk/the-joy-of-love-new-reflection-document-on-marriage-and-family-life/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/the-joy-of-love-new-reflection-document-on-marriage-and-family-life/) "Amoris Laetitia should be read in a contemplative way. It's a text you receive in your heart – an opportunity to contemplate the mystery of love within marriage and family life and to grow a sense of discipleship" Bishop David Oakley

**VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS** are Catholic young people aged 18-35, from all over the world, who commit a year of their lives to the service of vulnerable people. During their year with us, they live in a community of three or four people and engage in voluntary work in partnership with other, well known charity organisations in order to help the impoverished, the homeless, the disabled, refugees and those suffering with addictions within the local community. We are still recruiting for 2022/23 (September 2022 to July 2023) for more details visit <https://www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk/>

**GK CHESTERTON PILGRIMAGE** - The 12th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place this year on the hundredth anniversary of GKC being received into the Catholic Church, Saturday 30th July. Please send any prayer requests to: [CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk) or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayercards can be found on our website, [www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk](http://www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk) Over the years we have raised over £15,000 for the Good Counsel Network with sponsorship from the Pilgrimage. Donations can be made here, <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gkcwalk22>

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