



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

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25<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*Fr Daniel writes:*

### Celibacy – God's gift to the Church

This weekend I celebrate my first anniversary as a priest, it is incredible how quickly time passes! It has been a very enjoyable year thanks to you, the good people of Chiswick, and of course Fr Michael. When I first informed my family and friends of my decision to become a priest, although most were supportive, some treated me like Jeremiah. They denounced me, denounced the Church and wondered at various points if I would be seduced into error. For many it was the notion of celibacy that they struggled with, they regarded it as bizarre, even unhealthy, and could not understand the need for it. Pope St John XXIII famously described celibacy as “*a sacrifice which the Church has imposed upon herself freely, generously and heroically.*” Over this last year I have begun to appreciate the truth of his very accurate and bold words. Firstly, celibacy is a way of the priest bearing witness to the transcendent, we stake our lives on the fact that this life is not all there is, that God exists and so does his Kingdom. It is a tough ask but by living chastely and through supernatural grace, the heart of a priest's heart is refined and able to love in a different way. It allows the priest to focus his heart completely upon the people he serves. As the Dominican, Fr Carter Griffin explains, “*Celibacy is not [the priest's] gift to God, but God's gift to the Church*”. This last year I have begun to understand that God sends to his people priests whose sole focus is them, ministering to them and serving them. Over this last year I have had the privilege of sharing in your joys, your sorrows, I am slowly understanding that a priest's greatest gift is not his words or deeds, quite often it is simply to be present with you in those most key moments. Day by day I am learning how, as Fr Carter explains, chastity keeps a priest's soul free to love unconditionally, imitating Christ by being present to you his people, in your greatest need. I understand that although celibacy is not a path for everyone, it is the path Jesus has chosen for me. After one year of priesthood, I am thankfully still smiling, I am still learning; and most importantly I am enjoying my mission in Chiswick serving you. Thank you for your support and prayers. I hope and pray that my second year of priesthood will be as fruitful and enjoyable as the first!

### 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 24/6 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Deceased O'Sullivan & Hayes Families Tony Ryan	RIP ANN
6.30pm	Grove Park		
Sun 25/6 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	12 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN OT  Gunnerysbury	Imelda Valentine & Family Peter John Carvalho People of the Parish Pearl Boney – Birthday Margaret Organ Bernadette Boylan	INT ANN INT INT RD SICK
Mon 26/6 10.00am	FERIA	Ellen O'Brien	ANN
Tue 27/6 10.00am	ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH	Mattie Moran	RD
Wed 28/6 10.00am 6.00pm	ST IRENAEUS  Comboni Convent Ss Peter & Paul Vigil Mass	Johnnie Gamble Sr. Anna Luisa Massagrande	ANN RD
Thur 29/6 10.00am 12.30pm 7.30pm	SS PETER & PAUL	Bernadette Warrington Tony McGeever Eily Walsh	RD RD RD
Fri 30/6 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA  PIME Convent	Batt Hickey Frank McGowan	ANN SICK
Sat 1/7 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL  Grove Park	Pauline Gallagher Confession Baptism Confession Mary Galvin John Bellamy	RD ANN 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, P.C.Wyenne, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Mike O'Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Pascale Murphy, Claudio Bogi, Gloria Weymouth, Theresa Southern, Constance Redmond, Georgia, Brid, Pat Gleasure, 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 and those suffering.

**For the recently deceased:** Peter Perry and Silvia Sobral. May they RIP.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Fr Brendan Rumley S.J., Tony Ryan, Peter John Carvalho, Ellen O'Brien, Johnnie Gamble, Batt Hickey, Mary Galvin and Julie Peters. May they Rest in Peace.

#### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.93

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Jeremiah 20: 10-13**

Psalm: **68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Romans 5: 12-15**

Gospel: **Matthew 10: 26-33**

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 96

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16**

Psalm: **88:2-3, 16-19**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

Gospel: **Matthew 10:37-42**

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSE WEEKLY** – Such has been the demand for a return in hard copy of the Catholic Universe Weekly, we now have some copies at the back of church. £3.50 per copy with cash to the the 'Catholic Papers' box at the back.

**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.

**COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTERS' APPEAL TODAY** – This weekend at all Masses, the Comboni Missionary Sisters will be speaking on behalf of all Orders of Missionary Sisters in the UK for the annual mission appeal. There will be a retiring collection for the work of all Orders as all contributions will be divided nationally between the Orders. Sr. Asmeret and Sr. Natalia will be speaking.

**Sts PETER AND PAUL, 29<sup>th</sup> June, Holy Day of Obligation** – This **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** is the great celebration in the Church's year of the Princes of the Apostles. Parish Masses are at **10.00am** (with St Mary's School), **12.30pm** and **7.30pm**. (There'll also be the **Vigil Mass at the Comboni Convent at 6.00pm on Weds 28<sup>th</sup> June** which fulfils the obligation to attend Mass on the Solemnity.)

**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. (11.00am Saturday 1/07; 8/07; 29/07. See the Guild poster at the back and contact Eileen on 07542817869 or [eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org](mailto: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. This Sunday evening 25<sup>th</sup> June we have a Q&A session with the priests of the parish after Mass in the St Edward's Room from c7.15 to 8.15pm. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

**MEN'S GROUP** - Our next meeting is on Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July, at 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for Lectio Divina, reflecting on the next Sunday's Gospel, followed by a drink at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: [donnellysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnellysm@hotmail.com) or just turn up.

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is *not* in fact convening this week but will do so via Zoom next week at 7.30pm Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. For info: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING** - If any child who has made their First Holy Communion would like to train as an altar server, please come to the church with a parent on Sunday 2nd July at 4.00pm for one hour. If interested, perhaps also come to the 11.00am Sunday Mass that morning as the children who have completed training over the last year will be commissioned into the Guild of St Septhen for Altar Servers at that Mass.

**BAPTISM** – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or via the parish website: [www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org](http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org)

**THE SUNDAY 9.45am FAMILY MASS** – The 9.45 'Family Mass' aspires to be especially accessible for children, hence the Children's Liturgy during term-time in the St Edward's Room. Please could parents and perhaps children, too, reflect how to enhance this accessibility, perhaps through music and other ways to encourage greater participation and let Fr Michael know any ideas. *Thank you.*

**Two 9.45am innovations so far in the light of suggestions are:**

- (i) The children's percussion instruments for the last hymn;
- (ii) The provision of 30 copies of the highly recommended '**My Picture Missal**' which are available for parents/carers before the Mass at the entrance to help attract your child's attention to what's happening through pictures. Please remember to return them at the end of Mass! *Thank you.*

**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](mailto:chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) Please contact the Parish Office for an the appointment.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERING AND MINISTRY** – "*There are many different kinds of service but we serve the same Lord,*" as St Paul says in his *First Letter to the Corinthians* (12.5). Looking to the new school year in particular but with some opportunities for a start sooner, there are many enjoyable and rewarding ways in which to contribute to the parish's family life and deepen in discipleship, participating in the local mission. Could you be a parish Reader, for instance, once a month? Or help with next year's Confirmation programme in a easy conversational way and coached, as you would be also helping with First Holy Communion, by others with years of experience? If so, please do speak to one of the priests.

**FOODBANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** – Non-perishable items of food may be brought and left in the box at the back of church next weekend. Cash collection also after all Masses.

#### GROVE PARK NOTES

**NEW SPEAKER SYSTEM FOR ST JOSEPH'S** – With the new wiring already installed it is hoped that the new speaker system will be operational for next Saturday evening.

**PRESBYTERY REFURBISHMENT** - The contractors have begun their work on the refurbishment due to last for four months. Even parishioners who have keys to the house from previous need must not enter the house as it is formally a building site. The works will not affect the usage of either the Parish Room or the church.

**IS YOUR CHILD 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD?** Did you know that you are entitled to Free Nursery Childcare Provision? We have a limited number of 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 our school admin team to arrange an appointment, or informal discussion on 020 8994 5606 or email: [office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk)

**CARETAKER JOB AT ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, Duke Rd.** – 36 hrs a week from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, c£26k per annum, work in Chiswick and have no commute! If interested pls contact the school or see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/caretakerhandyman-1346413>

**CHARITY FLOWER SALE TODAY** will take place outside Kay's house, 27 Flanchford Road, 11am-1.00pm; 2pm-5pm. (All profits go to a Hospice in Chiswick). Flowers, Herbs, Marmalade and bric-a-brac for sale at reasonable prices. OLOG members will be entitled to a cup of tea in the garden once they have made their purchases.

**TABLE TOP SALE IN THE CATHOLIC CENTRE, DUKES AVE NEXT SATURDAY** 1<sup>st</sup> July from 10.00am to 4.00pm. If you wish to book a table contact Yvonne 07949262344 or 02087428496 or Pearl 07432711980. Set up is from 9.00am on the day.

**GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR** takes place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 12-4pm. There will be dozens of stalls, BBQ, raffles, music, food, bar and much more so please do come along! Entrance via Gumley Gardens, St John's Road, Isleworth TW7 6PP.

**COMBONI QUIZ NIGHT & PIZZA, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm**, raising funds for for their girls' school development in rural Uganda, transforming girls' lives. Tickets (£15) available from the Parish Office on and after 3<sup>rd</sup> July. See posters at church exits or contact the sisters: 020 8994 1220 or [combonicentre16@gmail.com](mailto:combonicentre16@gmail.com)

**PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD FROM OSTERLEY PARISH:** Coach leaves St. Vincent's, 2 Witham Rd TW7 4AJ on **Sat. 15/7/23** between 9.15-9.30am. Return at 7.00pm. See poster for details, and contact the Osterley parish office to book. Tel. 020 8560 4737 / [osterley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterley@rcdow.org.uk) Cost £19 adult, £15 child, payable to WRCDT Osterley, 41095889 / 40- 05-20 / Ref. Aylesford

**VACANCY for EA: SPUC – Society for the Protection of Unborn Children** – 21 hrs a week Executive Assistant working for the Executive Director. Pls see: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/joinourteam>

**VACANCY, CAFOD Diocese of Westminster - Community Participation Co-ordinator** – Full time role. Involves both recruitment and support of existing team of Volunteers. To inspire and resource volunteers to work with parish and school communities to enable them to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice in partnership with CAFOD. Further details see: [www.cafod.org.uk/jobs](http://www.cafod.org.uk/jobs) (Closing Date 25<sup>th</sup> June – TODAY!)

**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. Open after Sunday morning Masses.

**CALLIGRAPHY** – if you require beautiful handwriting for a wedding, birthday or special invitations/envelopes/place names etc, email Rose Villosio [rose.villosio@gmail.com](mailto:rose.villosio@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office.

**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:

**Offertory totals will be in next weekend's Newsletter**

(as the Administrator was away last week).

*Thank you for your patience and generosity.*