



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

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25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

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

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*Fr Daniel writes:*

The third Sunday of September used to be known as 'Home Mission Sunday' but is now called **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday** ('The Joy of the Gospel' Sunday, named after Pope Francis' first Apostolic Exhortation of 2013) and it offers us the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. As we hear in our Gospel this Sunday our mission to proclaim the joy of the Gospel should begin with those closest to us. If we fail it could be us and them who suffer come judgement day! This is not easy as many reject what the Gospel says because it challenges their way of living. As a good friend once said to me, "...if I accept your God then my entire way of life has to change." That is the point! We cannot encounter our risen Lord and carry on as we were.

We follow him who loved us before we were born, who loved us while we were still sinners, who died so that we might live and we do so with joy! As Pope Francis remind us, "*we cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or have always rejected him.*" We take solace and courage from this fact, after all, they rejected Jesus, so how can we expect any different? Our Lord walks with us and so fear should not prevent us from doing our Christian duty and bringing the Gospel alive to all we meet.

It begins at home, with our families and friends. Then it extends to our parish family and finally to the world. There are so many of you who already do so much to spread the joy of the Gospel in our parish. Thank you for all that you have done, we pray that God continues to grant you the courage to keep going. For those who are thinking about joining these wonderful Christians in their evangelisation of the parish you have many options. You could volunteer to be a catechist and help pass on the Gospel onto the next generation. You could become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and bring our Lord in the Eucharist to those members of our parish who are sick and housebound.

As Pope Francis encourages us, we need to use what works and find new ways to bring the joy of the Gospel to those around us. This is not a job for one person but a collective effort. Only together, through sharing ideas, learning from our failures and celebrating our success will we discover new and effective ways of bringing the joy of the Gospel alive in our world today.

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

Sat 24/9 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass  <b>Grove Park</b>	Mary O'Sullivan Alexander George	RD RD
Sun 25/9 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	26 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time  <b>Gunnersbury</b>	Maureen Marden Special Intentions People of the Parish Reynold Lombard Mary Bridget Rogers Maura Murfy	ANN INT INT SICK RIP RD
Mon 26/9 10.00am	FERIA	Luke Greally	RIP
Tue 27/9 10.00am	St Vincent de Paul	Ann Mulrooney	RD
Wed 28/9 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA  <i>(Comboni Convent)</i>	Dickie & Annie Williams Mary Ely	ANN INT
Thur 29/9 10.00am	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL and RAPHAEL	Tom Jennings	RIP
Fri 30/9 10.00am  6.00pm	St Jerome   <i>(PIME Convent)</i>	Carlos Valentine Carvallo (Birthday remembrance) Victor Young	ANN INT
Sat 1/10 10.00am 11-11.45am 5-5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	St Têrèse of the Child Jesus     <b>Grove Park</b>	John Frampton <b>Confession</b> <b>Holy Hour &amp; Confession</b> <b>Benediction</b> Reynold Lombard Brian Davison	RD    SICK 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, Elizabeth Mulhall, Pascale Murphy and all those suffering.

**For those recently deceased:** Andrea McManus and Yves Spoerry. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Rose Joseph, Victor B Ubal jnr., and Rosita Ngo. May they Rest in Peace.

#### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.143

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Amos 6:1,4-7**

Psalm: **145:7-10**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Timothy 6:11-16**

Gospel: **Luke 16:19-31**

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.146

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4**

Psalm: **94:1-2, 6-9**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **2 Timothy 1:6-8; 13-14**

Gospel: **Luke 17:5-10**

**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.

**THIS MONTH'S CATHOLIC HERALD** is just in at the back of church. An excellent and weighty read. Please remember to pay the £5 cost into the box marked 'Catholic Papers'.

**REPOSITORY** – The Repository is open after Sunday morning Masses for cards, gifts and many more items.

**A WORLD PREMIER IN THE PARISH! – At 6.30pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, Our Lady of Grace Church will host the first ever live performance of **'AQUERO'**, an oratorio on the life and experience of St Bernadette of Lourdes receiving the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858. The charitable event will raise funds for Friends of the Holy Land, the ecumenical charity of which Cardinal Vincent is Patron, supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Tickets for the concert only are £20 and are available from the Parish Office. Or, to buy a ticket for the concert AND the post-concert buffet supper in the Parish Centre at £60 each, please go to: <https://aquero-chiswick.eventbrite.co.uk>

**ALTAR SERVING RECRUITMENT – At 4.00pm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct** in church our parish Master of Ceremonies, Jim Cullen, is offering altar serving training for new servers. All parish children who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend the session which will last for one hour. At least one parent must attend the session also. New servers, supported by their parents, will need to be ready to attend the 11.00am Sunday Mass for some time before they can return to serve at a different weekend Mass.

**SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SECONDARY AND PRIMARY, 2022.** To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP), *if your Catholic practice allows for it*, you should **firstly** contact the Parish Office to request an appointment and collect a self-assessment form (which can also be sent electronically). You should **secondly** complete the self-assessment form and bring it to your appointment with Fr Michael. You should not bring blank CCPs from schools. If you are a Catholic but not a *practising* Catholic, it will be impossible to issue a CCP as it is *certifying* actual Catholic practice of *habitually attending weekly Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation* over several years. The period of churches being closed is irrelevant because Catholic practice is to be evidenced over *several years*. It is also *perfectly feasible* to submit an application to a Catholic school *without* a CCP. The application would be categorised according to the admission criteria published by the school. Phone or email the office for a 10-minute slot this week within: **Weds 28<sup>th</sup> 3.00-5.30pm and Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> 3.00-4.00pm**. Following week: **Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.00-5.50pm; Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> 3.00-4.00pm; Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 3.00-5.50pm**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23: ANY LAST applications need to be SWIFTLY RECEIVED** as the programme formally begins with the Enrolment Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Please register online at the parish website: [www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org](http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org) clicking 'Sacraments' then FHC.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2022/23.** The Youth Confirmation developed over the pandemic is being kept for this academic year. Thus, all teaching sessions will be in 2023, in the Spring and Summer Terms. Fr Daniel will publish the application process later this term as well as the dates of all teaching sessions which can be entered into diaries early as attendance is essential and absence would likely result in being unable to proceed to Confirmation.

**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 course details are yet available but if you'd like to register or express an interest please contact the Parish Office; [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk) 020 8994 2877

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP) –** The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.00pm with the next session tomorrow 27<sup>th</sup> September. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**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.

**A DAY WITH MARY –** is to be hosted with convenient access from here at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, from 9.45am to 5.30pm. Sermons from Cathedral Chaplain and Canon John O'Leary, Rector of Allen Hall Seminary.

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

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT –** over the next three weekends the number in the congregation will be counted for statistical purposes.

**EXTRACT FROM EVANGELII GAUDIUM paragraphs 2&3:** *The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades. This is a very real danger for believers too. Many fall prey to it, and end up resentful, angry and listless. That is no way to live a dignified and fulfilled life; it is not God's will for us, nor is it the life in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ. I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her. The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: "Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace".*

**SAVE THE DATE for SR GRAÇA'S FAREWELL, Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct –** after twelve years in the parish and contributing so much to the parish Youth Confirmation programme in particular but also the youth group, other parish enterprises and Comboni initiatives in London and beyond, Sr Graça Almeida has been assigned by her superiors to lead the formation of a new Comboni apostolate in Porto in Portugal. A Farewell Reception will be held in the Parish Centre after 12.15pm Mass, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**CATHOLIC UNION EVENT -** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm (Doors 6pm). **Baroness Sheila Hollins** will deliver the Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture on **"Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe – Insights from the Vatican"** at the University of Notre Dame (1 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HG). In person and live streamed. Free, all welcome and followed by a Drinks Reception. To register and for livestream link, see [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or register at [info@catholicunion.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk) or 020 8749 1321.

**RETRouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages -** Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? - Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought together. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

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**TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS –** Tuesdays after the 10.00am Mass in the St Edward's Room; also Fridays in the Parish Centre after Mass. All are very welcome.

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