



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

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26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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### Fr. Michael writes:

Every year on the Fifth Sunday of Lent we priests are asked very charmingly by children after Mass, usually keenly supported by their parents also hoping for an easy answer, why it is the church's statues are veiled in sombre purple. The origins of this tradition are, if not lost in the mists of time, certainly obscure. One professor of the history of liturgy cites a 9<sup>th</sup> century German custom of extending a large cloth across the church's sanctuary effectively veiling the altar from the congregation. This cloth was intriguingly called the 'hungertuch', or 'hunger cloth', as its effect was to induce a hunger in the faithful as they yearned to satisfy their hunger for seeing Mass again at Easter. By the Middle Ages the crucifixes and statues were certainly individually covered, one spiritual interpretation being that as the Lord's divinity was veiled in His Passion, so His saints, too, normally triumphant in their witnessing to Him, would wish their victory in Him also to be veiled. Whatever the specific origins of the practice, what is clear is that it has helped us, millions of us as His disciples, to enter more deeply into His suffering over many centuries. We come into church and we know things are not normal. We miss our saints, Our Blessed Mother, the Sacred Heart; we are disturbed by their being veiled. That sense of separation can be useful to us, reminding us of how we can separate ourselves from them, each other and even ourselves, as all sin results in an alienation, an isolation, including a self-alienation from our truer selves and our destiny in God, a self-isolation which is truly woeful. With our spiritual companions veiled, we are helped in a different way to *focus*. It is not so much that they are put aside but that our focus is in participating, at however great a distance, in what Our Lord undertook for love of us, we walk *with Jesus* in His suffering and death, together with, for instance, St Simon of Cyrene or St Veronica and all other disciples through history. This spiritual practice bears fruit just as much as sin's grim harvest mentioned above. By our repentance and penance, by our conforming ourselves to Jesus as He invites us to, and by entering into His company spiritually, prayerfully, imaginatively, a miracle of grace occurs: we can bring Him *now* as much consolation as He received *then*, from Simon and Veronica, and from the other disciples close to Him through those terrible events. This realisation, with prayer bearing fruit in love, should also lead us to be a Simon or a Veronica to Him now in the least of His brothers and sisters today, and in whom He continues to walk the way of Calvary.

### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat 25/3 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass  <b>Grove Park</b>	Margaret Edwards Molly Goodall	RD RD
Sun 26/3 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am  11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT  <b>Gunnersbury</b>	Theresa Meskell Tommy Smyth Living & Deceased Members of Anna's Family Denis Cronin Laurence Dowling People of the Parish	RD RD INT/RIP  ANN RIP INT
Mon 27/3 10.00am	LENT FERIA	Mary-Jo Sheehan	RD
Tue 28/3 10.00am	LENT FERIA	Ping Lin	1 <sup>st</sup> ANN
Wed 29/3 10.00am 6.00pm	LENT FERIA  <i>Comboni Cnvnt</i>	Andrew O'Shaughnessy Sr. Giovanna Blanchetti	RD RD
Thur 30/3 10.00am	LENT FERIA	Bina McCarthy	RD
Fri 31/3 10.00am 6.00pm	LENT FERIA	Daniel Murnane <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	RD
Sat 1/4 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm  6.30pm	LENT FERIA     <b>Grove Park</b>	Seamus Cronin Confession Confession Billy Kelly & Deceased Kelly Family Margaret Fitzgerald	RD   ANN INT

### LET US PRAY

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, Fr. Eamonn Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, 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, 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, Rose Jordon, Margaret Organ and those suffering.

**For the recently deceased:** Angela Doran, Janice Mary Wilson. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Denis Cronin, Trish Williams, Ping Lin, Billy Kelly, Joyce Louis. May they Rest in Peace.

### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.170

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Ezekiel 37:12-14**

Psalm: **129**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Romans 8: 8-11**

Gospel: **John 11: 1-45**

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.182

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Isaiah 50: 4-7**

Psalm: **21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Philippians 2: 8-9**

Gospel: **Matthew 26: 14-27:66**

**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 Easter cards and other religious items and also the Westminster Year Book £5.00. It is open after all Sunday morning Masses.

### 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. **£764.82** 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 with whatever they can afford. **£428.06** has been donated so far. Take a donation envelope either for more info or to use the QR code to make your donation online, though perhaps 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.

**FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS – At 6.00pm** each Friday evening in Lent we will have the liturgical celebration of the Stations of the Cross. Leaflets will be available at the back of the church.

### HOLY WEEK:

#### PALM SUNDAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Palms will be blessed and distributed at each Mass. Please note:

**9.45am Mass** will commence at **9.30am** in the Parish Centre.

**11.00am Mass** will commence at **10.50am** in the Parish Centre.

**12.15pm Mass** will begin at **12.30pm** in church.

#### CHRISM MASS - Tues 4<sup>th</sup> April

This Mass takes place in Westminster Cathedral at 12.00 noon, and is celebrated by the Cardinal, Bishops and priests of the Diocese. At this Mass the oils of Chrism, Catechumens and the Sick, are blessed and consecrated for parish use this year.

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY – 6<sup>th</sup> April

**8.00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper**, also with the washing of the feet. After Mass there is Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight with Compline at 11.45pm.

#### GOOD FRIDAY – 7<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer.

10.00am to 11.00am: Confessions.

11.00am: Children's/Family Stations & Veneration of the Cross.

**3.00pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion.**

5.00pm to 6.00pm: Confessions.

#### HOLY SATURDAY – 8<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer.

10.00am to 11.00am: Confessions.

5.00pm to 6.00pm: Confessions.

**9.00pm: The Solemn Easter Vigil of the Resurrection.**

#### EASTER SUNDAY – 9<sup>th</sup> April

Masses at 8.30am, 9.45am (Family), 11.00am (Solemn), 12.30pm, and 6.30pm. *Gunnersbury* at 10.00am and *Grove Park* at 10.30am.

**ALTAR SERVING RECRUITMENT – 4.00pm TODAY**, in church with our parish Master of Ceremonies, Jim Cullen. 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, need to be ready to attend the 11.00am Sunday Mass for some time before they can return to their usual Mass.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** – Those 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 and/or book in for the next informal Q&A sessions with the priests next weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

**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.

**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** will be posted out this coming week. Gift Aiding your Offertory and other donations to our parish using numbered envelopes or a Standing Order, is a very practical way of *increasing the value of your offering by 25 pence for every pound you give at no extra cost to you!* Providing you are a UK Taxpayer, you can join the scheme by signing a Gift Aid Declaration which can be obtained from the Parish Office or contact the office by email: [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk) We would also ask those parishioners who have already signed up to inform the office about any changes (eg your name and address) so we can update our records before we start to distribute new envelopes.

### GUNNERSBURY NOTES

**EASTER SUNDAY – 9<sup>th</sup> April – Mass at 10.00am**

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### GROVE PARK NOTES

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**EASTER OFFERINGS** are one of two collections in the year which makes up the greater part of the priests' annual income (stipend). If you will be away over Easter you may like to take an Easter Offering envelope from beside the church doors and drop it into any routine parish collection before or after Easter or to the presbytery.

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION on Cycleway 9, Chiswick High Road, CLOSES ON 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL:** On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October Transport for London (TfL) launched their six month public consultation surrounding the updates to the cycleway. This consultation forms an important part of the Experimental Traffic Order review process, where the feedback received, alongside monitoring data, will be used to inform the future of Cycleway 9 on Chiswick High Road. The consultation will be live until Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, up until which time individuals are invited to submit as many responses as they see fit. Register your interest in participating in the consultation via: Website: <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/cycleway-9>

Email: [Haveyoursay@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:Haveyoursay@tfl.gov.uk)

If you would prefer not to submit a response online, you can send your thoughts in writing by email to [haveyoursay@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@tfl.gov.uk) or by post to 'FREEPOST TfL Have your Say'

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**AFTERNOON TEA - 29<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm - 5.00pm in the Catholic Centre Lounge Bar - Home Instead Chiswick and Hammersmith** are pleased to announce that they are reinstating their afternoon tea events starting Weds 29<sup>th</sup> March and would love to welcome you, serving delicious tea and entertainment. Come along for a chat. Bring a friend, everybody is welcome to this free event.

**VOCATIONS OPEN EVENING** - On Weds 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. **This week will be the last of the Tea and Coffee mornings before Easter.** They will resume Tues 25<sup>th</sup> April in St. Edward's Rm and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April in the Centre.

**FOOT-WASHING VOLUNTEERS** - If you would be happy to put your best foot forward participating in the liturgical wash during the evening Mass of Holy Thursday, please let the Parish Office know.

Collections for last weekend:

**OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick**  
19/3/23 - £4316.23

**St Joseph's Grove Park 19/3/23 - £219.11**

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