



# 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> NOVEMBER 2023

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Canon Michael Dunne  
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Parish Priest  
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### Fr Michael writes:

There are many millions of people across the world who will agree that one of the few places where the Kingdom of God and Christ's kingship of it is most manifest is Lourdes in the south of France. To have participated in a pilgrimage there where the Queen of Heaven, Mary, the Immaculate Conception, appeared to St Bernadette in the Grotto of Massabielle in 1858 and invited us to come in procession is to have experienced the reign of love. There the Kingdom we celebrate in today's Mass, "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace," is in plain sight for all to see. The poor, sick, infirm, afflicted, those with disabilities, those who are dying, and the wounded, whether physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually, are the focus of everyone's caring, sharing and love as we come in procession to the presence of the Lord and His Blessed Mother, the angels and saints. If you haven't been I'd confidently predict that if you were to come, it would be a life-changing experience, whether young, old, sick, well or wounded.

Our next Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 led by Cardinal Vincent with many new initiatives this year to reassure those who are sick or frail that they would have all the 24-hour care they would need to come. Even now, the volunteer doctors and nurses who care for the sick on the pilgrimage are wanting to visit potential pilgrims in their homes early in the New Year so that both pilgrim and medic can be sure of all the options. Please do be in touch with me through Sharon in the Parish Office if you'd be interested either for yourself or a friend or neighbour for one of these visits without commitment of any kind. Young people, too, have a transformative experience in Lourdes so should also look up the webpages which describe the pilgrimage on the diocesan website: <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> Being today World Youth Sunday, they might look up the word Pope Francis has for them: <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/resources/world-youth-sunday-resources/>

### Mrs Caroline Doyle, Parish Centre Manager

After nearly eight years of generous service, our parishioner and Parish Centre Manager, Caroline, is leaving at the end of the month to take up a new appointment. She will be very much missed and we wish her every success in her new venture. Above all though we all of us in the parish owe her a great debt of gratitude. The Centre has rarely, if ever, been smarter, better kept or more hospitable in its various roles. She has achieved a huge amount in terms of Centre availability and welcome for parish groups, local groups and support groups. Indeed she has been instrumental in parish outreach and service to the needy and the wider community as well as pivotal to almost every parish or parishioner event over these years. We are all truly grateful to her. Happily she will still be about as a parishioner.

### SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Sat 25/11 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Janita Charles Chris Dixon	ANN RD
6.30pm	Grove Park		
Sun 26/11 8.30am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	Rose Murphy John D'Souza – Birthday People of the Parish	ANN RIP INT RIP
9.45am			
10.00am	Gunnersbury	Holy Souls Andrew Neary Jnr & Family Lucy Couple	RIP RD/INT RD
11.00am			
12.15pm			
6.30pm			
Mon 27/11 10.00am	FERIA	Holy Souls	RIP
Tue 28/11 10.00am	FERIA	Holy Souls	RIP
Wed 29/11 10.00am	FERIA	Holy Souls	RIP
6.00pm	Comboni Covent	Deceased Comboni Sisters	RIP
Thur 30/11 10.00am	ST ANDREW	Holy Souls	RIP
Fri 1/12 10.00am	FERIA	Eleanor O'Donnell – Birthday	RIP
6.00pm	PIME Convent	Brenda Houston	RD
Sat 2/12 10.00am	FERIA	Ursula P.V. Tustain Confession	RIP
11.00am		Confession	
5.00pm		Robert Edward Smith	ANN
6.30pm		Deceased Members of the Hagerty Family	RIP
6.30pm	Grove Park		

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Alex Tuffy, Cecilia Walsgrove, Claudio Bogi, Mary Frain, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Jim Ward, Fr. Eamon Conarty, Tina Byrne, Greta Gribben, Romeo Monthly, Benjamin White and those suffering.

**For the recently deceased:** Helen Roskott, Mary Casser, William Francis Ryan and Margaret Papadakis. May they rest in peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Lyn & Peter Dennis, Laurence Ryan, Kathleen & Brian Kearney, John Patrick Reynolds, Sebastian Kataitis, Janita Charles, Miguel dos Santos. May they rest in peace.

### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 158

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

Psalm: 22: 1-3, 5-6

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 82

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8

Psalm: 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSE WEEKLY** – Five copies a week at the back of church. £3.50 per copy with cash to the the 'Catholic Papers' box.

**REPOSITORY** – On sale now and **NEWLY STOCKED** with Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Year Diaries as well as sympathy cards, candles and rosaries etc. The Repository is open after all Sunday morning Masses. Pop in and see us.

**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.

**JESUITS AND FRIENDS** – the latest edition of this magazine is available **FREE** at the back of church and in the Duke's Ave porch.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED – THANK YOU** to those who were able to contribute to the collection last weekend and/or purchased products from the stall at the back of church. Between Chiswick, Gunnersbury and Grove Park, **a total of £2,641 has been raised**, which is excellent, and with every likelihood that further envelopes will be returned this weekend. Final total next week. Thank you.

**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.

**COMBONI CALENDARS THIS WEEKEND** – This weekend will bring the annual distribution by the Comboni Sisters after Masses of their 2024 Missionary Calendar. It is given freely but any contributions to the Sisters' work would be gratefully received. In further Comboni news there'll be a 10.00am to 1.00pm Advent Retreat led by Sr Natalia on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at the Comboni Centre, 2 Chiswick Lane, with an Auction on Sun 10<sup>th</sup>. Details forthcoming.

**SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS DINNER** - The annual Christmas dinner for our senior parishioners and neighbours will take place in the Parish Centre **NEXT SUNDAY Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec., AND WE ARE SHORT OF VOLUNTEERS!** All 100 tickets have gone so we have 100 special guests but not enough volunteers to provide a special day! Please consider offering any form of help:

9.00am – 11.00am – setting up

1.00pm – 3.30pm – helping to serve

3.30pm – 5.30pm – helping to serve and tidy up

**We also need drivers** both before and after the party. This is absolutely essential as many of the guests are unable to attend without transport. **Please contact Jackie Knight if you are able to help on 0771 2675020 [jmq123@btinternet.com](mailto:jmq123@btinternet.com).** It would be lovely to have some teenagers/young people also volunteering for the event which is always great fun. Also we like to give each guest a small gift, items such as small boxes of sweets, toiletries, or gentlemen's socks are very welcome, and can be handed in at the Parish Office by Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. We are very short of these too!

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION** – Registration is now online via the parish website <http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org> for parish children who will be 14 years old at least at the time of their Confirmation in summer 2024. **The closing date to register for Confirmation is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024** with the Introductory Talk on the 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024.

**ADULT CONFIRMATIONS & RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or THINKING ABOUT CATHOLICISM?** – This year's course has begun but if anyone else would like to join they should do so this Wednesday at 7.00pm in the St Edward's Room, the entrance to which is from the side of the church before the Priests' House. Please contact: [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk) 020 8994 2877

**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>

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is beginning its twelfth year in Chiswick now convening weekly via Zoom at 7.00pm with the next session Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. Please feel free to ask about it and contact John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2023.** To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) you should **firstly** contact the Parish Office to request an appointment and collect a self-assessment form (also sent electronically). You should **secondly** complete the self-assessment form and bring it to your appointment with Canon Michael. 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. It is also *perfectly feasible* to submit an application to a Catholic school *without* a CCP. Your application will simply be categorised as according to the admissions' criteria advertised on the school's website.

**MUSIC & MUSIC TO MOVE YOU** from *The Scene*. DJ & VJ set this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 8.00pm 'til 11.00pm at The Chiswick Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, Chiswick, W4 2AE. The only place in London to hear and see music & movies together from the 1940s -1990s with a varied spectrum of genres + some subliminal moments of the future... Price: £5 cash on the door. Drinks: good prices at the bar. Info: [contact.thescene@gmail.com](mailto:contact.thescene@gmail.com)

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## ST JOSEPH'S GROVE PARK NOTES

**CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT WITH SUPPER - Sat 25<sup>th</sup> November** – has been **POSTPONED** to the New Year due to parishioners' existing commitments not allowing for the numbers to make the event happen on Saturday. Thank you to those who supported the idea.

**A DAY WITH MARY – JUST NEXT DOOR IN HOUNSLOW** – The next *Day with Mary* is a short bus route away in Sts Michael and Martin's Church, Bath Road, Hounslow, on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, 9.30am to 5.30pm, or why not join for any part of the the day? Details on poster at the back of church.

**ADVENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-30s)** with the Assumption Sisters on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat to prepare spiritually for Christmas, with reflections, prayer, adoration, and confessions. Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock, London W8 4BB. Timings: Mass at 12.15pm, Lunch at 1pm, Retreat from 2pm-5.30pm. Donations only. Register: [tramy@assumptionreligious.org](mailto:tramy@assumptionreligious.org)

**A CHRISTMAS CONCERT RELIEVING HOLY LAND SUFFERING** At 7.30pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December in Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington High Street, there's the annual CHRISTMAS CONCERT of FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND featuring The London Welsh Male Voice Choir and guest soloists. Tickets to include a Holy Land themed Reception at 6.00pm are £50; tickets for the *Concert only* at 7.30pm are £30. See poster at back of church for QR code or search Eventbrite 'FHL Christmas Concert' or visit: [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/Event/christmas-concert-2023](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/Event/christmas-concert-2023)

**ST MARY'S NURSERY?** - At St Mary's we are constantly striving to ensure that we are meeting the ever changing needs of children and families within our community. We are keen to learn your views and invite you to complete the one page form at the back of church (pls hand in to the Parish Office) or on the parish website. The answers provided will help us to make any changes that may be useful in meeting parents' needs. Thanks!

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS** - These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. They will run from 9.30am – 10.30am on the following days: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend on 0208 994 5606 or email [office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk)

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR THIS SATURDAY!** We're gearing up for the annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 12.00-4.00pm. All are welcome to join us in what will be a wonderful kickoff to the festive season, including great food, entertainment, shopping, and our famous Christmas Raffle. Raffle tickets are £1 will be available at the Coffee Mornings following the 9:45am Family Mass each Sunday during the month of November. Come by for a cuppa, and grab a chance to win one of our fantastic prizes supplied by local Chiswick businesses! Thank you!

**TEACHING POST AT ST MARY'S?** - St Mary's is seeking to appoint a positive and inspiring Teaching Assistant for January 2024 who can work in Key Stage 1. Please see the school website for more information: <https://www.stmaryschiswick.org.uk/>

**TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.45am MASS TODAY!** Coffee morning will take place after the 9.45am Mass today, Sunday, in the Parish Centre. Families, children, visitors all welcome. **Please note next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec there will be no coffee morning after the 9.45am Mass** due to the preparations for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party later than day. However, Coffee mornings will resume for the following two Sundays, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Dec., before breaking for Christmas. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan will be the first session of the New Year. If you would like to volunteer to help at the coffee mornings, 4 volunteers are required on a rota basis. Please contact Monica by email if you can help: [monicaolim@hotmail.com](mailto:monicaolim@hotmail.com)

**TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS** – The Tuesday post-Mass coffee morning is 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:

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

19/11/23 - £4,079

**Grove Park**

19/11/23 - £177

**Thank you for your generosity.**