



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

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27th NOVEMBER 2022

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Tomas writes:

On the 2nd of December 1838 St John Henry Newman (then still an Anglican) delivered one of his most memorable sermons, *Worship, a Preparation for Christ's Coming*. The opening is very evocative, one can almost touch the frosty morning haze and winter tiredness: *The year is worn out: spring, summer, autumn, each in turn, have brought their gifts and done their utmost ... all is past and gone, all has failed, all has sated; we are tired of the past; we would not have the seasons longer ... such is the frame of mind which befits the end of the year; and such the frame of mind which comes alike on good and bad at the end of life*. Newman was only thirty-seven, and yet he understood how to describe waiting for the Advent of Christ, stressing not just His imminent birth, but also our need to prepare for the day when, at the end of our journey, we will meet Him. Advent is indeed the time in which we conscientiously await *the fullness of time* (Galatians 4:4). Temporality is of the essence of Advent and we are compelled to think about how we live now, how we inhabit the time which has been allocated to us. It is the time to reflect on our *past*, live consciously in the *present* and prepare ourselves for the *future*, strengthened by Christian hope. And, as we think about the end of our days, we are invited to *change* the way we live now. Here, Newman makes an important point: it is not enough just being 'good' by observing the laws of morality and the practice of charity. God expects us to do *more* than just to tick boxes: *...appearing before God, and dwelling in His presence, is a very different thing from being merely subjected to a system of moral laws...* His advice on our preparation includes also being in the right state of mind: *I come, with the thought of that awful hour before me, I come to confess my sin to Him now, that He may pardon it then, and I say, "O Lord, Holy God, Holy and Strong, Holy and Immortal, in the hour of death and in the day of judgment, deliver us, O Lord!"* The idea of the Judgment may sound terrifying for all of us, but – fortunately – our Creator has established the Church and provided the sacraments to assist us in this preparation. And so, as we enter this season of fasting and penance, let us embrace the mood of self-restraint and examination, praying with St. John Henry Newman: *Let us wait for Him solemnly, fearfully, hopefully, patiently, obediently; let us be resigned to His will.*

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat 26/11 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	Maria & Patsy Sweeney Habouss Baroud & Deceased Family	ANN RIP
Sun 27/11 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT Gunnersbury	Rose Murphy People of the Parish Breda O'Sullivan Holy Souls Micky Gwilliam Bridget Bracken & Pamela Larkin	ANN INT RIP RIP RD ANN
Mon 28/11 10.00am	Advent Feria	Holy Souls	RIP
Tue 29/11 10.00am 12.00noon	Advent Feria Gunnersbury	Holy Souls Funeral of Paul Bannister	RIP RIP
Wed 30/11 10.00am 6.00pm	ST ANDREW <i>(Comboni Convent)</i>	Holy Souls Bernard Keigher	RIP RD
Thur 1/12 10.00am	Advent Feria	Mary Brady	SICK
Fri 2/12 10.00am 6.00pm	Advent Feria <i>(PIME Convent)</i>	Robert Edward Smith Sue Marlborough	ANN RD
Sat 3/12 10.00am 11-11.45am 12.15pm 5-5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	St. Francis Xavier Grove Park	Irene Cava Confession Baptism Confession Benediction Antonio Jose & Rosalina Remedios Elias Baroud & Deceased Family	ANN RIP RIP

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, Claudio Bogi, Gloria Weymouth, Theresa Southern, Constance Redmond, Joss Kellond and those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Gine Bridgeman, Bernard Keigher, Roberto Gonito, Laurence Ryan, Ivor Samunda, Maeve Kanal. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Maria & Patsy Sweeney, Rose Murphy, Bridget Bracken, Pamela Larkin, Robert Edward Smith, Irene Cava, Karen Dixon, William Gribben. May they RIP.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.82

1st Reading: **Isaiah 2: 1-5**
Psalm: **121: 1-2, 4-5, 6-9**
2nd Reading: **Romans 13: 11-14**
Gospel: **Matthew 24: 37-44**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.85

1st Reading: **Isaiah 11: 1-10**
Psalm: **71, 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17**
2nd Reading: **Romans 15:4-9**
Gospel: **Matthew 3: 1-12**

COMBONI MISSION MAGAZINE available **FREE** at the back of church.

FOODBANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – Being the first Sunday of the month there is the collection of non-perishable items of food to be left in the box at the back of church next weekend. There will also be a cash collection after all Masses also.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2022/23 IS NOW OPEN - Fr Daniel has now published the application process as well as the teaching session dates from January to the Confirmation Masses 17th June 2023. Please go to the parish website and click on 'Sacraments' and then on 'Confirmation' and 'Form submission' for all details: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org **The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Sunday 18th December.**

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS / THINKING ABOUT CATHOLICISM? If you know anyone considering becoming a Catholic or if a Catholic has missed out on any of the sacraments, the RCIA is the course to follow. Details are on the parish website (under 'Sacraments'). **The next session is this Weds 30th Nov at 7.00pm in the St Edward's Room.** Please contact the Parish Office; chiswick@rcdow.org.uk 020 8994 2877

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS DINNER - The annual Christmas dinner for our senior parishioners and neighbours will take place in the Parish Centre on Sun 11th Dec. This event is for our parishioners, as well as for other senior citizens who live within our parish boundaries. Anyone who wishes to attend must have a ticket, which can be obtained from the Parish Office. As usual we rely on volunteers to help with the successful running of the day. We need volunteers:

Sunday 11th Dec: 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 travel without transport. Please contact Jackie Knight if you are able to help on 0771 2675020 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 until THIS SATURDAY 3rd Dec, to enable wrapping.

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL in Chiswick - Following the success of these informal gatherings they will now happen weekly until Christmas and thus **THIS EVENING Sunday 27th Nov** outside church after the 6:30pm Mass for a pub trip. For Catholics aged 18-35. **Next Sunday we'll start the evening with a Young Adults' Q&A Session** with Fr Michael and Fr Daniel in the St Edward's Room at 7.30pm and *afterwards* go for a pub trip! New people welcome! Come and meet!

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 in LISBON – Pope Francis is inviting millions of the Church's youth, 18-35, to join him in Portugal in August next year. The Westminster Diocese is taking a group of 50 and surely some should come from this parish? Deepen faith, encounter Jesus, meets others from across the world, forge memories to last a lifetime – as well as two weeks in Fatima/Porto and Lisbon 25th July to 9th August! Please see posters at the back of church or <https://dowym.com/events/world-youth-day-lisbon/>

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 29th Nov. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is on Thursday 8th Dec, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a presentation on 'Rerum Novarum and its Challenges' – socio-economic morality and justice from the 1891 encyclical of Pope Leo XIII, followed by drinks at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnellysm@hotmail.com for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2023: To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP), if your Catholic practice allows for it, pls contact the Parish Office to request a self-assessment form (preferably sent electronically) and an appointment with Fr Michael.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR takes place on Sat 3rd Dec 12.00-4.00pm. The parish is warmly invited. There will be Father Christmas, refreshments, games and more!

THE PARISH'S PUBLIC CAROL SERVICE – The Carol Service will take place on **Sunday 11th December at 3.30pm** here in the church. An excellent occasion to share the festive spirit with friends and neighbours who are not Catholic so please invite them along.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION on Cycleway 9, Chiswick High Road, Citing documentation sent from the Council: Hounslow Council has launched the construction of phase 3b of Cycleway 9 (C9), between Chiswick Lane and Heathfield Terrace. Construction is outlined for completion in mid December, subject to change depending on material availability and other logistical challenges. On Tuesday 4th 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 Tuesday 4th 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 the following:

Website: <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/cycleway-9>
Email: Haveyoursay@tfl.gov.uk

ST JOSEPH'S, GROVE PARK

PARISH MEETING / PARISH GIVING – Thank you to those who came to the meeting last Saturday on the parish's future plans especially with reference to the refurbishment of the presbytery. An ancillary subject, however, was how to support the parish most effectively. The generous support already given becomes most effective if given through either the Planned Giving Gift Aid Envelopes scheme or Standing Orders which are also Gift Aided. Over £2,000 was claimed back for the parish in 2021 from tax paid. Envelopes and Standing Order forms are available from the Parish Office or ask one of the priests after Mass. Thank you.

CATHOLIC CENTRE LOUNGE BAR: DRAUGHT BEER, MORE OPENING DAYS & MORE HOURS! The Catholic Centre Lounge Bar has freshly restored draught beer and is now open on Fridays 12.00 noon to 10.00pm, Saturdays 12.00 noon to 6.00pm and Sundays 12.00 noon to 6.00pm. All welcome, also to bring suggestions for more social events in the Centre.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE – Caritas Social Action Network have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa. If you have room in your home to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. For info please visit: <http://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>

CAFOD Family Fun Run, Saturday 10th December - Join CAFOD's Nativity Fun Run, a family-friendly, Christian-centred 5k run/walk. On Saturday December 10th at 11 am, Clapham Common Dress: Nativity-themed costumes; Entry: £10 adults, £5 children, £20 family. Sign-up: <https://cafod.org.uk/nativityfunrun> and help raise vital funds for CAFOD's work around the world.

CATHOLIC UNION EVENT – THIS MONDAY 28th 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 or 020 8749 1321.

REPOSITORY – On sale now **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 for cards, gifts and many more items. Due to unforeseen circumstances the Repository will **NOT be open on SUNDAY 11th DEC**. Sorry for any inconvenience this might cause.

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.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – Tuesday morning post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St Edward's Room each week and a **Friday coffee morning** in the Parish Centre Lounge Bar at 10.30am. All are very welcome!

Collections for last weekend:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
20/11/22 - £4334.62

St Joseph's Grove Park 20/11/22 - £288.35

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