



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

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at Our Lady of Grace & St Edward, Chiswick, London W4

28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Canon Michael Dunne  
Fr Daniel Daley  
Fr Femi Victor Orilua CSSP  
Sharon Bowden

Parish Priest  
Assistant Priest  
Assistant Priest  
Administrator

### Fr Michael writes:

'The Church was made manifest to the world on the day of Pentecost by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,' declares the Catechism and hence, less formally, we think of Pentecost Sunday as the 'Church's birthday' and gladly celebrate it each recurring year. It's also the birthday of that religious Order in the Church with whom the parish has now had, with Bishop John Mbinda, Fr Erasmus and Fr Femi, over a year's fruitful association – the Spiritan Order, or, more formally, the 'Congregation of the Holy Spirit under the protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary'. The Order was founded in Paris on Pentecost Sunday 1703, meaning that today is their 320<sup>th</sup> Birthday- a lot of candles for the cake! We wish them many happy returns! It's all the more fitting, therefore, that we have Fr Femi CSSp (the initials of the Order are from the Latin, *Congregatio Sancti Spiritus*), who has been here since the beginning of February, with us for Pentecost and that we thank him for his ministry among us. On Tuesday he'll be moving on to his next assignment in the UK which is to assist with the work of the Spiritan House at Carfin, Scotland's National Marian Shrine. For this reason, and the fact that his Order is so closely associated with the Immaculate Heart of Mary as well as the Holy Spirit, Fr Femi's last Mass in the parish will be tomorrow's Mass, Monday, on the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. It was Pope Francis who instituted this Marian Feast as recently as 2018 with the view that having celebrated the Church's birthday on Pentecost Sunday, we should recognise and celebrate the fact that Mary, as the Lord's Mother, is thereby also the Church's Mother. The Pope's decree establishing the Feast seeks to "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful.." This maternal sense of the nascent Church we see very clearly in the passage of the Acts of the Apostles which closely precedes today's First Reading: *They went to the upper room where they were staying: there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. With one heart all these joined in continuous prayer, together with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers* (Acts 1:13-14). The last of the Apostles mentioned is St Jude, the patron saint of hopeless cases. Whether we are a parish of hopeless cases might be the subject for an entertaining discussion (!) but what is not in dispute is that next weekend we'll be welcoming our new Spiritan Assistant Priest, Fr Jude Duruaku CSSp. I hope you will join me giving him a very warm welcome even as we wish Fr Femi a fond farewell and the assurance of our prayers for the future.

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sat 27/5 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Madge Carroll Helen Biggins	RD 4 <sup>th</sup> ANN
6.30pm	Grove Park		
Sun 28/5 8.30am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	People of the Parish Frances Free Andrew Neary Elizabeth White	INT RIP INT RIP
9.45am		Tom Jennings – Birthday Holden, Cronin & O'Leary Families	RIP INT
10.00am	Gunnersbury		
11.00am			
12.15pm			
6.30pm			
Mon 29/5 10.00am	BVM, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH	Mary Patricia Smith	ANN
Tue 30/5 10.00am	FERIA	Fifi Helbawe	INT
Wed 31/5 10.00am	VISITATION OF THE BVM	Cathy Norris Val Watson	RD RD
6.00pm	Comboni Convent		
Thur 1/6 10.00am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	Charlie Grbesa	SICK
Fri 2/6 10.00am	FERIA	Joan Brett <b>Funeral of Bernard 'Brian' Gill</b>	RD RIP
11.30am		Joe	RD
6.00pm	PIME Convent		
Sat 3/6 10.00am	ST CHARLES LWANGA & Companions & Martyrs	Bill Collins Confession Confession James & Elizabeth Kiggins	2 <sup>nd</sup> ANN ANN
11.00am		Hubert Gilgunn	RD
5.00pm			
6.30pm			
6.30pm	Grove Park		

**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.Wrynne, 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 and those suffering.

**For the recently deceased:** Brian Gill, Brian Robbins, Bridget Feltham, Winifred Lynch, Jolanta Wozniak, Terry Sheehan, Margaret Organ, Mr. Salitha, Nada Prosemiea and Basilio Rodriguez Jr. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Helen Biggins, Mary Patricia Smith, Bill Collins, James & Elizabeth Kiggins, Frederick King. May they Rest in Peace.

#### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.288

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm: 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 81

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9

Psalm: Daniel 3: 52-56

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Gospel: John 3: 16-18

**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 'Catholic Papers' box at the back.

**CATHOLIC HERALD MAGAZINE** – available at the back of the Church, price £5.00. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'Papers'.

### THE PARISH LENT PROJECT CLOSES TODAY!

**THANK YOU** to those who have been able to contribute to an amazing TOTAL SO FAR: **£14,418** as of last Monday, which was an increase of nearly £300 on the previous week. Today is the last day of the Project so please feel free to contribute today by envelope or cash in the Project Box by the thermometer at the back of church to the final total which will be published next Sunday. Thank you.

**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. **£9580.89** has been raised! 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. 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 Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; the Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal. **£4837.34** has been raised. Take a donation envelope either for info or to use the QR code to make your donation online, though please also let the Parish Office know.

**CASH** placed in the Lent Project 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 made for either charity and handed in 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.

**NATIONAL GALLERY'S ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI TOURS** - The St Francis Leprosy Guild's co-ordinator, Eileen, here at the beginning of Lent, 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 3/06; 24/06; 1/07; 8/07; 29/07. See the Guild poster at the back of church and contact Eileen on 07542817869 or [eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org](mailto:eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org))

**GIFT AID** - Have you signed a Gift Aid Declaration? We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim for the tax year 2022-23 asking HMRC to give us the tax that you have paid on your donations. So, if you have stopped paying tax, please would you contact the Parish Office at [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk) so we can update our records and do not ask for the tax if you haven't paid it.

**May we take this opportunity of thanking you most sincerely for joining the Gift Aid scheme. For tax year 2021-22 we received £30,479.69, making a real difference. 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.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** - Those aged 18-35 are very welcome to join our weekly social. Meet outside church after the 6.30 Sunday evening Mass TODAY. Also, please book in the 6.30pm Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June when Fr Juniper of the radical Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be the guest of the parish to preside and preach at Mass, and afterwards address the Young Adults' Group (limited to those 18-35) before the weekly social to conclude the evening. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** - The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May. For more info Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**BAPTISM** - The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June, 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)

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) TRAINING AND REFRESHER** - **Thank you** to those who have expressed interest in this ministry at the service of the Lord and His People. If possible, please come for training at 11.00am, for an hour, next Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June in the St Edward's Room. If you cannot attend, alternative training will be offered later in June. Established EMHCs are also welcome as a refresher course in administering the Precious Blood will also be provided.

**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.*

**RECEIVING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT HOLY COMMUNION** - As we return to the option and practice of receiving the Precious Blood, communicants should please note that the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales does not allow for intinction, - the practice of dipping the Sacred Host into the Precious Blood before receiving Holy Communion. Some Bishops' Conferences allow for this but not here so the Minister of Holy Communion is likely to intervene and ask you not to intinct. Please respect the request.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS** - 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: [chiswick@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) Please contact the Parish Office [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk) or 02089942877 to arrange the appointment.

**CATHOLIC CENTRE LOUNGE BAR CLOSED FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE** as staff will be attending a funeral. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Saturday and Sunday opening is as usual.

**TABLE TOP SALE IN THE CATHOLIC CENTRE, DUKES AVE** on 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.

**'HOME INSTEAD' AFTERNOON TEA** - Local care company Home Instead Hammersmith & Chiswick invite all local seniors to join them at their complimentary afternoon tea and fun sessions. These take place at the Chiswick Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, W4 2AE on the last Wednesday of every month, between 2.30pm-4.30pm. The next event will take place on Weds 31<sup>st</sup> May. There will be a classic afternoon tea with music & a guest speaker. This is an opportunity for friendship, discussions, advice and fun! Please call us on 020 8746 1213 or visit us at our office, 186 Sutton Court Road, Chiswick.

**CAFOD - Called to action by our faith** - You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> June for a morning exploring faith, why we campaign & how you can help. Includes guest speakers & discussion in workshops to explore activities such as [Live Simply](http://LiveSimply.org), our Unfair Food System and Liturgy Resources. From 10.30am-1.00pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further info contact Tony [tsheen@cafod.org.uk](mailto:tsheen@cafod.org.uk) or booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events>

**MEET THE MOTHER OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS!** - Antonia Salzano, the mother of the Fulham parish-born Blessed Carlo Acutis, the 15-year old apostle of the Eucharist who died 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2006 and was beatified on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020, will give a talk at the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi Church, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, London WC2E 7NB, after 6.30pm Mass, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023. See [www.maidenlane.org.uk](http://www.maidenlane.org.uk)

**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.

**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 this service for a wedding, birthday or special invitations/envelopes/place names etc, email Rose Viloso [rose.viloso@gmail.com](mailto:rose.viloso@gmail.com) who specializes in calligraphy, the art of beautiful handwriting 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:

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

**21/5/23 - £4129.40**

**St Joseph's Grove Park**

**21/5/23 - £218.35**

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