



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

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29th MAY 2022

7th SUNDAY of EASTER

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Fr Michael writes:

The breathing of the air...

*There You will show me
What my soul has been seeking,
And then You will give me,
You, my Life, will give me there
What You gave me on that other day:
The breathing of the air.*

When contemplating today's extraordinary Gospel passage of the 'priestly prayer' of Jesus among His apostles at the Last Supper, I am always drawn to the lyrical poetry of St John of the Cross, nicknamed in the Church as the Doctor of Divine Love. His commentaries are a uniquely rich source of insight into what God, so amazingly, wants for each of us in union with Him and today's passage of the Gospel was of the highest importance for him. Jesus prays that for each of us: "Father, may they be one in us as you are in me and I am in you"; "May they be one as we are one".

In his poem *The Spiritual Canticle* St John of the Cross explores this oneness desired by God for each of us in Him. There is, of course, a long and arduous spiritual ascent involving as much self-abnegation as self-gift as we learn to love as we have been loved, before we are called into 'spiritual marriage', but it's what is in store for us in the joy of heaven, God willing, even if not here on earth. The union effected with this spiritual marriage, whether here or hereafter, is mesmerising and St John uses the metaphor of breathing to help us understand it, that we, in our souls, are 'breathed by God' just as we 'breath God, as God', so completely does God unite us with Himself. He writes:

By His divine breath-like spiration, the Holy Spirit elevates the soul sublimely and informs her and makes her capable of breathing, in God, the same spiration of love that the Father breathes in the Son and the Son in the Father, which is the Holy Spirit Himself; Who in the Father and the Son breathes out to the soul in this transformation, in order to unite the soul to Himself. And this kind of spiration of the Holy Spirit in the soul, by which God transforms the soul into Himself, is so sublime, delicate, and deep a delight that a mortal tongue finds it indescribable, nor can the human intellect in any way grasp it. The soul united and transformed in God, breathes out, in God, to God, the very divine spiration which God – the soul being transformed in God – breathes out in Himself to the soul.

One should not think it impossible that the soul be capable of so sublime an activity as this breathing in God, through participation, as God breathes in the soul. God created the soul in His image and likeness that the soul might attain such resemblance. O souls, created for these grandeurs and called to them! What are you doing? How are you spending your time?

7th SUNDAY of EASTER

Sat 28/5 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass <i>Grove Park</i>	James Fullerton Helen Biggins	1 st ANN 3 rd ANN
Sun 29/5 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	7 th SUNDAY of EASTER <i>Gunnersbury</i>	James & Mary Ryan Helen Ryan Jamie McCluskey Danuta Szlacheko Michael & Norah Brosnan People of the Parish	RIP RIP RD RD ANN INT
Mon 30/5 10.00am 11.00am	EASTER FERIA <i>Gunnersbury</i>	Gerry McGoldrick Funeral of Raymond Zucconi	ANN RIP
Tue 31/5 10.00am	VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Ping Lin	RD
Wed 1/6 10.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	ST JUSTIN <i>Gunnersbury</i> <i>Comboni Convent</i>	Ann Crowther Funeral of Melanie Sanderson Noreen Leonard - Birthday	RD RIP INT
Thur 2/6 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Bill Collins	1 st ANN
Fri 3/6 10.00am	ST CHARLES LWANGA & Companions <small>NO 6.00pm PIME Mass</small>	Margaret & Krystyna	INT
Sat 4/6 10.00am 11-11.45am 12.15pm 5-5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	EASTER FERIA <i>Grove Park</i>	Wyn Freeman Confession Baptism Holy Hour and Confession Benediction James & Elizabeth Kiggins People of the Parish	RD ANN INT

LET US PRAY

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, 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.Wrynne, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Raymond Zucconi, Melanie Sanderson, Patrick Nolan. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Helen Biggins, James Fullerton - 1st Anniversary, Michael & Morah Brosnan, Gerry McGoldrick, Bill Collins - 1st Anniversary, James & Elizabeth Kiggins. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.281

1st Reading: **Acts 7: 55-60**
Psalm: **96: 1-2, 6-7, 9**
2nd Reading: **Apocalypse 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20**
Gospel: **John 17:20-26**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.294:

1st Reading: **Acts 2:1-11**
Psalm: **103:1, 24, 29-31, 34**
2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13**
Gospel: **John 20: 19-23**

ALLEN HALL SEMINARY NEWS – available FREE at the back.

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

NEXT SUNDAY: 12.15pm Mass will begin at **12.30pm** due to extra solemnity at 11.00am Mass for Pentecost and Platinum Jubilee.

LENT PROJECT 2022: THE LAST WEEK, closing next Sunday

As pre-pandemic, we'll have a dual Lent Project, one *domestic* and one *overseas*. **£10,120 has been donated to date. Thank you.**

The CARDINAL'S APPEAL is our domestic project and this year the appeal will fund parish social outreach projects and Caritas Westminster (celebrating this year its 10th year of foundation) social outreach projects. For what it does and which projects are supported see: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/> There are specific Cardinal's Appeal envelopes at the exits of the church.

COMBONI-150 is our overseas project, celebrating also the 150th anniversary of foundation of the Comboni Missionaries. All funds given through the parish will assist Comboni Sr Rosemary Herrera in Arequipa, Peru, hoping for a total of £4855. **The project aims to provide two bio-gardens as 'sow a seed and you feed a village' but also, in the interim, some food parcels and meals to those developing these gardens which will belong to the villagers.**

CASH placed in the Lent Project money box at the main doors of the church will be divided 65% for Comboni-150 and 35% Cardinal's Appeal. Cash placed in envelopes made 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS PLATINUM JUBILEE TEA PARTY –

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE for the celebratory Afternoon Tea provided free of charge to senior citizen parishioners and their neighbours and friends (rather like our Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch) at **3.00pm Saturday 4th June**. Contact the Parish Office at chiswick@rcdow.org.uk or chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk or tel: 020 8994 2877 or 020 8747 5074. If you require transport to the Jubilee Tea, please contact either the Parish Office or the Catholic Centre on the email and telephone numbers above. We need volunteers to set up, serve and wash up after the tea party and also teenagers/young people out there who would also like to help? Also, are there any drivers who could assist please to collect and return to home some guests? We are also looking for helpers to set up and decorate the Hall from 5.00pm on Friday 3rd June. If any of this will work for you over the Platinum Jubilee weekend, please email the Catholic Centre Manager at chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk

JOIN POPE FRANCIS IN A ROSARY FOR PEACE ON TUESDAY

at 5.00pm at home or in church. Pope Francis will be reciting the Rosary in front of the statue of Our Lady Queen of Peace in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome at 6.00pm [5.00pm UK time] on the Feast of the Visitation closing the Marian month of May. In doing so, 'he wishes to offer a sign of hope to the world, suffering through the conflict in Ukraine, and profoundly wounded through the violence of so many other theatres of war.'

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION, SATURDAY 5.00pm-6.00pm

has returned for the first time since before the pandemic and will now continue. Why not come for some restful silent prayer and perhaps avail yourself of the Sacrament of Penance also? Confession closes at 5.45pm to enable 6.00pm Benediction.

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

IS YOUR CHILD 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD? Did you know that you are entitled to Free Nursery Childcare Provision? We have part time places in our well-equipped Nursery classes run by experienced, fully qualified teachers and Nursery Education Officers. We offer an outstanding provision for our children with a well-resourced classroom, a warm friendly team of teachers and staff. Visits are warmly welcomed. Please contact Miss Amy Williams in our school admin team to arrange an appointment, or informal discussion on 020 0208 994 5606 or email: office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY – The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order **your Digital** 4 weeks **FREE** trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

FOODBANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – Non-perishable items of food may be brought and left in the box at the back of church next weekend. There will also be a cash collection after all Masses also. An excellent way to ensure the Jubilee joy is shared.

ST DUNSTAN'S, GUNNERSBURY NOTES

The Funeral Mass for the late Raymond Zucconi will be at 11.00am Monday 30th May with burial afterwards in Gunnersbury Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

The Funeral Mass for the late Miss Melanie Sanderson will be at 10.30am Wednesday 1st June with burial afterwards in Gunnersbury Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

A JUBILEE COFFEE MORNING will be held on next Sunday 5th June after the 10.00am Mass in the Priest's House. All welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 22nd – 29th July - Information and booking forms are available from the Parish Office or at www.tangney-tours.com/westminster or 01732886666 for anyone wishing to go on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

A DAY WITH MARY – The next is on Sat 4th June, St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, W2 from 10.00am to 5.30pm.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP - The next meeting is on Tuesday 7th June in the Parish Centre Rm 1 at 7.00pm.

DO YOU HAVE FINANCIAL OR ACCOUNTANCY EXPERTISE to a professional level? If so, you are unlikely to have time to give *pro bono*! However, if you do, or you know someone who might have a modest amount of time to offer in the great purpose and enterprise of Catholic education, and is firstly also a practising Catholic, then St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Chiswick will be seeking to recruit a Foundation Governor with this expertise from September 2022 as the current office holder is completing term of office. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Cardinal Archbishop to represent his interests in providing the very best to and for the school children and community. If this opportunity might be of interest please arrange in the first instance a conversation with Canon Michael via the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC LISTENERS - A new confidential listening helpline. **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The helpline is all about listening to others. Although we are not a counselling service, we have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Sometimes just communicating with someone who listens and understands can help clarify a way forward. We aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For info please contact Ade, Catholiclisteners@gmail.com or phone 08004480704.

THE PARADOX OF ABUNDANCE - Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." CAFOD's new campaign is called *Fix the Food System*. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for info, including for parish groups.

UKRAINIAN CRISIS DONATIONS – To ease the suffering of the displaced please see the home page of the parish website or these: <https://www.dec.org.uk/> or <https://cafod.org.uk/> or <https://acnuk.org/> or the **Ukrainian Catholic Church in London** is forwarding donations directly to and through its network in Ukraine. Please send cheques payable to **AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund to: Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London**, Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, W1K 5BQ

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – The Tuesday morning post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St Edward's Room each week. There will be **no Friday** coffee morning in the Parish Centre next week due to the Bank Holiday. All are very welcome!

PLANT SALE TODAY! – from 2.00pm – 5.00pm at 27 Flanchford Road, W12 9ND to raise money for a hospice in Chiswick.

Collections for last weekend:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
£4450.47
St. Joseph's Grove Park
£183.38

Thank you for your generosity.