



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

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29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

## 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Canon Michael Dunne  
Fr Daniel Daley  
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Sharon Bowden

Parish Priest  
Assistant Priest  
Assistant Priest  
Administrator

### Fr Michael writes:

Amidst so much that is going wrong across the world, there is some greatly encouraging news from the last month here in the parish for which I give thanks to God, together I'm sure with fellow parishioners. It's the simple news of our annual counting of the congregation which happened over the last week of September and the first three weeks of October. It's a requirement initiated from the Holy See which wants an annual indication of Catholic practice in every parish across the whole world but it's useful, too, of course for every Diocese for oversight and strategic purposes. However, it's most keenly felt in every individual parish especially since the damage to numbers wrought by the pandemic. Prior to Covid our October count in 2019 was 1,534. In the depths of the pandemic with churches closed and then just about re-opened but with social distancing and stewarding we were, in October 2020, just 494. October 2021 saw the happy thaw with numbers returning to 818. And the good news is that we have cast further aside the shadow of the pandemic even from last year, October 2022, when we were 920. This year our total average congregation over the weekend Masses is 1,011; happily again, over the 1,000 mark and a 10% rise over 2022. Hopefully this recovery is also a new trajectory for the future and is set to continue with all our missionary endeavours both spiritual and material reaching out to all for 2024. We can be calling back those who still might not have returned since the pandemic and inviting also those in the broader community who are new or expressing interest or, indeed, doubt. We would all wish to be a welcoming community as we know we are, though there were some who very helpfully said in our parish's synodal process of two years ago that they had experienced attendance at Mass in the parish as somewhat 'transactional'. We can reflect on this and ensure we do appropriately greet those next to us in church. We can also be reflecting how each of us in the parish can develop more opportunities both for parishioners deepening discipleship but also reaching out to help in the lives of others which is what Christ seeks to do and asks our participation in His mission. We reflect in the scriptures this weekend on the *two* great commandments which was the Lord's answer to a question about which is the *one* greatest commandment. *Both* are our calling, our privilege and our joy: 'You must love the Lord your God...' and 'you must love your neighbour as yourself'. All food for immensely rich thought as we journey on to future mission.

### Helping in the Holy Land

*Friends of the Holy Land*, an ecumenical charity much supported by our parishioners and parish, is remarkably still able to support the 4,000+ people of all faiths and none sheltering in Christian churches and their compounds. For details please see:

[www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/our-response-to-gaza](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/our-response-to-gaza)

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Sat 28/10 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Bridget Tuffy Ursula P.V. Tustain	ANN RIP
6.30pm	Grove Park		
Sun 29/10 8.30am	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT	Joan Crowley & Family People of the Parish	ANN INT
9.45am		Margaret Farrell	INT
10.00am	Gunnersbury	Ray Arjan	ANN
11.00am		Thomas Ryan	RD
12.15pm		Paul O'Leary	RD
6.30pm			
Mon 30/10 10.00am	FERIA	Maria O'Mahony	RD
Tue 31/10 10.00am	FERIA	Mary Callaghan	RD
Wed 1/11 10.00am	ALL SAINTS	Holy Souls	RIP
12.30pm		Willy Tully	RD
6.00pm	Comboni Covent	Nan Fitzsimons	RD
7.30pm		Rita Moran	RD
Thur 2/11 10.00am	ALL SOULS	Holy Souls	RIP
12.30pm		Jack Hollis	SICK
7.30pm		Raja Cooray	2 <sup>nd</sup> ANN
Fri 3/11 10.00am	FERIA	Holy Souls	RIP
6.00pm	PIME Covent	May, Eleanor, Brian & Angelo Hempenstall	RIP
Sat 4/11 10.00am	ST CHARLES BORROMEO	Holy Souls	RIP
11.00am		Confession	
5.00pm		Confession	
6.30pm		Johnnie Galvin	ANN
6.30pm	Grove Park	James & Charles Hempenstall	SICK

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

**For the recently deceased:** Alphonsus Michael Egan, Jack Holden, Marion Sutton, Monique McAully and Helen Roskott. RIP.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Bridget Tuffy, Joan Crowley, Ray Arjan, Raja Cooray, Johnnie Galvin, Winnie Carney, Gerald Louis, Beryl, Bridget, Osborn, Harold and George Bridgeman, Mary O'Donoghue, Christopher Bagenal. RIP.

### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 146

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Exodus 22: 20-26**

Psalm: **17:2-4, 47, 51**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5**

Gospel: **Matthew 22:34-40**

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 149

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Malachi 1: 14-2:2, 8-10**

Psalm: **130**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13**

Gospel: **Matthew 23: 1-12**

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSE WEEKLY** – Five copies a week at the back of church. £3.50 per copy with cash to 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. If any parishioners would like a crib for Christmas, please see Anne or Eddie as this year cribs will only be available to order with a 50% deposit taken for each order **by 5<sup>th</sup> November at the latest**. The Repository is open after all Sunday morning. Pop in and see us.

**ALL SAINTS DAY on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** is a Holy Day of Obligation with Masses at **10.00am** (with St Mary's Primary School joining in), **12.30pm** and **7.30pm. (+6.00pm Comboni Convent).**

**ALL SOULS DAY on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.**, is the day to remember the dead *par excellence* as the plenary indulgence can be gained for the Holy Souls. Masses are at **10.00am, 12.30pm, 7.30pm**

**NOVEMBER, THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS** the 'November Dead Lists' are available at the back of the church ready for the month when one parish Mass daily will be offered for the Holy Souls.

**THE ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS** when we especially welcome those who have been bereaved since last November is at **6.30pm next Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. As usual the names of the deceased will be read out, candles will be lit in memory of them, and Mass will be offered both for them and for those who mourn them. Recently bereaved or not, of course, all are welcome to the Mass. Tea and coffee served afterwards in the St Edward's Room.

**NOVEMBER'S BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES** – The annual Blessings of the Graves in local cemeteries next month in the Month of the Holy Souls will be: 3.00pm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November in Chiswick New Cemetery; and 3.00pm Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November in Gunnersbury Cemetery. (Warm, windproof and waterproof clothing is recommended; also portable chairs recommended for the elderly.) Details of all Blessings of Graves in Hounslow Deanery during November are on the noticeboard at the back of church.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** – Thank you for your donations last weekend supporting missionaries working alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. £1168.29 was donated by Chiswick and £15.00 from Grove Park **totalling £1183.29. Thank you!**

**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** - The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 82 retired priests, at a cost of £850,000. Caring for our priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our Diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. Donation envelopes are at the back of the church today. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan to give online. You may also wish to consider becoming a Patron of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy. 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.

**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?** – If you know of anyone who is considering becoming a Catholic or if a Catholic has missed out on any of the sacraments, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the course to follow. It will be on Weds at 7.00pm from Nov 2023 to May 2024. To register or express interest please contact the Parish Office: [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 of young adults in our parish which is after the Q&A session with the priests this evening Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct after the 6.30pm Mass <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

**THE MEN'S GROUP** - Next meeting Thursday 16th November, 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 "The Intentional Father: A Practical Guide to Raise Sons of Courage and Character", followed by a drink at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: [donnellysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnellysm@hotmail.com) or just turn up.

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.00pm with the next session Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. For more info 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. Phone/email for a 10-minute slot. Current availability: **Weds 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 3.00 to 6.00pm.**

#### ST. DUNSTAN'S GUNNERSBURY NOTES

**COFFEE MORNING TODAY to thank Fr Janos** - As announced there'll be a coffee morning in the presbytery after the 10.00am Sunday Mass to thank Fr Janos for his supporting the parish.

#### EVENTS AT THE CATHOLIC CENTRE:-

**1.The Tulsa Time Band.** We're pleased to welcome back to the Catholic Centre; the only British Tribute Band performing the music of Don Williams, with songs from his extensive back catalogue including 'You're My Best Friend' and of course, 'Tulsa Time!' Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm at The Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue. Tickets £12 each, available from the Parish Centre office or lounge bar, or online via Eventbrite [www.bit.ly/3OoVh99](http://www.bit.ly/3OoVh99)

**2.The Scene. DJ & VJ set – "Music & Movies to Move You".** The Chiswick Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, 7.30pm 'til 11pm. The only place in London to hear and see music & movies together from the 1940s -1990's with a varied spectrum of genres + some subliminal moments of the future. Price: £5 cash on the door. Reasonable prices at the bar. Next gig Friday 3rd Nov. Info: [contact.thescene@gmail.com](mailto:contact.thescene@gmail.com) Follow us for future events: [www.facebook.com/groups/thescenemusicgroup](http://www.facebook.com/groups/thescenemusicgroup) Instagram: the.scene.musicandmovies

**3.'REMEMBRANCE'** A miscellany of readings, letters and poems commemorating and remembering those affected by wars around the world, by Persever Productions. **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm**, Chiswick Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue. Part of Persever's programme of monthly events. Persever Productions CIO is a registered charity (no: 1201022), supporting actors.

**WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL** - Every September up to six boys join Westminster Cathedral Choir School in Year 4 as choristers. Becoming a chorister offers a boy the opportunity to sing in central London and on tour internationally in one of the world's famous choirs, and to join a thriving, inclusive, independent school for boys, age 4 – 13. All choristers receive generous scholarships supplemented by means-tested bursaries worth up to 100% of fees. The next Zoom session is 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 6.30pm. Contact Lucy Auger for a link: [lauger@choirschool.com](mailto:lauger@choirschool.com)

**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 CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR** - St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chiswick is gearing up for Christmas and their legendary Christmas Raffle, which will take place at the annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, 2nd December. If you own a local business and can offer your support, or would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please contact the PTA via email, [pta\\_stmarys@yahoo.com](mailto:pta_stmarys@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance for your kindness!

**ANDREW NEARY Jnr. RIP** – The family of the late Andrew Neary Jnr. wish to extend their sincere gratitude to everyone who offered sympathy, sent Mass cards and/or attended the memorial service.

**CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS** – Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS' at the back of the church.

**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**

22/10/23 - £4038.52

**Grove Park**

22/10/23 - £179.50

**Thank you for your generosity.**