



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

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2nd JULY 2023

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Canon Michael Dunne
Fr Daniel Daley
Fr Jude Duruaku CSSp
Fr Damian Wachowiak
Sharon Bowden

Parish Priest
Assistant Priest
Assistant Priest
Supply Priest
Administrator

Fr Michael writes:

A joy this weekend in the parish will be the enrolment at the 11.00am Mass of new altar servers in the Archconfraternity and Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers. We enroll both on St Stephen's Day, 26th December, the Guild's principal Feast, but also on the nearest Sunday to the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul because of the Guild's close association with the Holy See. So precocious was the rise of the Guild that though founded at parish level in Hammersmith in 1904, Pope Pius X himself established it in 1905 as newly based at Westminster Cathedral with the Archbishop of Westminster as its Superior-General and in the following year created it not only the Guild but the Archconfraternity of St Stephen with parishes beyond the Diocese being able to affiliate which they have now done from across the world. The young servers learn not only to understand what they are doing and why, - and therefore with the utmost reverence and love - but also that life is vocational, that as disciples of Christ and inspired by his first martyr, St Stephen, we learn to give of ourselves in service of God and neighbour. As we applaud these young disciples making their Guild Promise we might usefully ask for the grace to renew our own readiness to live, as the Guild Promise has it, "for the glory of God, the service of His Church and my own eternal salvation."

Welcome to Fr Damian Wachowiak

Fr Damian arrives this weekend fresh from his studies for the month of July to enjoy something of London as well as to enable holidays for we residents. Fr Damian is from the Archdiocese of Poznań in central eastern Poland, the oldest and original diocese of that country founded over 1,000 years ago in 968!

July: the month of the Precious Blood

Westminster Cathedral is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood and it was about this that Pope Benedict, at his Mass there in 2010, spoke these words: *The outpouring of Christ's blood is the source of the Church's life. St John sees in the water and blood which flowed from our Lord's body the wellspring of that divine life which is bestowed by the Holy Spirit and communicated to us in the sacraments. Faithful to Christ's command to 'do this in memory of me' the Church in every time and place celebrates the Eucharist until the Lord returns, rejoicing in his sacramental presence and drawing on the power of his saving sacrifice. The Eucharistic sacrifice embraces in turn the mystery of our Lord's continuing passion in the members of his body, the Church. Here the great crucifix serves as a reminder that Christ, our eternal high priest, daily unites our own sacrifices, our own sufferings, our own needs, hopes and aspirations, to the infinite merits of his sacrifice. Through him, with him and in him, we lift up our own bodies as a sacrifice holy and acceptable to God, caught up in his eternal oblation, completing in our flesh what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the Church.*

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| Sat 1/7 6.30pm | Vigil Mass | Mary Galvin John Bellamy | ANN RD |
| 6.30pm | Grove Park | | |
| Sun 2/7 8.30am | 13 th SUNDAY IN OT | Anne Johnson Maureen Marsden – Birthday People of the Parish Rita Morrissey Ann Begley Eva Blonska | ANN INT INT RD RD 3 rd ANN |
| 9.45am | Gunnersbury | | |
| 10.00am | | | |
| 11.00am | | | |
| 12.15pm | | | |
| 6.30pm | | | |
| Mon 3/7 10.00am | ST THOMAS | John D'Souza | ANN |
| Tue 4/7 10.00am | FERIA | Francis Elwolde | INT |
| Wed 5/7 10.00am | FERIA | Michael O'Shaughnessy – Birthday Sr. Camilla Andreatta | RIP RD |
| 6.00pm | Comboni Convent | | |
| Thur 6/7 10.00am | FERIA | Gerard Fox Communion & Liberation Movement | RD |
| 6.30pm- 9.00pm | | | |
| Fri 7/7 10.00am | FERIA | Kaffie Fitzgerald Michael, Adrian & Monica McGowan | ANN INT |
| 6.00pm | PIME Convent | | |
| Sat 8/7 10.00am | FERIA | Anne Bernadette Gath-Robson Confession Confession Special Intentions Mary Hayes Rosie Chambers | ANN INT SICK |
| 11.00am | | | |
| 5.00pm | | | |
| 6.30pm | | | |
| 6.30pm | Grove Park | | |

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthly, 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, Bernadette Boylan, James Ward and those suffering.

For the recently deceased: Joseph Anthony Lessel. May he RIP.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Francis Duncan, Mary Galvin, Richard Ivor, Anne Johnson, Eva Blonska, John D'Souza, Kaffie Fitzgerald, Anne Bernadette Gath-Robson. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.96

1st Reading: **2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16**

Psalm: **88:2-3, 16-19**

2nd Reading: **Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

Gospel: **Matthew 10:37-42**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 99

1st Reading: **Zechariah 9: 9-10**

Psalm: **144:1-2,8-11,13-14**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:9,11-13**

Gospel: **Matthew 11:25-30**

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

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 'Catholic Papers'.

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.

COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTERS' APPEAL - THANK YOU! -

Thank you to all those who supported the Comboni Missionary Sisters Appeal last weekend on behalf of all Orders of Missionary Sisters in the UK. £1873.02 was donated by Chiswick and £114.05 by Grove Park totalling **£1987.07**. This supports the work of all the Orders as the total is divided nationally between them.

FOODBANK COLLECTION TODAY! – Non-perishable items of food may be brought and left in the box at the back of church. Cash collection also after all Masses.

SEA SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND – Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers in need. There will be a collection after all Masses next weekend and Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church to be return next weekend. You can also donate by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or by texting SEA to 70460 to donate £5. This collection enables Stella Maris to continue its work so any donation is greatly appreciated.

NATIONAL GALLERY'S ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI TOURS - The St Francis Leprosy Guild's co-ordinator, Eileen, 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 8/07; 29/07. See the Guild poster at the back and contact Eileen on 07542817869 or eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org)

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>

MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is on Thurs 6th July, at 8.30pm in the Priests' House. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for Lectio Divina, reflecting on the next Sunday's Gospel, followed by a drink at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: donnellysm@hotmail.com or just turn up and ring the doorbell.

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening this week at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th July. For info: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING - If any child who has made their First Holy Communion would like to train as an altar server, please come to the church with a parent TODAY, Sunday 2nd July at 4.00pm for one hour.

BAPTISM – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 4th and 11th July, 7.30pm in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or via the parish website: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org

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.*

Two 9.45am innovations so far in the light of suggestions are:

- (i) The children's percussion instruments for the last hymn;
- (ii) 30 copies of the recommended **'My Picture Missal'** are available for parents/carers at the entrance to assist your child's understanding of Mass. Please remember to return them at the end of Mass! *Thank you.*

PARISH VOLUNTEERS & DBS Certs – 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: chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

PARISH VOLUNTEERING AND MINISTRY – *"There are many different kinds of service but we serve the same Lord,"* as St Paul says in his *First Letter to the Corinthians* (12.5). Looking to the new school year in particular but with some opportunities for a start sooner, there are many enjoyable and rewarding ways in which to contribute to the parish's family life and deepen in discipleship, participating in the local mission. Could you be a parish Reader, for instance, once a month? Or help with next year's Confirmation programme in a easy conversational way and coached, as you would be also helping with First Holy Communion, by others with years of experience? If so, please do speak to one of the priests.

GROVE PARK NOTES

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PRESBYTERY REFURBISHMENT - With work underway for four months, parishioners who have house keys from previous need must not enter the house as it is legally a building site. The works will not affect the usage of either the Parish Room or the church.

IS YOUR CHILD 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD? Did you know that you are entitled to Free Nursery Childcare Provision? We have a limited number of 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 our school admin team to arrange an appointment, or informal discussion on 020 8994 5606 or email: office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk

CARETAKER JOB AT ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, Duke Rd. – 36 hrs a week from 1st Sept, c£26k per annum, work in Chiswick and have no commute! If interested pls contact the school or see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/caretakerhandyman-1346413>

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St George's Church, 970 Harrow Road, Wembley, HA0 2QE on Sat 8th July from 1:30pm to 4:30pm, including teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more info.

GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR takes place on Sunday 9th July from 12-4pm. There will be dozens of stalls, BBQ, raffles, music, food, bar and much more so please do come along! Entrance via Gumley Gardens, St John's Road, Isleworth TW7 6PP.

COMBONI QUIZ NIGHT & PIZZA, Friday 14th July, 7.30pm, raising funds for their girls' school development in rural Uganda, transforming girls' lives. Tickets (£15) available from the Parish Office on and after 3rd July. See posters at church exits or contact the sisters: 020 8994 1220 or combonicentre16@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD FROM OSTERLEY PARISH: Coach leaves St. Vincent's, 2 Witham Rd TW7 4AJ on Sat. 15/7/23 between 9.15-9.30am. Return at 7.00pm. See poster for details, and contact the Osterley parish office to book. Tel. 020 8560 4737 / osterley@rcdow.org.uk Cost £19 adult, £15 child, payable to WRCDDT Osterley, 41095889 / 40- 05-20 / Ref. Aylesford

VACANCY for EA: SPUC – Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – 21 hrs a week Executive Assistant working for the Executive Director. Pls see: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/joinourteam>

REPOSITORY – First Holy Communion cards & gifts, Confirmation cards & other religious items. Open after Sunday morning Masses.

THE CATHOLIC UNION is an organisation dedicated to the defence of Catholic values in Parliament and public life and the promotion of the common good. As a young Catholic, a student or under 25 years old, we are delighted to offer you **free membership** and would encourage you to join and receive exclusive benefits. We urge you to tell your friends & colleagues about this fantastic offer and to get involved as we'd welcome your expertise. You may like to check out our Events Calendar packed with Pub Talks, webinars, lectures and more.



CALLIGRAPHY – if you require beautiful handwriting for a wedding, birthday or special invitations/envelopes/place names etc, email Rose Villosio rose.villosio@gmail.com 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!

BRIAN GILL RIP – The family of the late Brian Gill would like to extend their sincere gratitude to everyone who offered sympathy, sent Mass cards and/or attended the funeral service. A Mass will be offered for for your intentions on 13th August at 11.00am.

Collections for the last two weekends:
OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
18/6/23 - £3885.93 & 25/6/23 £3905.21
Grove Park
18/6/23 - £227.95 & 25/6/23 £304.15
Thank you for your generosity.