



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

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2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2022

## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Canon Michael Dunne**  
**Fr Daniel Daley**  
**Fr Erasmus Egenonu CSSp**  
**Tomas Krejci**  
**Sharon Bowden**

*Parish Priest*  
*Assistant Priest*  
*Assistant Priest*  
*Seminarian*  
*Administrator*

### Fr Michael writes:

"Were your faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." How Jesus longs for us to have faith! His miracles helped as the scriptures and especially *The Acts of the Apostles* go on to show. The disciples too worked miracles in their turn, their lives lived in their faith in the *presence of the Risen Christ with them* in their ministry; their recognition of His being among them as they continued His mission. October, being the Month of the Rosary, offers us a help focussing us on His presence among us too, and our mysteriously sharing even now in the mysteries of His life, death and resurrection. Contemplating with Mary, the perfect model of a faith-filled life, of a heart and its love conformed to Christ's, in praying the Rosary, even a single decade a day, we look beyond ourselves, fanning into a flame the faith we have been given as St Paul says in the Second Reading, to the Lord, to Him whose life we share in the Holy Spirit. Through faith we learn to love if as sinners also as those becoming saints as it is our faith, mothered as it were by Mary's and given by God, that enables us to see as Christ sees and so to look with His compassion upon the world in need. St Bernard writes: *'The Word became flesh and now dwells among us. He dwells in our hearts through faith, he dwells in our memory and thoughts, he penetrates even to our imagination. He was above our understanding, unapproachable; he was completely invisible and beyond our intellect; but now he wished to be comprehended, to be seen, to be pondered. But how? you may ask. I answer: lying in a manger, resting on a virgin's bosom, preaching on the mount, spending the night in prayer; or hanging on the cross; or rising again on the third day, showing the apostles the print of the nails, the sign of victory, and finally ascending from their sight into heaven. Is there anything here that cannot be reflected on, truthfully, lovingly, reverently? If I reflect on any of these things, I reflect on God, and in all of them I find my God.'*

### Welcome this week to seminarian Tomas:

Tomas Krejci is a former Anglican clergyman who will be assisting in our parish this academic year while he attends classes at Allen Hall Seminary as a diocesan seminarian. He was born in Prague, Czech Republic; for over two decades he was working as a solicitor for an international US-based law firm, his work taking him to a great number of countries around the world. His Old Catholic background brought him to the Church of England where, following the completion of his studies in theology at Oxford, he was ordained and worked for three years in a parish in Reading. Tomas is a great fan of classical music and arts in general, speaks a number of foreign languages, and likes cats (although he doesn't have one). In his free time he also enjoys travelling, in particular pilgrimages to Marian shrines. We welcome him and all he will do among us.

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<b>Sat 1/10</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>  <b>Grove Park</b>	Reynold Lombard Cecilia Finn	SICK RD
<b>Sun 2/10</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>9.45am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>12.15pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>Gunnersbury</b>	Hannah O'Mahony People of the Parish Bethan & Lucy McGowan Fouad Daahouk Ann (Nance) Cassidy John Michael Rogers	ANN INT INT RD RD RIP
<b>Mon 3/10</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>FERIA</b>	Ian Rogers	INT
<b>Tue 4/10</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Francis of Assisi</b>	Juliana Pradhan	INT
<b>Wed 5/10</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>St Faustina Kowalska</b> <i>(Comboni Convent)</i>	Leonora Alder O'Sullivan Family Dec'd	ANN RIP
<b>Thur 6/10</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Bruno</b>	Jeremiah Murphy	ANN
<b>Fri 7/10</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> <i>(PIME Convent)</i>	Geoffrey Beaumont Easter Brown	ANN ANN
<b>Sat 8/10</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>11-11.45am</b> <b>5-5.45pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>FERIA</b>      <b>Grove Park</b>	Lucila Rogers <b>Confession</b> <b>Holy Hour &amp; Confession</b> <b>Benediction</b> Plunkett O'Donnell Hugh Kinney	INT    ANN ANN

### 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.Wrynn, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Iris Faulkner, Mike O'Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Pascale Murphy and all those suffering.

**For those recently deceased:** Andrea McManus, Yves Spoerry and Keith Stammer. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Rosita Ngo and John Murphy. May they Rest in Peace.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4**

Psalm: **94:1-2, 6-9**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **2 Timothy 1:6-8; 13-14**

Gospel: **Luke 17:5-10**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **2 Kings 5:14-17**

Psalm: **97:1-4**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **2 Timothy 2:8-13**

Gospel: **Luke 17:11-19**

**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.

**THIS MONTH'S CATHOLIC HERALD** is at the back of church. An excellent and weighty read. Please remember to pay the £5 cost into the box marked 'Catholic Papers'.

**THIS MONTH'S CATHOLIC POST** is at the back of church **FREE**.

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

**FOODBANK MONTHLY COLLECTION** this weeknd of non-perishable items of food as well as a cash collection for those who prefer outside the main church doors on the High Road. Thank you.

**A WORLD PREMIER IN THE PARISH! – At 6.30pm Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, Our Lady of Grace Church will host the first ever live performance of **'AQUERO'**, an oratorio on the life and experience of St Bernadette of Lourdes receiving the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858. The charitable event will raise funds for Friends of the Holy Land, the ecumenical charity of which Cardinal Vincent is Patron, supporting Christians in the Holy Land. Tickets for the concert only are £20 and are available from the Parish Office. Or, to buy a ticket for the concert AND the post-concert buffet supper in the Parish Centre at £60 each, please go to: <https://aquero-chiswick.eventbrite.co.uk>

**ALTAR SERVING RECRUITMENT – At 4.00pm TODAY Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct** in church our parish Master of Ceremonies, Jim Cullen, is offering altar serving training for new servers. All parish children who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend the session which will last for one hour. At least one parent must attend the session also. New servers, supported by their parents, will need to be ready to attend the 11.00am Sunday Mass for some time before they can return to serve at a different weekend Mass.

**CAFOD'S HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY THIS FRIDAY – East Africa** is in the midst of a terrible food crisis affecting millions of people; a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Across Kenya, Ethiopia, South Sudan and in Somalia, families are facing extreme levels of hunger and malnutrition. Four years of drought have exacerbated existing food and water shortages in the region and, tragically, famine is now looming. Next weekend there'll be the routine autumn CAFOD collection for this particular cause, grateful as CAFOD is for your generosity a fortnight ago for the Pakistan Floods Emergency Appeal. Envelopes, with the option of Gift Aid, are at the back of church or go to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday).

**SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SECONDARY AND PRIMARY, 2022.** To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP), *if your Catholic practice allows for it*, you should **firstly** contact the Parish Office to request an appointment and collect a self-assessment form (which can also be sent electronically). You should **secondly** complete the self-assessment form and bring it to your appointment with Fr Michael. You should not bring blank CCPs from schools. 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. The period of churches being closed is irrelevant because Catholic practice is to be evidenced over *several years*. It is also *perfectly feasible* to submit an application to a Catholic school *without* a CCP. The application would be categorised according to the admission criteria published by the school. Phone or email the office for a 10-minute slot this week within: **Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.00-5.50pm; Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> 3.00-4.00pm; Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 3.00-5.50pm.** The following week: **Weds 12<sup>th</sup> 3.00-5.50pm; Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> 3.00-4.00pm; Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 3.00-4.00pm.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23 IS NOW CLOSED** – having been open all through the month of September.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2022/23.** The Youth Confirmation developed over the pandemic is being kept for this academic year. Thus, all teaching sessions will be in 2023, in the Spring and Summer Terms. Fr Daniel will publish the application process later this term as well as the dates of all teaching sessions which can be entered into diaries early as attendance is essential and absence would likely result in being unable to proceed to Confirmation.

**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 2022 to May 2023. No course details are yet available but if you'd like to register or express an interest please contact the Parish Office; [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk) 020 8994 2877

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.00pm with the next session tomorrow 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT** – over the next two weekends the number in the congregation will be counted for statistical purposes.

**YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL in Chiswick** - Meet outside church after 6:30pm Mass Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. For Catholics aged 18-35. Mass followed by pub trip. See you there!

**SAVE THE DATE for SR GRAÇA'S FAREWELL, Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** – after twelve years in the parish and contributing so much to the parish Youth Confirmation programme in particular but also the youth group, other parish enterprises and Comboni initiatives in London and beyond, Sr Graça Almeida has been assigned by her superiors to lead the formation of a new Comboni apostolate in Porto in Portugal. A Farewell Reception will be held in the Parish Centre after 12.15pm Mass, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**A DAY WITH MARY** – is to be hosted with convenient access from here at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, from 9.45am to 5.30pm. Sermons from Cathedral Chaplain and Canon John O'Leary, Rector of Allen Hall Seminary.

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

**CATHOLIC UNION EVENT** - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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://eventbrite.com) or register at [info@catholicunion.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk) or 020 8749 1321.

**RETRouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages** - Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? - Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought together. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**CATHOLIC LISTENERS** - A new confidential helpline **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, for those returning to the faith. Although not a counselling service, we have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Contact Ade, [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com) or 08004480704.

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**CHRIST CHURCH, Church of England, Turnham Green – Job Vacancy** – seeking to appoint a practical, organised handy-person to join their Facilities team. Medium to heavy work including lifting furniture. 20-25 hrs, incl some evening & weekend shifts. One year contract. £14,240 - £17,800. See [www.christchurchw4.com/jobs](http://www.christchurchw4.com/jobs)

**TWO LOCAL VACANCIES IN SCHOOLS** - Site Assistant (St Richard Reynolds Catholic College - Twickenham ) and Operations Manager (St Ignatius Catholic Primary - Sunbury) <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies> <https://www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk/vacancies/>

**TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS** – Tuesdays after the 10.00am Mass in the St Edward's Room; also Fridays in the Parish Centre after Mass. All are very welcome.

Collections for last two weeks:

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**25/9/22 - £4,338.78**

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