

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

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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fr Míchael wrítes:

In spite of the joy of the Solemnity of All Saints, we tend to think of 'saints' as the relatively few who have been formally canonised by the Church rather than all those in heaven where, canonised or uncanonised, they are *all saints*! There's another sense of the word, however, throughout the New Testament in, for instance, the Acts of the Apostles, in the Letters of St Paul and in the *Apocalypse*. Here the members of these early Church communities are addressed as 'saints'. St Paul for instance writes "to the saints and faithful in Christ at Colossae" at the beginning of the Letter to the Colossians. Both senses of the word are correct. It is our being in Christ which makes us 'saints' as St Paul says, both in the sense that we are now rooted in Him through our Baptism, the sacraments He instituted for us, especially the Blessed Eucharist, and our Church community. And we are *potentially* saints in that other more formal sense, that, God willing, we will be called after a life lived growing in daily love, to the fullness of the life of God in heaven. We'd join the Communion of Saints, All Saints, canonised or not. Over the next few days we also have an opportunity for there to be more saints in heaven! On any day between 1st and 8th November a Plenary Indulgence may be gained for a soul in Purgatory by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead, or simply praying mentally for the dead. On All Souls' Day, a Plenary Indulgence is granted by visiting a church or chapel with devotion and there reciting an Our Father and a Creed. One image which might be helpful in understanding the efficacy of a Plenary Indulgence is this: think of an industrial country pumping tonnes of harmful C02 emissions into the atmosphere. Then it decides to 'convert' by introducing legislation to stop these emissions as we all should. Even after the country's conversion from the sin of pollution, the consequences of its former sin continue to pollute the atmosphere for many years until finally dissipated. This is unfortunately the case with our own sins too. Even after I have had my sins forgiven by the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, I must still live with the *consequences* of my sins both in my own life and in the lives of those my sins have affected. These wounds of sin, like the pollution in the atmosphere, will eventually heal if I do not keep making matters worse. In Purgatory, I will not only see the effects of my sin in my own life and in the lives of others affected by my sins but I will *live* the effects, I will *experience* them. This the Church calls the "temporal punishment due to sin". A Plenary Indulgence applied to a soul in Purgatory is a complete remission of this punishment due to sin. The Church on earth offers, through the intercession of the Communion of Saints in heaven, the inestimable merits of Christ to the Father Who remits this punishment. A Plenary Indulgence is, for a soul in Purgatory, the gateway to Paradise; a saint among all saints.

31 st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat 29/10	Vigil Mass		
6.30pm		Bridget Tuffy 1 st	ANN
6.30pm	Grove Park	Angela Vaz	RD
Sun 30/10	31 st SUNDAY in		
8.30am	Ordinary Time	Alexander George	RD
9.45am		Francis Downing	RD
10.00am	Gunnersbury	Tom Jennings	RD
11.00am	-	Brian and Kathleen Kearney	ANN
12.15pm		The O'Shaugnessy Family	INT
6.30pm		People of the Parish	INT
Mon 31/10	FERIA		
10.00am		Private Intention	INT
12.00noon	Gunnersbury		
	Funeral Mass	Breda O'Sullivan	RIP
Tue 1/11	SOLEMNITY OF		
10.00am	ALL SAINTS	Holy Souls	RIP
11.30am	Funeral Mass	Marek Chybowski	RIP
12.45pm		Geraldine Brady	RD
7.30pm		Agnes and William Clements	ANN
Wed 2/11	COMMEMORA-		
10.00am	TION OF ALL	Holy Souls	RIP
12.30pm	SOULS	Margaret Hogan	RD
6.00pm	(Comboni Convent)	Tom McCarthy	RD
7.30pm		Anton Fernando	RD
Thur 3/11	FERIA		
10.00am		Holy Souls	RIP
Fri 4/11	St Charles	-	
10.00am	Borromeo	Holy Souls	RIP
6.00pm	(PIME Convent)	Patsy Cronin	ANN
Sat 5/11	FERIA		
10.00am		Holy Souls	RIP
11-11.45am		Confession	
12.15pm		Baptism	
5-5.45pm		Confession	
6.00pm		Benediction	
6.30pm	Bereavement	Holy Souls and those who	RIP/
•	Mass	mourn them	INT
6.30pm	Grove Park	Boutross Sfeir and	
-		deceased family	RIP

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, Marion Sutton, Iris Faulkner, Mike O'Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Pascale Murphy, Claudio Bogi, Gloria Weymouth, Bernard Keigher, Theresa Southern and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Loxley Alleyne, Marie King, Marek Chybowski, Bridget (Breda) O'Sullivan and Anton Fernando. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Mary O'Donoghue, Christopher Bagenal, Joe Beglane, John Murphy, Brian and Kathleen Kearney, Agnes and William Clements, Bridget Tuffy, Margaret Purves, Patsy Cronin, Gerald Louis. May they RIP.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.157 1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2 Psalm: 144:1-2, 8-11, 11-13 response v1 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.160 1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 Psalm: 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15 response v15 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 Gospel: Luke 20:27-38 ALL SAINTS DAY on Tuesday 1st Nov is a Holy Day of Obligation with Masses at **10.00am** (with St Mary's Primary School joining the congregation), **12.45pm** and **7.30pm**. Please note the unusual time for the lunchtime Mass which is NOT 12.30pm but <u>IS 12.45pm</u> because of the Requiem Mass just before it at 11.30am

ALL SOULS DAY on Wednesday 2nd Nov., is the day to remember the dead *par excellance* as the plenary indulgence can be gained for the Holy Souls (see newsletter front page). Masses are at 10.00am, 12.30pm, 7.30pm (+6.00pm Comboni Convent).

THE ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS when we especially welcome those who have been bereaved since last November is at **6.30pm Saturday 5th 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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 13th November – To allow for parishioners to join with all local residents attending the Act of Remebrance at the Chiswick Cenotaph (10.50am-11.10am), **our 11.00am Mass will begin at 11.15am.** The 11.15am Mass will be the annual Requiem for the Fallen. The 12.15pm Mass will begin at 12.30pm. The Royal British Legion procession to the Cenotaph leaves from outside the Memorial Club/Parish Centre, Bourne Place, at 10.30am. All are welcome.

NOVEMBER BEING THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS the 'November Dead Lists' are available at the back of church in preparation for the month in which one parish Mass each day will be offered for the Holy Souls, those on the lists before the altar.

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 6th November in Chiswick New Cemetery**; and **3.00pm Sunday 20th November in Gunnersbury Cemetery**. (Warm clothing, wind- and waterproof recommended; also portable chairs recommended for the elderly.) A complete list of all Hounslow cemetaries and the time and date of the Blessings of the Graves is on the board at the back of church.

SR GRAÇA'S FAREWELL and THANK YOU – Thank you to all those who contributed to making Sr Graça's farewell reception last Sunday such a success with so much delicious home-prepared food, such rich music, as well as such support in numbers. Sr Graça herself, briefly now at the Comboni Mother House in Verona, has sent her thanks too, to all who came to bid her such a heart-felt farewell. She was deeply touched, too, by the most generous collection given in support of her ongoing mission. *Thank you.*

MISSIO COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND – *THANK YOU* to those who were able to contribute to the Pope's charity supporting mission worldwide last weekend. £436.49 was raised.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2022/23. Fr Daniel will publish the application process next weekend as well as the teaching session dates from January to the Confirmation Masses 17th June 2023

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. Details of the course are now on the parish website (under 'Sacraments') with the course starting at 7.00pm 16th Nov 2022 and running until May 2023. If you'd like to register or express an interest please contact the Parish Office; chiswick@rcdow.org.uk 020 8994 2877

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is Thurs 17th Nov, 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 *'Persuasive Pro-Life'* - practical tips for explaining the pro-life position in a post Roe v. Wade world, followed by drinks at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly at <u>donnellysm@hotmail.com</u> for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at the new time of 7.<u>30</u>pm with the next session Tuesday 1st Nov. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL in Chiswick. Following the success of last time, this will be happening again *THIS EVENING* Sunday 30th Oct. Meet outside church after the 6:30pm Mass for a pub trip. For Catholics aged 18-35. New people welcome! Come and meet!

PUBLIC CONSULTATION on Cycleway 9, Chiswick High Road, Citing documentation sent from the Council: Hounslow Council has launched the construction of phase 3b of Cycleway 9 (C9), between Chiswick Lane and Heathfield Terrace. Construction is outlined for completion in mid December, subject to change depending on material availability and other logistical challenges. On Tuesday 4th October Transport for London (TfL) launched their six month public consultation surrounding the updates to the cycleway. This consultation forms an important part of the Experimental Traffic Order review process, where the feedback received, alongside monitoring data, will be used to inform the future of Cycleway 9 on Chiswick High Road. The consultation will be live until Tuesday 4th April, up until which time individuals are invited to submit as many responses as they see fit. Register your interest in participating in the consultation via the following: Website: https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/cycleway-9

Email: Haveyoursay@tfl.gov.uk

ST DUNSTAN'S, GUNNERSBURY NOTES

REQUIEM FOR BREDA O'SULLIVAN RIP – is at 12.00 noon Monday 31st Oct, followed by committal at Mortlake Crematorium 2.00pm. May she rest in peace.

ST JOSEPH'S, GROVE PARK NOTES

PARISH MEETING 7.15pm Sat 19th Nov, in the Parish Room – Following the 6.30pm Mass the Parish Finance Committee cordially invites all parishioners to a parish meeting. Its purpose is to update parishioners about the long-awaited presbytery refurbishment, the broader financial position of the parish and anything else parishioners would wish to raise. Refreshments will be provided. The meeting would be approximately 45 mins to close at an hour.

CATHOLIC CENTRE LOUNGE BAR: DRAUGHT BEER, MORE OPENING DAYS & MORE HOURS! The Catholic Centre Lounge Bar has freshly restored draught beer and is now open on Fridays 12.00 noon to 10.00pm, Saturdays 12.00 noon to 6.00pm and Sundays 12.00 noon to 6.00pm. 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 28th 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 <u>Eventbrite</u> or register at info@catholicunion.org.uk or 020 8749 1321.

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REPOSITORY – On sale now and NEWLY STOCKED with Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Year Diaries as well as sympathy cards, candles and rosaries etc. The Repository is open after all Sunday morning Masses for cards, gifts and many more items. Pop in and see us.

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.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – THIS Tuesday's coffee morning 1st November, is cancelled due to the Requiem Mass at 11.30am. Apologies for inconvenience. Friday's session, 4th November, is in the Parish Centre after Mass as normal. All are very welcome.

Collections for last weekend: OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick 16/10/22 - £3,996.71 St Joseph's Grove Park 16/10/22 - £241.77 Thank you for your generosity.