



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

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31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2022

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

Canon Michael Dunne  
Fr Daniel Herrero  
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### Fr Michael writes:

While some of our parishioners with the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage have only just returned yesterday from Lourdes in the south of France, there is much for the whole country to look forward to in the Autumn with the arrival of the Relics of St Bernadette Soubirous, the visionary of Lourdes, on pilgrimage for the first time to England, Scotland and Wales. Rather than we going on pilgrimage to Lourdes, Lourdes in a sense is coming to us. From 1<sup>st</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> November the Relics will visit 51 venues across the three nations offering probably once in a lifetime opportunities of great grace to people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes but in a church or cathedral near them. Cardinal Vincent writes: *The pilgrimage St Bernadette's relics will undertake offers us a welcome opportunity to bear active witness to our Faith, joining with one another across our many communities to encounter God's love and find spiritual, emotional and psychological healing and renewal.*

Born in 1844 into great poverty as one of eight children, St Bernadette's early life was indeed unremarkable but it was between 11<sup>th</sup> February and 16<sup>th</sup> July 1858 that she witnessed the eighteen apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the cave, or grotto, of Massabielle on the outskirts of Lourdes beside the River Gave. With the apparitions verified Bernadette left Lourdes to live her religious vocation with the Sisters of Charity in Nevers and died in 1879, being canonised in 1933. Lourdes has become one of the greatest Christian pilgrimage sites in the world with many miracles of healing of manifold kinds attesting to its sanctity and the intercession of the Immaculate Conception and St Bernadette herself.

In our parishes we'll have to be especially organised if we wish to make a pilgrimage of the heart to the Relics as they are coming to London first. The full schedule is on the notice board at the back of church but our main opportunity will be at Westminster Cathedral from Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. There will be the great Masses, liturgies and the Sacrament of the Sick, celebrated by the Cardinal and the Auxiliary Bishops (details also on the board) but with two all-night vigils (!) there should be no major challenge to access at some stage to the veneration of the Relics. The Relics will be placed at the forward end of the Cathedral with access from queuing in the Cathedral Piazza through to the Relics and out again. The liturgies will all be accessed through the side door of the Cathedral on Ambrosden Avenue. Once full capacity is reached, there will be no further access.

Two very helpful websites: [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk) and also [www.westminstercathedral.org.uk](http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk)

In the meantime, I wish you as much of a happy, holy and restful August as possible and assure you of my remembrance of your intentions in prayer at the sacred sites of Ireland.

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Sat 30/7 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass  <i>Grove Park</i>	Henry Song Hugh Dommett	SICK 10 <sup>th</sup> ANN
Sun 31/7 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	18 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time  <i>Gunnersbury</i>	Eilish Curran Private Intentions People of the Parish Laura Williams-Birthday William John Collins Michael O'Brien	RD INT INT RIP RIP RD
Mon 1/8 10.00am	ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI	Margaret & Krystyna	INT
Tue 2/8 10.00am	FERIA	John Hynan	RD
Wed 3/8 10.00am	FERIA	Josie Neighbour	RD
Thur 4/8 10.00am	ST JOHN VIANNEY	John Hynan	RD
Fri 5/8 10.00am	FERIA	Mark Simons	RIP
Sat 6/8 10.00am 11-11.45am 5-5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm  6.30pm	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD     <i>Grove Park</i>	Richard Ivor <b>Confession</b> <b>Holy Hour &amp; Confession</b> <b>Benediction</b> Flt Engineer Robert H. Jones Julia Bradley	RD    ANN RD

### LET US PRAY

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthly, 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.Wynne, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Iris Faulkner, Mike O'Farrelly, Fr Timothy Finigan, Tom Jennings and those suffering.

**For those recently deceased:** Mary Galvin, Josef Garbowski, Mary Daly, John Cuss. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Hugh Dommett, Flight Engineer Robert H Jones. May they Rest in Peace.

### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.117

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

Psalm: **89: 3-6, 12-14, 17**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11**

Gospel: **Luke 12:13-21**

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.121:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Wisdom 18:6-9**

Psalm: **32:1, 12, 18-20, 22**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19**

Gospel: **Luke 12:32-48**

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

**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.

**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](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

**WELCOME FR PETER STARYSZAK** – It's great to be able to welcome Fr Peter to the parish for most of August with Fr. Daniel while Fr. Michael is on leave. Fr Peter is a priest of the Diocese of Rzeszów in Poland, is studying for a doctorate in Rome, and has assisted UK parishes previously including Westminster Cathedral.

**NO NEWSLETTERS IN AUGUST** – Although there will still be the Mass Intentions list published on the notice board on the inside of the church's main doors from the High Road as well as on the outside notice board on the side of the church towards the Priests' House, we will not have weekly newsletters in church or online, which is routine for the parish and diocese each summer. The first newsletter of the new academic year will be Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**FR DANIEL'S THANKSGIVING COLLECTION** – Although Fr Daniel has been with us for too short a time, nonetheless he has nourished and shepherded us over this last year and even his departure on mission edifies us further in the orientation of our lives. It is right therefore to have a valedictory collection for him in thanksgiving for his ministry among us as well as supporting him in going forward on mission. There are marked envelopes for this collection at the church doors though there is no rush to complete the collection as it will not be presented until Fr Daniel's Farewell Reception (see below). If you wish to make a contribution now or later please seal the envelope and place it either in the general collection bags or in the Priests' House letter box. Thank you.

**FR DANIEL'S FAREWELL MASS AND RECEPTION, also welcoming Fr Daniel Daley and Fr Erasmus Egenonu CSSp** – This Mass of Thanksgiving will be **11.00am Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September** and will allow parishioners to bid farewell to Fr Daniel Herrero and bid welcome both to Fr Daniel Daley and Fr Erasmus Egenonu CSSp. It will be followed by a buffet reception in the Parish Centre which will run long enough to allow those at the 12.15pm Mass to join before the speeches. Catering will be provided but volunteers are being sought for hall preparation, re-supplying dishes from the kitchen, continual tidying and washing up etc. If you'd like to help, please let Sharon in the Parish Office know.

**FOODBANK COLLECTION** – Next weekend we will have our monthly collection of non-perishable items of food for the foodbank for families and individuals in crisis as well as having a cash collection as an option.

**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.

**CHISWICK CATHOLIC CENTRE EVENTS** - A taster session for a '**Coffee & Crafts**' group will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August to discuss potential crafts sessions such as painting, sewing, knitting, jewellery making – any suggestions welcome! Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 11.00am to 1.00pm, drop in, The Catholic Centre. Also: We're pleased to welcome back to The Catholic Centre, **the Tulsa Time Band, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 7pm at The Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, W4 2AE. Tickets £10 each, available from the Parish Centre office or lounge bar, or online via Eventbrite.

**BASS PLAYER & DRUMMER REQUIRED** - 'A Wing and a Prayer', the band who played at the Senior's Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea Party, are looking for a bass player and drummer to add to their line-up. The band play a mixture of Irish, country and old rock and roll music. Age is not a consideration as all four present members are over 50. Phone - Alan Bignell 07973 503323.

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is convening weekly via Zoom with next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7.00pm. Please note there will be **no meetings on 9th August or 13th and 20th Sept**. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SECONDARY AND PRIMARY, 2022** Details of times to apply to Fr Michael for a Certificate of Catholic Practice for school applications in the autumn term, if your Catholic practice allows for it, will be advertised only in September.

**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.

## GUNNERSBURY NOTES

**FR. DANIEL'S THANKSGIVING COLLECTION** – It is recognised that Fr Daniel has rarely had the opportunity over the year to preside at Mass at St Dunstan's but if any parishioner wishes to contribute please place a marked envelope in the general collection rather than in the St Dunstan's Presbytery letter box. Thank you.

## GROVE PARK NOTES

**FR. DANIEL'S THANKSGIVING COLLECTION** – Please see the adjacent item on this subject. For St Joseph's parishioners it would be better if any contribution could be placed in the marked envelopes in the general collection rather than through the St Joseph's Presbytery letter box.

**BAPTISM** – It is possible to apply for infant baptism currently either with the form from the board at the back of church, the Parish Office or via the parish website. The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September in the church and St Edward's Room.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2022/23** will, it is to be hoped at last after the worst of the pandemic, begin again this autumn rather than with an abbreviated course beginning in January 2023. There will be plenty of time to apply for the programmes in September with programmes beginning in October at the earliest. No application forms are yet available.

**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 details are yet available. There will be plenty of time to apply for the programme in Sept/Oct.

**THANK YOU FROM CAFOD** - Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. *Thank you for your ongoing support from this parish.* To find out more [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**AMORIS LAETITIA** – The Joy of Love – New reflection document on Marriage and Family Life (MFL). The MFL Committee, chaired by Bishop David Oakley, has produced a document of reflections on the main themes of Amoris Laetitia called 'The Joy of Love':- [www.cbcew.org.uk/the-joy-of-love-new-reflection-document-on-marriage-and-family-life/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/the-joy-of-love-new-reflection-document-on-marriage-and-family-life/) "Amoris Laetitia should be read in a contemplative way. It's a text you receive in your heart – an opportunity to contemplate the mystery of love within marriage and family life and to grow a sense of discipleship" Bishop David Oakley

**VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS** are Catholic young people aged 18-35, from all over the world, who commit a year of their lives to the service of vulnerable people. During their year with us, they live in a community of three or four people and engage in voluntary work in partnership with other, well known charity organisations in order to help the impoverished, the homeless, the disabled, refugees and those suffering with addictions within the local community. We are still recruiting for September 2022 to July 2023. For more details visit <https://www.vincenzianvolunteers.org.uk/>

**UKRAINIAN CRISIS DONATIONS** are being forwarded by the Ukrainian Catholic Church in London. 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 post-Mass Tuesday and Friday tea & coffee mornings have concluded for August and will resume in September. *Thanks to all the volunteers.*

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**£3905.69**  
**St. Joseph's Grove Park**  
**£229.80**

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