



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

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3RD APRIL 2022

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Canon Michael Dunne
Fr Daniel Herrero
Fr John Mbinda CSSp
Sharon Bowden

Parish Priest
Assistant Priest
Assistant Priest
Administrator

Fr Michael writes:

Fr John arrives

Fr John Mbinda CSSp is just beginning his ministry among us this weekend and it has been a great joy to welcome him. Even if it was, I suppose, to be expected from someone whose great expertise and experience has come from another region of the universal Church, nonetheless, what a refreshing thing it is to encounter insight and perspective not one's own as well as the many matters and concerns which are universal. As well as most recently completing a six year term as the Provincial of his Order in Kenya and South Sudan, he has experience of strategies for poverty reduction and sustainable livelihoods, skills which might well be transferrable to situations existing and worsening in London; he has also lectured in Mission at university – holding also a Masters' degree in Development Studies – and experience in school governance and administration across all Spiritan schools in two countries. I'm sure, therefore, we'll all have much to be grateful for in his ministry in Chiswick, Gunnersbury and Grove Park. As for himself, he says he's very much looking forward to serving as an Assistant Priest in our parishes and, among other good things, not having great administrative responsibilities but essentially pastoral ones. Let us make him most welcome.

Development Opportunities after Easter

Being now in the exceptional situation of having three priests in the parishes, I'd be very keen to hear parishioners' views of what we might either restore from pre-pandemic times or develop for however long we will retain three priests. I've very conscious that there is no week day evening Mass for parishioners whose working hours preclude them attending Mass in the week. Would a 7.00pm or 7.30pm Mass be well received, or would parishioners want the return of two lunchtime Masses at 12.30pm as it was pre-Covid? The pandemic put an end to a year-long Bible course we had just begun in 2019. Should this now return? In due course after Easter I'll schedule a Sunday afternoon parish discussion to listen, consider and subsequently respond to suggestions. Alternatively, please write in or speak to any of the priests on your thoughts.

In the meantime, feet

Not since Holy Thursday 2018 have we had the washing of the feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. It would be wonderful to assemble 12 volunteers who'd be attending that Mass to be prepared just for that solemn moment after the homily to come from the congregation to the sanctuary, to the altar, the Table of the Last Supper, and to have a foot washed and dried for the spiritual edification of us all. If you'd be happy to do this, please email or phone the Parish Office.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat 2/4 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass <i>Grove Park</i>	Denis Cronin Mary Sheahan	ANN RIP
Sun 3/4 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	5 TH SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Gunnersbury</i>	Declan McCarthy The Darcy Family Eva & John Armstead Maureen Kehoe Margaret Fudge People of the Parish	RD ANN RIP RIP ANN INT
Mon 4/4 10.00am	Lent Feria	Stuart Opp	ANN
Tue 5/4 10.00am 4.30pm	Lent Feria	Mark Simons Funeral Service for Helmut Schuier	RIP RIP
Wed 6/4 10.00am 10.30-12.00 6.00pm	Lent Feria <i>Comboni Convent</i>	Michael Hayes Exposition and Benediction Sr. Adelina Franzini	RD RIP
Thur 7/4 10.00am	Lent Feria	Simone Strinati	RD
Fri 8/4 10.00am 6.00pm	Lent Feria	Sheila McCann Stations of the Cross	SICK
Sat 9/4 10.00am 11 -11.45am 5 - 5.45pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	Lent Feria <i>Grove Park</i>	Barbara Walsh - Birthday Confession Confession Michael McLoughlin Juliette Last	INT RD SICK

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 and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Ivan Rizov, Hemlut Schuierer, Trish Williams and Ping Lin. Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Denis Cronin, The Darcy Family, Margaret Fudge, Stuart Opp. Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.176:

1st Reading: **Isaiah 43: 16-21**

Psalm: **125**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 3: 8-14**

Gospel: **John 8: 1-11**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.184

1st Reading: **Isaiah 50: 4-7**

Psalm: **21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 2:6-11**

Gospel: **Luke 22: 14-23:56**

A GREAT GRACE FOR OUR PARISHES – Frs Michael and Daniel welcome **Fr John Mbinda CSSp**, a missionary priest of the Holy Ghost Fathers, also called the Spiritans. Fr John brings with him over 20 distinguished years' experience as a missionary both in Europe and in Africa, most recently after his term of office as Superior of his Order in his native Kenya and in South Sudan. We welcome him and his ministry among us.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES have now been distributed. If you haven't received yours or would like to sign up for them please contact the Parish Office chiswick@rcdow.org.uk or 02089942877

LENT

A) WEEKLY SPIRITUAL EXERCISES FOR LENT:

TUESDAYS 6.30pm to 7.30pm: 'ENCOUNTERING THE SPIRIT' – a small group prayer experience based on the spiritual listening and speaking learned from the synodal process. Each week we will reflect together on the previous Sunday's Gospel and how to put it into practice. The meeting, the last in this series, is on **Tuesday 5th April** in the St Edward's Room on the theme of 'The Temple'.

WEDNESDAYS after Mass from 10.30am to 12.00 noon: EXPOSITION and BENEDICTION. The Rosary will follow 10.00am Mass as usual but in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps leave and return; perhaps just drop in for extra prayer. Benediction will be at 12.00 noon.

FRIDAYS 6.00pm: STATIONS OF THE CROSS. Following the Angelus at 6.00pm, there will be a liturgical celebration of the Stations of the Cross. Those present may process behind the priest around the church at the Stations or remain in pews as preferred. (This is the last 6.00pm liturgical celebration of the Stations as the following Friday is Good Friday.)

B) LENT PROJECT 2022:

As pre-pandemic, we'll have a dual Lent Project, one *domestic* and one *overseas*. In the first three weeks of Lent: **£6496 Thank you.**

The CARDINAL'S APPEAL is our domestic project and this year the appeal will fund parish social outreach projects and Caritas Westminster (celebrating this year its 10th year of foundation) social outreach projects. For what it does and which projects are supported see: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/> There are specific Cardinal's Appeal envelopes at the exits of the church.

COMBONI-150 is our overseas project, celebrating also the 150th anniversary of foundation of the Comboni Missionaries. All funds given through the parish will go directly to assist Comboni Sr Rosemary Herrera (no relation of Fr Daniel...) in Arequipa, Peru. She is hoping for a total of £4855 in support of her ecological project among families in subsistence living. **The project aims to provide two bio-gardens as 'sow a seed and you feed a village' but also, in the interim, some food parcels and meals to those developing these gardens which will belong to the villagers.**

CASH placed in the Lent Project money box at the main doors of the church will be divided 65% for Comboni-150 and 35% Cardinal's Appeal. Cash placed in envelopes marked for either charity and handed into the collection or the presbytery will go 100% to the named charity. Cheques should be payable to 'Our Lady of Grace and St Edward's Church' and come in an envelope marked with the designated charity.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

PALM SUNDAY – 10th April – **NEXT Sunday**

Palm Sunday begins our Holy Week journey. Palms will be blessed and distributed at each Mass. Please note:

The 9.45am Mass will commence at 9.30am in the Parish Centre.

The 11.00am Mass will commence at 10.50am in the Parish Centre.

The 12.15pm Mass will begin at 12.30pm in church.

CHRISM MASS - Tues 12th April

This Mass takes place in Westminster Cathedral at 12.00 noon, and is celebrated by the Cardinal, Bishops and priests of the Diocese. At this Mass the oils of Chrism, Catechumens and the Sick, are blessed and consecrated for use in the parishes in the coming year. (The 10.00am Parish Mass is scheduled as normal.)

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 14th April

8.00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper, also with the washing of the feet. After Mass there is Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight with Compline at 11.45pm. (There is NO 10.00am Mass.)

GOOD FRIDAY – 15th April

9.00am: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer.

11.00am: Children's Liturgy of the Stations and Veneration of the Cross.

3.00pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

HOLY SATURDAY – 16th April

9.00am: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer.

9.00pm: The Solemn Easter Vigil.

EASTER SUNDAY – 17th April

Masses at 8.30am, 9.45am (Family), 11.00am (Solemn), 12.30pm, and 6.30pm. Gunnersbury at 10.00am and Grove Park at 10.30am.

GUNNERSBURY NOTES

EASTER SUNDAY – 17th April – Mass at 10.00am

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GROVE PARK NOTES

EASTER SUNDAY – 17th April – Mass at 10.30am

There is no Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.30pm but parishioners are welcome to the 9.00pm Solemn Easter Vigil at Our Lady of Grace.

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FOODBANK COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - non-perishable items of food may be brought and left in the box at the back of church. There will be a cash collection after all Masses today.

COMBONI 150 BOAT TRIP, FULLY BOOKED - Saturday 30th April (11.30am – 4.00pm) is the celebratory boat trip from Chiswick Pier upstream to Hampton Court and back again to Chiswick Pier recalling the boat trip of St. Daniel Comboni with the first Comboni Sisters in 1877 up the River Nile to the interior Africa. The trip will have Mass and a festive catered lunch but there will still be plenty of time for sightseeing, enjoying company and the fine weather, hopefully! Tickets are £30 all inclusive for adults; £15 for children, with under fives going free. To register on the WAITING LIST ONLY for a potential cancellation, contact Sr. Natalia or Sr. Graca: email: combonicentre16@gmail.com or tel: 020 8994 1220.

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via the Zoom, Mondays at 7.30pm. Next meeting takes place on 4th April. Contact John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

BEREAVEMENT GROUP - The next meeting is on Tues 5th April in the Parish Centre Rm 1 at 7.00pm.

CHISWICK BAROQUE presents REQUIEM FOR OUR TIME – MUSIC & SILENCE. Thurs 7th April at 7.30pm. Venue: St. Vincent de Paul Church, 2 Witham Road, Osterley TW7 4AJ. 1 ¼ hours of musical meditation where music arises out of and falls back into silence, providing a space for personal reflection. Contemplative music for four unaccompanied voices.

SAVE THE DATE: Sat 3rd Sept - MARCH FOR LIFE UK - Morning events, The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham St, SW1P 3DW 10.30am – 1.30pm. Mass at 11am at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark; The March at 2pm from The Emmanuel Centre which ends at Parliament Square at 4.30pm. More info at www.marchforlife.co.uk

DIGNITY OF WORK - The job market can be a minefield, particularly for those for whom English is not their first language, or who might not be aware of the options available. The Upper Room and Caritas Westminster invite you to join their free online 'Stepping Stones' programme to learn how to accompany people into dignified employment. Receive full training and support to become a **Dignified Work Champion** in your parish. Info, video & registration: www.tinyurl.com/workchampions The programme will start after Easter, the **deadline for applications is 15th April.**

UKRAINIAN CRISIS DONATIONS – To ease the suffering of the displaced please see the home page of the parish website or these: <https://www.dec.org.uk/> or <https://cafod.org.uk/> or <https://acnuk.org/> or the **Ukrainian Catholic Church in London** is forwarding donations directly to and through its network in Ukraine. 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

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 'Papers'.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – Tuesday morning post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St Edward's Room each week and a **Friday coffee morning** in the Parish Centre Lounge Bar at 10.30am. All are very welcome!

Collections for last weekend:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
£3953.16

St. Joseph's Grove Park
Amount will be published next weekend.

Thank you for your generosity.