



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

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5th FEBRUARY 2023

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Canon Michael Dunne
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Sharon Bowden

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Assistant Priest
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Seminarian
Administrator

Bishop Paul McAleenan,

many years ago an Assistant Priest in Chiswick, now Lead Bishop for Racial Justice, writes his message for Racial Justice Sunday which is today:

Ethnic minorities have suffered disproportionately from the COVID-19 pandemic, demonstrating a systemic problem with racial injustice in our society.

This was dramatically brought home with the brutal killing of George Floyd and the reaction it provoked. As Pope Francis reflects: *"instances of racism continue to shame us, for they show that our supposed social progress is not as real or definitive as we think."*

These shameful reminders of racism demand meaningful action to confront and dismantle sinful structures of injustice. Our brother Bishops in the USA remind us that: *"all of us are in need of personal, ongoing conversion. Our churches and our civic and social institutions are in need of ongoing reform. If racism is confronted by addressing its causes and the injustice it produces, then healing can occur."*

Racism is a sin and a violation of human dignity in which we are all complicit. As Catholics we need to acknowledge and confront our own failings, as individuals and as a Church.

Every single one of our parishes, schools and organisations has a responsibility to actively practise anti-racism in all aspects of our mission.

We need to address the lack of visible diversity at every level, so that people can see themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the Church's life.

We need to engage suppliers and businesses from all parts of the community, seeking out those which promote diversity and inclusivity.

Most importantly we need to actively invite people from different ethnic communities to share their experiences and genuinely listen to their voices, however challenging this may be.

It is not enough to simply denounce racism. This is a time to act. In the words of the Holy Father: *"This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities — what we value, what we want, what we seek — and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of. God asks us to dare to create something new."*

[Prayer and resources available on the Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/>]

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 4/2 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass <i>Grove Park</i>	John & Mary Cooney Frances Kane	INT RD
Sun 5/2 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	5 th SUNDAY IN OT <i>Gunnersbury</i>	Frank Connor People of the Parish Catherine Spillane Jack Lupton Sebastian Katsaitis Douglas Cranleigh	RD INT RD ANN RD INT
Mon 6/2 10.00am	ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS	Tomc Xavier & Cecilia Rebello	INT
Tue 7/2 10.00am	FERIA	Private Intentions	INT
Wed 8/2 10.00am 12 Noon 6.00pm	FERIA <i>Grove Park Comboni Cnvnt</i>	Margaret Carey Funeral of Jane Boyd Francis O'Donnell	INT RIP RD
Thur 9/2 10.00am 7.30pm	FERIA	Mochiram Sethi <i>St Josephine Bakhita Prayer Vigil</i>	INT
Fri 10/2 10.00am 6.00pm	ST SCHOLASTICA <i>PIME Convent</i>	Beryl Pilgrim Noel McEntee	INT RD
Sat 11/2 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	FERIA <i>Grove Park</i>	Ann Byrne & Family Confession Confession Deceased Family & Friends of O'Sullivan family Fred de Pauli	INT INT RD RD

LET US PRAY

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fagundez, Alex Tuffy, 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, Theresa Southern, Constance Redmond, Georgia, Brid, Pat Gleasure, Tony Sheehan, Vinny McNamara, Sophie Duarte Bravo, Carlos Amaro Bitencourt, Maria Jose Bitencourt, and those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Arthur Clancy, Mary Garrett, Nancy Hughes, Bridget Morrissey, Jane Boyd, Tony McGeever. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Nell Sims Margaret Barnett, Eileen Griffin, Jack Lupton. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.133

1st Reading: **Isaiah 58: 7-10**

Psalm: **111: 4-9**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 2: 1-5**

Gospel: **Matthew 5: 13-16**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.136

1st Reading: **Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20**

Psalm: **118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34**

2nd Reading: **1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

Gospel: **Matthew 5:**

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'.

FR FEMI CSSp ARRIVES – This weekend sees the first Masses Fr Femi will be celebrating in the parishes in his ministry here. Although he has visited the UK once before from Nigeria this is his first experience of living and working here, so he is very early in his acclimatising to the UK both meteorologically as well as culturally! He is familiar with parish life, however, having held both Assistant Priest appointments and, most recently, been Parish Priest for the last five years in an urban parish in Lagos, Nigeria's former capital and still the country's most populous city of over 23 million people, making London somewhat petite by comparison. Concurrently with this last appointment he was also the provincial Director of Vocations for the Spiritan Order and holds a post-graduate diploma in journalism. We look forward to his ministry among us.

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

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are very welcome to join the weekly social gathering of young adults in our parish. Meet outside church after the 6.30 Sunday evening Mass. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

BAPTISM – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 7th and 14th Feb in the Church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or online: <http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org>

THIS THURSDAY - ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PRAYER VIGIL 9th Feb 7.30-8.45pm - Human Trafficking is a sad reality that is increasingly affecting and ruining the lives of many young people and their families in all countries and continents. During this month of February the Catholic Church invites us to become more aware of its hidden existence and together pray for an end to its dreadful practices. The Comboni Sisters and associated prayer groups invite parishioners to join them in an hour of prayer in Our Lady of Grace Church. Guest Speaker: Sr Silvana Dallanegra, a Sacred Heart sister working at Caritas Westminster.

CETERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 7th Feb. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is on Thursday 23rd February, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a video and discussion on 'Divine Renovation UK - My Parish Isn't Missional! How to Lead when you're Not in Charge', followed by drinks at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnelysm@hotmail.com for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK - Isabel Vaughan Spruce - Arrested for silently praying outside a closed Abortion Centre. Come and hear her speak at 7pm Monday 13th February and learn about the Life-Saving Peaceful Prayerful Outreach that is 40 Days for Life as we prepare for a 40 Days for Life Campaign in Brixton. For more details contact Gabriella on 07745-711064 or The Good Counsel Network on 020-7723-1740. Venue: Parish Hall, Our Lady of the Rosary, 364 Brixton Road, London, SW9 0TH.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - As preparations begin for the annual Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes from **Friday 21st to Friday 28th July**, we aim to travel together as a Diocese. In order to aid the planning stages and inform our travel options, it would be helpful if you could indicate your interest in travelling to Lourdes in July and state if you would be willing to offer any help or volunteer for any of the roles that support the Pilgrimage. To **express interest visit:** <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> Please note that pilgrimage volunteers over the age of 18 require a DBS (formerly known as a CRB check) granted by the Diocese of Westminster Safeguarding Department with the correct level of clearance to work with vulnerable children and adults. All participants, and in particular all Assisted Pilgrims, are required to complete a Westminster Lourdes Pilgrimage Medical Questionnaire and to have received the appropriate permissions, including vaccinations according to current UK health guidance.

CAFOD, THE BIG LENT WALK – Walk 200 km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. To sign up go to: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk>

CATHOLIC CENTRE CHISWICK – The Parish Centre is now open for all activities and the Lounge Bar is open for its regular hours.

CAR PARKING IN THE CENTRE – PLEASE would parishioners NOT park in the Parish Centre Car Park, particularly on weekdays, as MOST places in the car park are rented out at commercial rates helping to keep the Centre open. Ask the Manager before parking please: 020 8747 5074.

POST-EASTER HOLIDAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE LOIRE? – The parish is planning a small group six-day coach trip 17th – 22nd April 2023 to the shrines and wines of the Loire. Based in the ancient Catholic city of Tours we'll visit the shrine of St Martin before further day trips to the medieval city and Cathedral of Orléans frequented by St Joan of Arc during the Siege of Orléans (which, against the English, she won...); also the Royal Abbey of Fontevraud, a World Heritage Site, where, among others, King Henry II of England and his son, King Richard the Lionheart, are buried; also the great Abbaye Saint-Pierre de Solesmes, a vast living monastery with over 1,000 years of history as well as being custodian and promoter of Gregorian chant. Where possible Mass will be celebrated daily at the various sites. There will also be a chance to explore a few of the vineyards of the Loire's celebrated wines. Travelling by coach and Eurotunnel, and staying in central two-star ensuite accommodation, the approximate cost, while details are still to be finalised, will be £750 excluding lunch, supper and admission charges. If interested please email the parish office.

MOVE INTO WELLBEING - Chiswick-based Registered Charity is pleased to add another enjoyable exercise class on Tuesdays at The Catholic Centre, Dukes Ave from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This follows the very popular Tuesday class that is already held at 2.15pm, which is usually full to capacity. These adaptable movement classes with music can be done seated or standing. All Over 60's Residents of LB of Hounslow in Chiswick, W4 and beyond, are welcome to come try one. The suggested donation is £2/5, and interested attendees should sign-up on info@moveintowellbeing.org.uk. Website: www.moveintowellbeing.org.uk Twitter: @Movein2Wellbng

**AGE CONCERN, Friendship Club, Oxford Rd Nth, W4 4DN
Thursday Talks, All welcome!**

9th February at 11.30am a talk by a senior Elections Officer from LB Hounslow about the new **photo Identity (ID) requirements** for voting in local and national elections. This is very important as you will not be able to vote without the right ID.

16th February at 12.00 noon a short talk by a representative of Scottish and Southern Electricity about **Priority Services Registers**. All energy suppliers and network operators are legally required to keep a register of vulnerable customers. He will explain who is eligible and how to get your name recorded.

2nd March at 11.30am two representatives from LB Hounslow's **Community Solutions** team will come to talk about how this service can help you access information, advice and help on various topics.

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY – Free introductory offer for two weeks. The national weekly online newspaper downloads to your smartphone or tablet so you never need to go out for a paper. If you like the online paper then after the two weeks FREE introductory offer you'll be entitled to take out a quarterly subscription (13 weekly editions) for just £20. Ring Michelle on 07436617650 or email sales@universecatholicweekly.co.uk or scan the QR code.



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.

REPOSITORY – The Repository is open after Sunday morning Masses for cards, gifts and many more items. Also on sale is the Westminster Year Book price £5.00.

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!

FOUND IN THE CHURCH – A hearing aid has been found. If this belongs to you, please contact the Parish Office.

Collections for last weekend:
OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
29/1/23 - £4481.70
St Joseph's Grove Park 29/1/23 - £189.00
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