



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

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5TH JUNE 2022

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Fr Daniel writes:

Fifty days or seven weeks after the Feast of Easter the Jewish People celebrate the feast of Pentecost, from the Greek πεντηκοστή, which means “fiftieth”, because it is the fiftieth day after Easter. The feast is also known by its Hebrew name Shavuot (שבועות), which means “weeks” referring to the seven weeks that separates it from Easter.

The feast of Pentecost commemorated the day in which God, seven weeks after rescuing the Israelites from the slavery in Egypt, appeared on Mount Sinai. There, He established with them a Covenant and gave them the Ten Commandments. A gift that had the power to radically transform a group of slaves into the people of God. We can find in the book of Exodus the account of what happened that day: *There was thunder and lightning, as well as a thick cloud on the mountain, and a blast of a trumpet so loud that the people who were in the camp trembled. Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They took their stand at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the Lord had descended upon it in fire, the smoke went out like the smoke of a kiln, while the whole mountain shook violently (Ex 19:16-18).*

The experience of the Israelites on Mount Sinai is strikingly similar to what happened to the Apostles the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the resurrection of Christ. They were together in a room when suddenly a mighty wind blasted the house where they were, shaking it, and fire appeared that divided and rested on each of them. It was the new Pentecost, the day in which God manifested himself again – as on Mount Sinai. Only that this time God did not intend to speak exclusively to the Israelites. Instead, he separated from the Israelites a small group, the twelve apostles, and filled them with the Holy Spirit. A gift that transformed a group of fearful people into a community strongly bound together by love and empowered them to proclaim the Good News everywhere.

Such unity and courage became for all around them the unmistakable sign that heaven was now permanently present on earth. Humanity, which had been plagued by fear and division ever since they were expelled from Eden, could now look forward to a new future. *“The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.” (Isa 11:1-9)*

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sat 4/6 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass <i>Grove Park</i>	James & Elizabeth Kiggins People of the Parish	ANN INT
Sun 5/6 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am	PENTECOST SUNDAY <i>Gunnersbury</i>	James & Mary Ryan William Goodall Frederick King Archbishop-Elect Mark O'Toole and Bishop John Mbinda Edward Renalds Timothy O'Leary	RIP ANN ANN INTS RIP ANN
12.30pm 6.30pm			
Mon 6/6 10.00am	THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Phillip McCaffrey	RD
Tue 7/6 10.00am	FERIA	Ping Ling	RD
Wed 8/6 10.00am 11.30am 6.00pm	FERIA <i>Comboni Convent</i>	Kiernan Brennan Wedding Eamon Walsh	INT RD
Thur 9/6 10.00am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	Adonae	INT
Fri 10/6 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA <i>PIME Convent</i>	Conor & Bath Hickey Christy & Kathleen Higgins & Kathleen Kelly	ANN RD
Sat 11/6 10.00am 11-11.45am 5-5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	ST BARNABAS <i>Grove Park</i>	John Muldoon Confession Holy Hour & Confession Benediction Stephen Osborne Ayshe Ondesh	RIP SICK 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 Fagundes, Alex Tuffy, Isabelle Ranle, Eileen McGuinness, Albie Korinek, Greta Gribben, John Monks, Jim Ryan, P.C.Wryne, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton and all those suffering.

For those recently deceased: Patrick Nolan, Frederick Konowich, John Brennan, Kathleen Travers. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time:

James & Elizabeth Kiggins, William Goodall, Frederick King, Timothy O'Leary, Conor & Bath Hickey. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.294

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.81:

1st Reading: Proverbs 8: 22-31

Psalm: 8: 4-9

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

ALLEN HALL SEMINARY NEWS – available FREE at the back.

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

LENT PROJECT 2022:, CLOSING TODAY

As pre-pandemic, we'll have a dual Lent Project, one *domestic* and one *overseas*. **£10,506 has been donated to date. 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 assist Comboni Sr Rosemary Herrera in Arequipa, Peru, hoping for a total of £4855. **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 made 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.

BISHOP JOHN MBINDA CSSp – Our erstwhile Second Assistant Priest from 1st to 3rd April 2022(!) was ordained 4th Bishop of Lodwar in Kenya on Saturday 4th June. He wrote to the parish asking for our prayers for his ordination and inviting us to it. He recalled his happy, if brief, time with us, assuring us of his prayers. His episcopal ordination was live-streamed on **capuchin tv kenya live stream**, associated with You Tube, and which therefore may remain available for viewing. May God bless him abundantly.

FOODBANK COLLECTION TODAY – Non-perishable items of food may be brought and left in the box at the back of church today. There will also be a cash collection after all Masses. An excellent way to ensure the Jubilee joy is shared.

THE LONDON EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE 11th to 19th June: Celebrating the Eucharistic Heart of the Catholic Church at Corpus Christi Shrine 1 Maiden Lane, Covent Garden, WC2E 7NB - Saturday 11th June, 6pm MASS OPENING THE OCTAVE. Monday 13th – Friday 17th June, 6:30pm Mass in the various Rites and Uses of the Catholic Church. Thursday 16th – Saturday 18th June 7am – Midnight Quarant'Ore Devotions / maidenlane.org.uk/forty Full Programme Scan above.



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.

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is on Thursday 16th June, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. We will be looking at how we can be better Christian fathers, followed by drinks at The Lamb - men of all ages are very welcome. Info email Stephen Donnelly at donnellysm@hotmail.com Affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via the Zoom. The next meeting takes place on 7th June at 7.00pm. Contact John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

BEREAVEMENT GROUP - The next meeting is on Tuesday 7th June in the Parish Centre Rm 1 at 7.00pm.

PIANO FOUR-HANDS RECITAL, FIAMMETTA TARLI & IVO VARBANOV Wondrous Wanderings Friday, 10th June, 7:30pm, The Chiswick Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, W4. TICKETS from £5 at the door or via Evenbrite: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/piano-four-hands-recital-fiammetta-tarli-ivo-varbanov-tickets-322698920157

Fiammetta and Ivo have chosen some of the most unforgettable pages of four-hands piano for their new all-Romantic programme.

STELLA MARIS (APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA) – is seeking a Parish Volunteer Representative – to act as ambassador in the parish and spread the word about the work of Stella Maris. This can be simply putting copies of their annual report into the church or promoting their annual Sea Sunday appeal. Contact the Parish Office at chiswick@rcdow.org.uk or 02089942877 for info.

IS YOUR CHILD 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD? Did you know that you are entitled to Free Nursery Childcare Provision? We have part time places in our well-equipped Nursery classes run by experienced, fully qualified teachers and Nursery Education Officers. We offer an outstanding provision for our children with a well-resourced classroom, a warm friendly team of teachers and staff. Visits are warmly welcomed. Please contact Miss Amy Williams in our school admin team to arrange an appointment, or informal discussion on 020 0208 994 5606 or email: office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk

ST DUNSTAN'S, GUNNERSBURY NOTES

A JUBILEE COFFEE MORNING TODAY! will be held after the 10.00am Mass in the Priests' House. All welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – 22nd – 29th July - Information and booking forms are available from the Parish Office or at www.tangney-tours.com/westminster or 01732886666 for anyone wishing to go on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY – 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

DO YOU HAVE FINANCIAL OR ACCOUNTANCY EXPERTISE to a professional level? If so, you are unlikely to have time to give *pro bono*! However, if you do, or you know someone who might have a modest amount of time to offer in the great purpose and enterprise of Catholic education, and is firstly also a practising Catholic, then St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Chiswick will be seeking to recruit a Foundation Governor with this expertise from September 2022 as the current office holder is completing term of office. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Cardinal Archbishop to represent his interests in providing the very best to and for the school children and community. If this opportunity might be of interest please arrange in the first instance a conversation with Canon Michael via the Parish Office.

FRIENDS OF WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL is seeking to recruit a part-time Co-ordinator to administer the charity, assist recruiting new members and organising events. The appointment, for 12 months, based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House, is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. Closing date 19th June 2022. For further details please see <http://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-see-an-organising-secretary/>

THE PASSAGE invite you to attend their Secret Garden Party on Thursday 7th July, 6pm to 9pm, at College Garden, Westminster Abbey. Tickets start at £55 per person and include a barbecue, alcoholic and soft drinks, live entertainment and a raffle & auction. Tickets can be purchased from our website below: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/garden-party/>

CATHOLIC LISTENERS - A new confidential helpline **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, has been set up for those returning to the faith. Although not a counselling service, we have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Sometimes just communicating with someone who listens and understands clarifies a way forward. For info contact Ade, Catholiclisteners@gmail.com or phone 08004480704.

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

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – The 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
£4247.03
St. Joseph's Grove Park
£217.06

Thank you for your generosity.