



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

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6th NOVEMBER 2022

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Tomas writes:

"Do not cast me off in the time of old age, forsake me not when my strength is spent," writes the Psalmist (71:9). Day by day, the faith of countless Catholics is continually nurtured, encouraged and informed by the personal example and the loving ministry of those men who are called to serve Christ as priests in the Church. This Sunday, the Collection for the Sick and Retired Clergy takes place. It is a suitable opportunity for a reflection on the life and contribution of those who dedicated their lives to public ministry. We are being reminded that we need to value highly the commitment of faithful clergy, express our indebtedness, and provide our steadfast support to those who, even in retirement, often exercise continuing ministry. The Church sees a continuing interest in vocations but also faces a steady increase in clergy who are moving to retirement or are forced into retirement by illness.

A couple of years ago, Pope Francis met elderly priests from northern Italy. He stressed that they remained a great source of wisdom, experience, and inspiration. The Holy Father called retired clergy *the bearers of dreams, full of memory*. Elsewhere, he spoke of them as *the shrines of holiness*. Indeed, many of them know very well that genuine spiritual insight is not a fruit of dry learning but rather of life experience. Countless old priests remain active protagonists in their communities. Their sacramental priesthood is truly a gift for the community and comes from Christ Himself, from the fullness of His own priesthood; the retirement does not variate this gift. Accordingly, many retired priests, when they step down from active ministry, help their fellow priests, allowing them to take the well-deserved time off, and at other times when they are needed. But not everybody is able to serve until the last breath. Many elderly priests are poorly and do need help. In his address, Pope Francis also said that aging could be viewed as a *privilege* because they have the chance to experience the suffering of Our Lord. "*You are experiencing a season, old age, which is not a disease but a privilege, and even those of you who are sick live, we can say, a privilege: that of resembling Jesus who suffers, carrying the Cross like Him. Indeed – we just need to think of Simeon and Anna: just when they are elderly, the Gospel enters fully into their lives and, taking Jesus in their arms, they announce to everyone the revolution of tenderness.*" But in those challenging and difficult moments, our elderly priests need our help. By giving to the Sick and Retired Priests Fund, you can help that they are taken care for after decades of service to God and their parishioners, recognising their lasting desire for self-gift that motivated their priestly call many years ago. "*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*" (Galatians 6:9-10).

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Sat 5/11 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Recently Deceased and those who mourn them Boutross Sfeir & dec'd family	RD& INT RIP
6.30pm	Grove Park		
Sun 6/11 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	32nd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Gunnersbury	Ellen O'Farrell John Murphy Eva Armstead - Birthday People of the Parish Julia Pradhan Holy Souls	ANN ANN RIP INT INT RIP
Mon 7/11 10.00am	FERIA	Holy Souls	RIP
Tue 8/11 10.00am	FERIA	Holy Souls	RIP
Wed 9/11 10.00am	DEDICATION of LATERAN BASILICA (Comboni Convent)	Holy Souls	RIP
6.00pm		Cathy O'Donnell	RD
Thur 10/11 10.00am 11.00am	St Leo the Great	Holy Souls Funeral of Anton Fernando	RIP RIP
Fri 11/11 10.00am 6.00pm	St Martin of Tours	Holy Souls Larry Hughes	RIP RD
Sat 12/11 10.00am 11-11.45am 5-5.45pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	St Josaphat	Holy Souls Confession Confession Benediction Juanita Charles Charlotte Flynn	RIP ANN ANN
	Grove Park		

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.Wrynn, 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, Anton Fernando and Maeve Brady. 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, Lily Christina Prickett. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS 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**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.164

1st Reading: **Malachi 3:19-20**
Psalm: **97:5-9 response cf v9**
2nd Reading: **2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**
Gospel: **Luke 21:5-19**

COMBONI MISSION MAGAZINE – Good News galore available **FREE** at the back of church in this missionary magazine. 2023 Comboni Calendars coming 19th/20th November, also **FREE**.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION TODAY – please contribute if you can to the second/ 'blue bag' collection this weekend vital for the support of the sick and elderly brethren. Gift Aid envelopes may be taken and returned into the general collection next weekend also if helpful. Thank you!

FOODBANK COLLECTION of non-perishable items of food is also this weekend. No cash collection because of the above but cash may be placed in envelopes marked 'foodbank' and put through the Priests' House door if you wish to donate cash to the foodbank.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 13th November – To allow for parishioners to join with all local residents attending the Act of Remembrance 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 in the Month of the Holy Souls will be: **3.00pm TODAY 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 cemeteries and the time and date of the Blessings of the Graves is on the board at the back of church.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2022/23 IS NOW OPEN - Fr Daniel has now published the application process as well as the teaching session dates from January to the Confirmation Masses 17th June 2023. Please go to the parish website and click on 'Sacraments' and then on 'Confirmation' and 'Form submission' for all details: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Sunday 18th December.

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 donnellysm@hotmail.com for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

ADVENT DAY RETREAT at COMBONI CENTRE – On Saturday 26th November from arrivals at 10.00am to departure at 1.00pm after Mass, Fr Louevi Louis of the Comboni Fathers will be leading this reflection for Advent at 2 Chiswick Lane. Please book with the Sisters at combonicentre16@gmail.com or phone 020 8994 1220. See poster at back of church.

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – Congratulations to the parish Centering Prayer Group and its founder John O'Brien who celebrate this week their 10th Anniversary, the first meeting having been on 10th November 2012. The group is convening weekly via Zoom at the new time of 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 8th Nov. New enquiries about learning the Centering Prayer method are welcome: 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 on **Sunday 13th Nov**. Meet outside church after the 6:30pm Mass for a pub trip. For Catholics aged 18-35. New people welcome! Come and meet!

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.

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 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.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE – Caritas Social Action Network in partnership with **St John of God Hospitaller Services**, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa. We know that coping with the cost-of-living crisis will be the main concern for many people this winter but if you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. For info please visit: <http://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>

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 [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or register at info@catholicunion.org.uk or 020 8749 1321.

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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 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 – **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
30/10/22 - £4,202.79
St Joseph's Grove Park 30/10/22 - £241.82
Thank you for your generosity.