



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

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7TH MAY 2023

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Canon Michael Dunne
Fr Daniel Daley
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Sharon Bowden

Parish Priest
Assistant Priest
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Fr Michael writes:

THE SPLENDOUR OF THE CORONATION was not only so worthy an inauguration of the reign of King Charles but a masterclass in the kingly service derived from the King of Kings. That the first words of the King in response to his being welcomed were those of his Lord's and ours – "I have come not to be served but to serve," set the tone for the event as, doubtless, it will for his reign. God save the King.

SEMINARIAN TOMAS THANK YOU - With the seminary term coming to close, Tomas, the seminarian who has been in Chiswick since the autumn, has completed his assignment with us. We would have given him a send-off after a weekend but, very cruelly, on returning here one evening recently he was assaulted, injured and robbed. The Police attended when he reached the presbytery. He will be fine, thank God, but all agreed that the best place to convalesce was at home and as he'd have been moving out soon in any case it seemed sensible to leave a little earlier than scheduled to expedite recovery. We can welcome him back at a suitable time in the future. He is very grateful for his time here and enjoyed discovering Chiswick the parish and parishioners as well as Chiswick the place. If anyone wishes to be in touch Tomas can be reached at tomaskrejci@rcdow.org.uk And, thank you to Tomas from all of us here!

PARISH JAUNT TO WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, 18th May, - By special invitation from the organisation Friends of Westminster Cathedral the parishioners of Chiswick, Gunnersbury & Grove Park are to enjoy a private tour of the Cathedral on Thursday 18th May, the Solemnity (and Holy Day of Obligation) of the Ascension. This special tour is not available to the general public and will be conducted after the Cathedral has closed immediately following the 5.30 pm Mass. After the tour, which will be led by Professor Andrew Sanders, there will be a drinks reception in Clergy House Library. There is no charge to attend this private tour but it is hoped that attendees will seriously consider joining the Friends at a time when the Cathedral especially needs support. Thus: 5.30pm Sung Mass; 6.30pm, gather for tour at West Doors under the clock; 7.30pm Drinks in Clergy House Library; 8.00pm, departures. **Furthermore**, the 5.30pm Mass not only fulfils the Obligation to attend Mass on the Ascension, but it is the official Mass of Welcome to the new Papal Nuncio to Great Britain to be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent, - so a particularly special celebration and the Cathedral at its best. By all means let me/Parish Office know you're coming or just turn up.

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 6/5 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Colonel Ann Healy People of the Parish	ANN INT
6.30pm	Grove Park		
Sun 7/5 8.30am	5 th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Ignatius Raymond Dave & Nancy Chapman John Armstead – Birthday	ANN ANN RIP
9.45am		King Charles III	INT
10.00am	Gunnersbury	Margaret Fitzpatrick George & Francis Quarshie	RD ANN
11.00am			
12.15pm			
6.30pm			
Mon 8/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Susan, Steve & Mary McGowan	INT
Tue 9/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Karen Clarke	INT
Wed 10/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Bart Condon Trish Higgins	25 th ANN INT
6.00pm			
Thur 11/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Robert Byrne - Birthday	RIP
Fri 12/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	John O'Gorman Kirsten Constance & Baby	ANN INT
6.00pm			
Sat 13/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Liz Cormi Confession	RD
11.00am		First Holy Communion	
12.30pm		Confession	
5.00pm		Major Dilys Davies	ANN
6.30pm		Jean Brown	RD
6.30pm	Grove Park		

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Alex Tuffy, Eileen McGuinness, Greta Gribben, John Monks, Jim Ryan, P.C.Wrynne, Ted O'Connor, Cecilia Walsgrove, Marion Sutton, Mike O'Farrelly, Elizabeth Mulhall, Pascale Murphy, Claudio Bogi, Gloria Weymouth, Theresa Southern, Constance Redmond, Georgia, Brid, Pat Gleasure, Tony Sheehan, Vera Jansen, Dr. Charles Bredin, Mary Frain, Margaret Organ, Natalie Williams, Michel Sfeir, Monica McGowan, Kirsten Constance (and her baby), Kay Kiggins and those suffering.

For the recently deceased: Kevin Gavin, Michael Pickersgill, John Catchpole and Bernard 'Brian' Gill. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: George & Francis Quarshie, Colonel Ann Healy, Ignatius Raymond, Dave & Nancy Chapman, Bart Condon, John O'Gorman, Major Dilys Davies. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.265

1st Reading: Acts 6: 1-7

Psalm: 32: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-9

Gospel: John 14: 1-12

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.268

1st Reading: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

Psalm: 65: 1-7, 16, 20

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15-18

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

FR FEMI'S MUSICAL MINISTRY – for those who have expressed an interest in purchasing some of Fr Femi's musical works and collaborations these CDs are now available in the repository. You can follow his musical ministry online www.spiritansound.com and <https://www.youtube.com/@OLUWAFEMIORILUACSSP>

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 PARISH LENT PROJECT:

OUR OVERSEAS LENT PROJECT THIS YEAR: St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) - a Catholic charity with a 127 year history of working to end the suffering still caused by leprosy. It supports 40 leprosy centres around the world treating and supporting almost 20,000 people in low-income countries. **£6085.00** has been donated since last week and will be updated next weekend. Leaflets at the back of church with our unique SFLG QR code so any donation made via the QR code records the donation coming from the parish so our fundraising thermometer can keep going up! Please see <https://www.stfrancisleprosy.org/>

OUR DOMESTIC LENT PROJECT THIS YEAR: Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023 - Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; the Education Service and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal. **£1701.47** has been donated since last week and will be updated next weekend. Take a donation envelope either for info or to use the QR code to make your donation online, though pls let the Parish Office know so our fund-raising thermometer at the back of church can keep going up!

CASH placed in the Lent Project money box at the main doors of the church will be divided 50% for St. Francis Leprosy Guild and 50% 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. Undesignated cheques will be divided as per the cash in the Lent Project box.

FOODBANK COLLECTION - Today we 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.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND - THANK YOU to those who were able to contribute to last Sunday's annual collection supporting those training for the future priesthood of our diocese. **£1,272 was raised by Chiswick & Gunnersbury**, with a further **£27 from Grove Park**, a **interim total of £1299!** with probably a little more to come over this weekend. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. There are still Gift Aid envelopes at the back of church which can be added to any collection being identified for the Priest Training Fund or you could use the QR code to donate online or see www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you.

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 TODAY. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults>

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) - The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.30pm with the next session Tuesday 9th May. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

BAPTISM - The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 9th and 23rd May, 7.30pm in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or online via the parish website: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org

PARISH VOLUNTEERS - Sharon, Parish Administrator, will be emailing parish volunteers offering opportunities to those who need them for the renewing of their DBS certificates. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative, Catherine Sutherland, is offering dates for thirty-minute appointments in the Priests' House Meeting Room to validate documents and to submit renewal applications. Please respond to the emails in good time. Any enquiries to: chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Dates: From 10.00am to 12.30pm on 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th and 20th May.

THE SUNDAY 9.45am FAMILY MASS - Children, of course, are entirely welcome at any of the parish Masses but the 9.45 'Family Mass' aspires to be especially accessible for children, hence the Children's Liturgy during term-time in the St Edward's Room. Please could parents and perhaps children, too, reflect how to enhance this accessibility, perhaps through music and other ways to encourage greater participation experienced elsewhere, home or abroad, and let Fr Michael know of any ideas which have borne fruit. *Thank you.*

REPOSITORY - On sale this week First Holy Communion cards and gifts, Confirmation cards and other religious items and also the Westminster Year Book £5.00. Open after Sunday morning Masses.

THE MEN'S GROUP - Our next meeting is on Thursday 25th May, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for a screening of the 2022 film "Father Stu" based on the true story of a US boxer who discovers faith and becomes a Catholic priest. Refreshments provided. Email Stephen Donnelly at donnellyism@hotmail.com for details, or just turn up. We are affiliated to www.catholicman.uk

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - If you feel you might be called to this truly extraordinary ministry both to the Lord and to His People, and have some years of continuous practice of the faith in this parish or verified elsewhere with a Parish Priest's reference, and have a readiness to serve in the Church and parish, particularly in the ministry of visiting the elderly and housebound at home (for which a DBS certificate would be required) then please mention it to Fr Michael. Thank you.

RECEIVING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT HOLY COMMUNION - As we return to the option and practice of receiving the Precious Blood, communicants should please note that the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales does not allow for intinction, - the practice of dipping the Sacred Host into the Precious Blood before receiving Holy Communion. Though some Bishops' Conferences in Europe and around the world allow for this, it isn't an option here for the congregation and so the Minister of Holy Communion is likely to intervene and ask you not to intinct. Please respect the request.

SENIOR CITIZENS CORONATION TEA PARTY, TOMORROW, Bank Holiday Monday, 8th May, in the Parish Centre. The 100 guests are very welcome to start arriving from 2.30pm although the event will not begin until just on 3.00pm. If you require transport to/from the Coronation Tea Party, please contact **Jackie Knight on 07712 675020 or jmq123@btinternet.com** **Volunteers to help are still welcome - contact Jackie.** Set up at 11.00am Monday 8th.

GUNNERSBURY NOTES

CORONATION COFFEE MORNING will take place TODAY Sunday 7th May at the Priests' House after 10.00am Mass. All welcome.

COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTERS' MATTERS - This coming Sat 13th May at the Comboni Centre, 2 Chiswick Lane, there's a morning retreat, 10.00am to 1.00pm, led by Sr Margaret Doherty on the theme 'Gaze at Him'. Please see the poster or contact Sr Natalia on 020 8994 1220 or combonicentre16@gmail.com There's also an appeal to help build new classrooms for a Comboni school for girls in Uganda through a sponsored riverside walk (10km) on 10th June. If you can assist either walking or sponsoring, please do!

'HOME INSTEAD' AFTERNOON TEA - Local care company Home Instead Hammersmith & Chiswick invite all local seniors to join them at their complimentary afternoon tea and fun sessions. These take place at the Chiswick Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, W4 2AE on the last Wednesday of every month, between 2.30pm-4.30pm. The next event will take place on Weds 31st May. There will be a classic afternoon tea with music & a guest speaker. This is an opportunity for friendship, discussions, advice and fun! Please call us on 020 8746 1213 or visit us at our office, 186 Sutton Court Road, Chiswick.

VOCATIONS OPEN EVENING - On Weds 17th May, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to priesthood. The regular evening Mass will be at 6.00pm, followed by a gathering downstairs in the Social Centre with short presentation, informal conversations, refreshments. Tubes: Bond St & Baker St.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP. Sun 19th Nov to Mon 27th Nov. See: Galilee; Jerusalem; Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow. Cost, full board £2,265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill 01732 886666.

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!

Collections for last weekend:

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

30/4/23 - £3,932

St Joseph's Grove Park

30/4/23 - £221

Thank you for your generosity.