



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

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8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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### Fr Michael writes:

While Good Shepherd Sunday brings with it a particular incentive for priests to reflect with contrition on their attempting (or lack of it) to be shepherds after the Father's heart, it is nonetheless a day of challenge and hope for us all being also the Day of Prayer for Vocations, and we all have a vocation from our baptism when the Lord called us by name into His Life, into His body the Church. Indeed, one of the lines which most moved me at my priestly ordination was when the ordaining prelate, in my case the late Cardinal Cormac, presented me, after ordination but before the Offertory of the Mass, with the bread and wine. He said: "Accept from the holy people of God the gifts to be offered to Him. Know what you are doing, and imitate the mystery you celebrate: model your life on the mystery of the Lord's Cross." Had I the faith, hope or love to model my life on the mystery of the Lord's Cross? No, but with grace and prayer I could begin again each day. My broader point, however, is that this dynamic of modelling our lives on the mystery of the Lord's Cross, is true for all of us, in all our respective vocations. In his Apostolic Exhortation of 2018, *Rejoice and Be Glad*, on 'the call to holiness in today's world' (available online at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)), Pope Francis emphasises constantly the accessibility of holiness. It is not about "examples of holiness that appear unattainable" but about each Christian discerning "his or her own path, that they bring out the best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts". The holiness "to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures", thus "let everything [in your life] be open to God; turn to him in every situation." For "at its core, holiness is experiencing, in union with Christ, the mysteries of his life. It consists in uniting ourselves to the Lord's death and resurrection in a unique and personal way, constantly dying and rising anew with him... The Father's plan is Christ, and ourselves in him. In the end, it is Christ who loves in us. As a result, the measure of our holiness stems from the stature that Christ achieves in us, the extent that we model our life on his." Today we are reminded of the opportunity the Good Shepherd's call is to us. To respond to this gracious invitation we need to make a choice each day to pray and to love; so let us also pray for each other each day too.

### For those priests who died under Covid regulations:

At 12.30pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May in Westminster Cathedral, Cardinal Vincent is celebrating a Requiem Mass for the 19 priests of our diocese, including Fr John Seabrook, Parish Priest of St Joseph's Grove Park, who died over the last two years when Covid regulations prescribed free attendance at their funerals. Parishioners and priests are warmly invited to attend. I will certainly be going. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER

Sat 7/5 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Rosie McManus Annie Maguire	ANN RD
Sun 8/5 8.30am	4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER	John & Martin Doyle & Pat Forkan John O'Gorman John Armstead – Birthday People of the Parish Helena Ciecierska Ger O'Sullivan	RIP ANN RIP INT ANN ANN
9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	Gunnersbury		
Mon 9/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Mark, John & Alice Darcy	SICK /INT
Tue 10/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Gene Luka	RD
Wed 11/5 10.00am 6.00pm	EASTER FERIA <i>Comboni Convent</i>	Robert Byrne – Birthday John & Kevin Percival, Anne Tighe and Michael McKeogh	RIP RIP
Thur 12/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Jerry Twomey	ANN
Fri 13/5 10.00am 6.00pm	EASTER FERIA <i>PIME Convent</i>	Eugene McPartland Sr. Veronica M. Landonio	RD RIP
Sat 14/5 10.00am 11-11.45am 12 Noon & 3.00pm 5-5.45pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	ST MATTHIAS	Umberto Marani <b>Confession</b> First Holy Communion Mass  <b>Confession</b> Major Dilys Davies Gayla's Mother	RD ANN SICK

### LET US PRAY

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthly, Mary Garrett, Fr. Eamonn Conarty, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Hugh Caldin, Elizabeth Fogundez, Alex Tuffy, Isabelle Ranle, Eileen McGuinness, Albie Korinek, Greta Gribben, John Monks, Jim Ryan, P.C. Wryne, Ted O'Connor and all those suffering.

**For those recently deceased:** David Gardner, Margaret, Kathleen Keane, Elsie Gillen, Jim Shortall & Sr. Ida (Comboni Sister). May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Rosie McManus, John O'Gorman, Helena Ciecierska, Ger O'Sullivan, Jerry Twomey, Major Dilys Davies, Matthew Moore. May they Rest in Peace.

### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.268:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 13: 14, 43-52  
Psalm: 99: 1-3, 5  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17  
Gospel: John 10: 27-30

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.271:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 14:21-27  
Psalm: 144:8-13  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5  
Gospel: John 13:31-35

**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'.

## LENT PROJECT 2022:

As pre-pandemic, we'll have a dual Lent Project, one *domestic* and one *overseas*. **£9625 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**FOODBANK COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND** - non-perishable items of food may be brought and left in the box at the back of church. There is no cash collection today because of PTF below

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND (PTF)** - The Priest Training Fund pays for the training and education of seminarians at our seminary, Allen Hall, as well as those training abroad. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are currently studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. In 2021 we also celebrated the ordination of four men from Allen Hall to the priesthood, now serving as priests. It costs on average £25,000 per man, per year of formation – that is about £150,000 to form and educate a new priest, who makes a lifetime commitment to Christ and the Church. The Priest Training Fund also pays for the ongoing education and formation of our priests post-ordination. Please be generous as you can in your support of this appeal and to continue to pray for vocations and our seminarians. Donation envelopes are available today – you can use this envelope to make a one-off donation or to set up a regular donation to the Priest Training Fund. If you are a tax payer please also tick the Gift Aid box and sign and date the envelope.

**CATHOLIC LISTENERS** - A new confidential listening helpline. **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. Although we are 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 can help clarify a way forward. We aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk. For further info please contact Ade, [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com) We are here to listen 08004480704.

**CATHOLIC CENTRE, LOUNGE BAR** - The Lounge Bar at the Parish Centre will 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.

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is convening weekly via the Zoom. The next meeting takes place on 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm but thereafter there will not be a meeting until 7.00pm 7<sup>th</sup> June. Contact John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**THE MEN'S GROUP** - A formation group for men - our next meeting is on Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> May, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. We continue "The Resolution for Men" course - with a focus on how to be better husbands, followed by drinks at The Lamb. Wives - we happily accept referrals! Men of all ages are very welcome. Email Stephen Donnelly at [donnelysm@hotmail.com](mailto:donnelysm@hotmail.com) for details. We are affiliated to [www.catholicman.uk](http://www.catholicman.uk)

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

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

**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](mailto:office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk)

**OUR LADY OF GRACE - RED BOXES & MISSIO & MILL HILL MISSIONARIES IN 2021 raised £2,753 for the missions**, a figure which includes parishioners giving directly. Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio's National Director has written to thank these generous mission-hearted parishioners and to inspire others. Our £2,753 was part of the total from Westminster Diocese in 2021 which was **£218,000**, which itself was part of the national total of almost **£2.5 million!** We are part of a worldwide network of people supporting mission through prayer and financial assistance. The founder of this network – a lay woman – Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified by Pope Francis on 22<sup>nd</sup> May this year. Her life, marked by intense suffering and great trust in God, helps us see how every prayer and every contribution is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Please visit [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk) to find out more about Pauline and how our support of Missio changes lives for the better.

**SENIOR CITIZENS DIAMOND JUBILEE TEA PARTY** – Plans are afoot for a celebratory Afternoon Tea provided free of charge to senior citizen parishioners and their neighbours and friends (rather like our Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch) at **3.00pm Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**. Tickets would be available in May if plans develop but firstly we need volunteers to set up, serve and wash up after the tea party, as well as collect and return to home some guests. If this will work for you over the Diamond Jubilee weekend, please email the Catholic Centre Manager at [chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswickcatholiccentre@rcdow.org.uk)

**EXIT HERE FUNERAL DIRECTORS COFFEE MORNING - Weds 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30am** Exit Here is hosting a monthly informal event for open conversation, community support, and practical advice to anyone who has been bereaved. This is open to everyone, not just clients of ours. You are welcome to share your experiences, or just listen and be in the company of others who have been bereaved. Tea, coffee, and treats will be provided. Please email [sam@exithere.com](mailto:sam@exithere.com) with any questions.

**BACH'S MASS IN B MINOR AT THE BROMPTON ORATORY** – The Schola Cantorum of the London Oratory School and the St Cecilia Players are performing J S Bach's great masterpieces at **7.00pm Weds 11<sup>th</sup> May**. Tickets are £25 (£12 concessions) available at the church door or on [www.londonoratoryschola.com](http://www.londonoratoryschola.com)

**MAY PROCESSION AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLEDEN, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm.** Preacher, Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church), who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection - Pokrova. Join the praying of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for Peace and Restoration in Ukraine.

**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  
£4548.80

St. Joseph's Grove Park  
£232.40

Thank you for your generosity.