



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

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8th OCTOBER 2023

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Last Wednesday Pope Francis published his Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum* (Praise God) on the climate crisis. The full text can be found on the diocesan website www.rcdow.org.uk This is from paragraphs 62-73:

The Bible tells us: "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good" (Gen 1:31). His is "the earth with all that is in it" (Deut 10:14). For this reason, he tells us that, "the land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants" (Lev 25:23). Hence, responsibility for God's earth means that human beings, endowed with intelligence, must respect the laws of nature and the delicate equilibria existing between the creatures of this world.

At the same time, the universe as a whole, in all its manifold relationships, shows forth the inexhaustible richness of God. Hence, to be wise, we need to grasp the variety of things in their multiple relationships. Along this path of wisdom, it is not a matter of indifference to us that so many species are disappearing and that the climate crisis endangers the life of many other beings.

Jesus was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attraction full of fondness and wonder. As he made his way throughout the land, he often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father, and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things.

Hence, the creatures of this world no longer appear to us under merely natural guise because the risen One is mysteriously holding them to himself and directing them towards fullness as their end. The very flowers of the field and the birds which his human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence. If the universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?

Journeying in communion and commitment God has united us to all his creatures. Human life is incomprehensible and unsustainable without other creatures. For as part of the universe all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect.

I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful, because that commitment has to do with our personal dignity and highest values. "Praise God" is the title of this letter. For when human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies.

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Sat 7/10 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass <i>Grove Park</i>	Margaret Purves G.C. Plunkett O'Donnell	ANN 14 th ANN
Sun 8/10 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	27 th Sunday in OT <i>Gunnersbury</i>	Sam Banks Ann Edgar People of the Parish Andrew Neary Jnr Giorgio Cambie Sisters of the Ryan Family	RD INT INT RD 1 st ANN INT
Mon 9/10 10.00am 11.00am	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN <i>Gunn Cemetery</i>	Zakia Sfeir Patrick Casey – Internment of Ashes	ANN RIP
Tue 10/10 10.00am	FERIA	Margaret Cooney	INT
Wed 11/10 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA <i>Comboni Covent</i>	Anne & Tom McEllin Sr. Maddalena Vergis & Sr. Claudina Racano	ANN RD
Thur 12/10 10.00am	FERIA	Margaret McHugh	RD
Fri 13/10 10.00am 6.00pm	ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR <i>PIME Covent</i>	Elizabeth Grbesa – Birthday Samuel Banks	INT RD
Sat 14/10 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	FERIA <i>Grove Park</i>	Anton Fernandez Confession Confession Marriage of Lucy Colgan- Haugh and Matthew Champin Terry McCorry Snr.	ANN INT RD

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Alex Tuffy, Cecilia Walsgrove, Claudio Bogi, Mary Frain, William Francis Ryan, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Jim Ward, Fr. Eamon Conarty, Mary Casser, Tina Byrne and those suffering.

For the recently deceased: Cecil Pocock, Helena Duckett and Dr. Seon McMahon. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Margaret Purves, Plunkett O'Donnell, Giorgio Cambie, Zakia Sfeir, Anne & Tom McEllin, Anton Fernandez. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 137

1st Reading: **Isaiah 5: 1-7**

Psalm: **79:9, 12-16, 19-20**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 4:6-9**

Gospel: **Matthew 21:33-43**

NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 140

1st Reading: **Isaiah 25: 6-10**

Psalm: **22**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20**

Gospel: **Matthew 22: 1-14**

CATHOLIC UNIVERSE WEEKLY – Five copies a week at the back of church. £3.50 per copy with cash to the the 'Catholic Papers' box.

REPOSITORY – The Repository is open after Sunday morning Masses for cards, rosary beads, statues, gifts and other religious items. If any parishioners would like a crib for Christmas, please see Anne or Eddie in the Repository as this year cribs they will only be available to order with a 50% deposit taken for each order. **Orders must be given and deposits paid by 5th November at the latest.**

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - CAFOD works with the poorest communities overseas on our behalf. Please return your CAFOD envelope this weekend with your donation and/or contribute to the second collection which will take place at all Masses. For further information see www.cafod.org.uk

FOODBANK COLLECTION also this weekend – Non-perishable items of food may be brought and left in the box at the back of church today. With the annual Harvest Fast Day Collection for CAFOD inside church, those who wish to donate a cash contribution to the monthly Foodbank collection may do so in the one collection box outside the main doors of the church. Thank you too, to St. Mary's School children for their donations to the Foodbank.

BAPTISM – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 10th and 24th Oct in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or online via the parish website: <http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org>

YOUTH CONFIRMATION – For parish children who will be 14 years old at least at the time of their Confirmation in summer 2024. Details forthcoming as the course does not begin until January 2024 and the deadline for applications is not until December 2023.

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. It will be on Weds at 7.00pm from Nov 2023 to May 2024. To register or express interest please contact the Parish Office: chiswick@rcdow.org.uk 020 8994 2877

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are welcome to join the weekly social gathering of young adults in our parish. Meet in the St Edward's Room after the 6:30pm Sunday Mass where we will discuss our plans for the year ahead. Do come along and share your ideas! See: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SECONDARY AND PRIMARY, 2023. To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP), *if your Catholic practice allows for it*, you should **firstly** contact the Parish Office to request an appointment and collect a self-assessment form (which can also be sent electronically). You should **secondly** complete the self-assessment form and bring it to your appointment with Canon Michael. You should not bring blank CCPs from schools. If you are a Catholic but not a *practising* Catholic, it will be impossible to issue a CCP as it is *certifying* actual Catholic practice of *habitually attending weekly Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation* over several years. The period of churches being closed is irrelevant because Catholic practice is to be evidenced over *several years*. It is also *perfectly feasible* to submit an application to a Catholic school *without* a CCP. The application would be categorised according to the admission criteria published by the school. Phone or email the office for a 10-minute slot. Current availability is:

**Thurs 12th Oct 3.00-4.10pm; Fri 13th Oct 3.00-5.20pm.
Weds 25th Oct 3.00-5.20pm**

CENTERING PRAYER (CP) – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.00pm with the next session Tuesday 10th Oct. For more info Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION at 9.45am Family Sunday Mass – With a shortage of volunteers for this Mass 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 regular ministry in this Mass and prospectively also in visiting the elderly and housebound at home (for which a DBS certificate would be required) then please speak to one of the priests. Thank you.

SR NATALIA'S GOLDEN JUBILEE on Mission Sunday 22nd Oct Parishioners are invited to join the Comboni Sisters celebrating Sr Natalia's 50th Anniversary of Profession. At 3.00pm in the Parish Centre there'll be a **free concert** starring her international concert pianist nephew and grandnephew on both grand pianos! A reception will follow at 4.00pm. Put the date in the diary and share the joy!

EVENT AT THE CATHOLIC CENTRE –The next 'Tulsa Time' Don Williams tribute performance is on **Saturday 4th Nov from 7pm** <https://www.tulsatimeband.com/>

A DAY WITH MARY – on Sat 21st Oct at St George's Church, Harrow Road, Sudbury, 10.00am to 5.30pm. For more info see the leaflet at the back of the church.

ST. JOSEPH'S, GROVE PARK NOTES

NEW MONTHLY FOODBANK COLLECTIONS – At the recent meeting, parishioners decided to join the Chiswick and Gunnersbury parish community in the support of Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank <https://hammersmithfulham.foodbank.org.uk/> which is very exciting. Notice will be given of the monthly collections one week in advance as demonstrated last weekend. Given that CAFOD's Harvest Fast Collection also applies to Grove Park this weekend, the same system will apply as in Chiswick and Gunnersbury. If parishioners wish to support both great causes, please budget appropriately for extra cash as well as bringing non-perishable items of food to the Vigil Mass for collection.

NOVEMBER'S BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES – The annual Blessings of the Graves in local cemeteries next month in the Month of the Holy Souls will be: 3.00pm Sunday 5th November in Chiswick New Cemetery; and 3.00pm Sunday 19th November in Gunnersbury Cemetery. (Warm, windproof and waterproof clothing is recommended; also portable chairs recommended for the elderly.)

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS - These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. They will run from 9.30am – 10.30am on the following days: Thursday 19th October, Friday 17th November and Friday 8th December. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend on 0208 994 5606 or email office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk

COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST HOLIDAY CAMP AT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, DUKE ROAD, CHISWICK from 23rd to 27th October, 9.00am – 4.00pm. Throughout the five days, there will be many different activities and sports to take part in which include football, basketball, gymnastics, rounders, tennis and more. For ages Reception to Year 6. £175 for a 5-day pass booking or £38 per day booking (10% sibling discount) Contact www.schools@brentfordfccst.com for more information.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR - St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Chiswick is gearing up for Christmas and their legendary Christmas Raffle, which will take place at the annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, 2nd December. If you own a local business and can offer your support, or would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please contact the PTA via email, pta_stmarys@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for your kindness!

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPENING MORNINGS - Primary School Tours take place every Fri morning until Jan 2024. For more information and book tickets, please visit our website at: strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/admission/

A CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY: Visit the prisoner - God calls each of us in different ways to serve Him and our neighbour. This prisons week, you are invited to join a live Zoom meeting to hear the testimony of how a lay prison chaplain became involved in prison ministry and evangelisation. Those over the age of 18 are welcome and there will be time for Q&A and prayer. These hour-long informal talks will happen this month of October and will contain the same content: Sunday 8th at 20:00, Tuesday 10th at 20:00, Wednesday 11th at 20:00, Friday 13th at 12:30. For the Zoom link, please email claz.gomez@justice.gov.uk with your preferred day of attendance, and roughly where you are located. The reply will have the link.

THE GOOD COUNSEL BLACK TIE BALL will take place from 6.00pm Saturday 18th November in Kensington, London. Live Band. Silent Auction. London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball raising money to help save lives and change lives. Tickets £125 each. For bookings and enquiries email GCNBall@gmail.com or telephone 07795205117

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 – The Tuesday post-Mass coffee morning is 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

01/10/23 - £ 4170.55

Grove Park

01/10/23 - £183.50

Thank you for your generosity.