



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

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9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023

## 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*Fr Jude writes:*

### THE MEEKNESS OF LOVE

The Serenity Prayer attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr says, "Lord grant me the courage to change the things I can; the serenity to accept the things I cannot change and the *wisdom* to know the difference". This wisdom, which is at the heart of Christian spirituality, is found in what I call the *meekness of love*. This is beautifully portrayed in the gospel passage of today from Matthew 11:25-30. This passage is so important that the Church presents it on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, wherein we are invited into the core of Christian living fraught with so many challenges.

A careful exegesis of the original Greek words in the passage (Matthew 11:25-30) will bring out its meaning. 'Labour' (Kopiao in Greek) means "to feel fatigue; to work hard; 'Overburdened' "phortizo" in Greek means "to be filled with spiritual anxiety" or "laden with routine or ceremony"; 'yoke' ("dzogos" in Greek) means, "a beam of balance"; 'rest' ("anapawo" in Greek) means "to be refreshed". 'Meek' ("prahos" in Greek) means "gentle or lowly". The implication of this golden passage therefore is that as one embraces the challenges of life, humbly and meekly in imitation of the meek saviour, one will be "at home on this earth" in terms of managing the vicissitudes of life effectively and efficiently. This is the meaning of the meek inheriting the earth (Matthew 5:5).

Beloved, are you overburdened with the "cross of the life's daily routine and challenges?" Are you cumbered with a load of cares, fears, depression, and disappointments and disillusionment with what is happening in the globe? Come in humility to the gentle saviour and adopt the meekness of love and you will be refreshed. Just as the refresh button of a computer is pressed when it is overworked to get it restarted and working well again, the Lord will raise you by His Spirit and lift you up when you are down. He will enable you to change with courage, the situations you can, and accept serenely the ones you cannot change. The reality of things is that life is "bitter – sweet", and therefore one needs the yoke as "a beam of balance" to help one carry on.

As we begin a new liturgical week, may you draw strength from the anointing flowing from the passages of the day and may the promises encoded in them find perfect fulfillment in your life. Amen. May you be filled with the Spirit of meekness that will enable you to grapple with the challenges of life and conquer them with grace and equanimity through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 8/7 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass  <b>Grove Park</b>	Special Intentions Mary Hayes Rosie Chambers	INT SICK
Sun 9/7 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	14 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN OT  <b>Gunnersbury</b>	People of the Parish James A Langer Private Intentions Fr. Michael Johnston – Retirement Anne & Brendan Nobel Ray Sutum-Vara Pornd	INT RD INT INT INT ANN
Mon 10/7 10.00am	FERIA	Margaret Organ	RD
Tue 11/7 10.00am 5.00pm	ST BENEDICT	Pat Gilmartin St. Mary's School Leavers' Mass offered for Fr. Mark Leenane PP	ANN RD
Wed 12/7 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA  Comboni Convent	Karen Noonan Sr. Ancilla Fumagalli	ANN RD
Thur 13/7 10.00am	FERIA	Peter Perry	RD
Fri 14/7 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA  PIME Convent	Kathleen O'Brien Mary-Anne Hempenstall	RD SICK
Sat 15/7 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	ST BONAVENTURE  <b>Grove Park</b>	Mary Bull Confession Confession Theresa Donovan Suzannah & Juan	RD  ANN SICK

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthy, Fr. Eammon Conarty, Celine Duignan, 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, Natalie Williams, Monica McGowan, Kirsten Constance (and her baby), Kay Kiggins, Peter Kerridge, Brian Moignard, Nora Murphy, Bernadette Boylan, James Ward and those suffering.

**For the recently deceased:** Fr Mark Leenane, late PP of St Vincent de Paul Parish, Osterley; John Lessel; and Mary O'Hara. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Patrick Foley, Ray Sutum-Vara Pornd, Pat Gilmartin, Karen Noonan, Theresa Donovan, Patricia (Tricia) Margaret Chapman, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, Dr. George and Fr. Michael Evans. May they Rest in Peace.

#### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 99

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Zechariah 9: 9-10**

Psalm: **144:1-2,8-11,13-14**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Romans 8:9,11-13**

Gospel: **11:25-30**

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p. 102

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Isaiah 55: 10-11**

Psalm: **64:10-14**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Romans 8:18-23**

Gospel: **Matthew 13:1-23**

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

**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 'Catholic Papers'.

**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.

**SEA SUNDAY TODAY!** – Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea and holds a national collection to support them through chaplaincy services – pastoral, spiritual and welfare - in UK ports. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers in need. The collection will be after all Masses today and Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church. You can also donate by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or by texting SEA to 70460 to donate £5. This collection enables Stella Maris to continue its work so any donation is greatly appreciated.

**COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTERS' APPEAL - THANK YOU!** - Thank you to all those who supported the Comboni Missionary Sisters Appeal recently on behalf of all Orders of Missionary Sisters in the UK. Additional donations were received making the totals £1893.02 by Chiswick and £314.05 by Grove Park totalling **£2207.07**. This supports the work of all the Orders as the total is divided nationally between them.

**NATIONAL GALLERY'S ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI TOURS** - The St Francis Leprosy Guild's co-ordinator, Eileen, is offering free guided tours of the new exhibition about St Francis at the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square, a highlight of which is the actual habit worn by St Francis, in addition to the great art. (11.00am Saturday 29/07. See the Guild poster at the back and contact Eileen on 07542817869 or [eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org](mailto:eileen.murray@stfrancisleprosy.org) )

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** – Those aged 18-35 are welcome to join the weekly social gathering of young adults in our parish. Meet outside church after the 6.30pm Sunday Mass. See: <https://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults> Next Sunday 16th July, Sr Rosario Fernandez of the Comboni Sisters will be talking to the Group about 'The Call To Missionary Life'.

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is convening this week at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. For info: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**THE RELIC OF ST EDMUND CAMPION** on its annual pilgrimage around the UK in the care and company of the Knights of St Columba will be in Our Lady of Grace Church before and after the 6.30pm Mass next Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July. All welcome.

**THE SUNDAY 9.45am FAMILY MASS** – 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 and let Fr Michael know any ideas. *Thank you.*  
**Two 9.45am innovations so far in the light of suggestions are:**  
(i) The children's percussion instruments for the last hymn;  
(ii) 30 copies of the recommended **'My Picture Missal'** are available for parents/carers at the entrance to assist your child's understanding of Mass. Please remember to return them at the end of Mass! *Thank you.*

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS & DBS Certs** – Catherine Sutherland our Safeguarding Representative will be emailing parish volunteers offering opportunities to those who need them for the renewing of their DBS certificates. Catherine 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: [chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswicksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) Please contact the Parish Office for an the appointment.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERING AND MINISTRY** – **"There are many different kinds of service but we serve the same Lord,"** as St Paul says in his *First Letter to the Corinthians* (12.5). Looking to the new school year in particular but with some opportunities for a start sooner, there are many enjoyable and rewarding ways in which to contribute to the parish's family life and deepen in discipleship, participating in the local mission. Could you be a parish Reader, for instance, once a month? Or help with next year's Confirmation programme in a easy conversational way and coached, as you would be also helping with First Holy Communion, by others with years of experience? If so, please do speak to one of the priests.

**PIANO PLAYER FOR 11.00am SUNDAY MASS in August?** – with the Choir and musicians on holiday in August we try to maintain at least the singing of hymns at the 11.00am Mass. However our kind parishioner who formerly volunteered the playing of the piano in August has moved from the parish. If you know anyone who might have the required talent and availability, please urge them to contact the Parish Office. An appropriate fee could also be offered to sustain the commitment.

## GROVE PARK NOTES

### COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTERS' APPEAL - THANK YOU!

Additional donations have been received bringing the Grove Park total to **£314.05**. See also the adjacent note.

**PRESBYTERY REFURBISHMENT** - Those who have house keys from previous need must not enter the house as it is legally a building site! The usage of church and Parish Room is not affected.

**IS YOUR CHILD 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD?** Did you know that you are entitled to Free Nursery Childcare Provision? We have a limited number of 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 our school admin team to arrange an appointment, or informal discussion on 020 8994 5606 or email: [office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk)

**CARETAKER JOB AT ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, Duke Rd.** – 36 hrs a week from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, c£26k per annum, work in Chiswick and have no commute! If interested pls contact the school or see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/caretakerhandyman-1346413>

**GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR** takes place TODAY, Sunday, from 12-4pm. There will be dozens of stalls, BBQ, raffles, music, food, bar and much more so please do come along! Entrance via Gumley Gardens, St John's Road, Isleworth TW7 6PP.

**COMBONI QUIZ NIGHT & PIZZA, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm**, raising funds for their girls' school development in rural Uganda, transforming girls' lives. Tickets (£15) available from the Parish Office. See posters at church exits or contact the sisters: 020 8994 1220 or [combonicentre16@gmail.com](mailto:combonicentre16@gmail.com)

**PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD FROM OSTERLEY PARISH:** Coach leaves St. Vincent's, 2 Witham Rd TW7 4AJ **on Sat. 15/7/23** between 9.15-9.30am. Return at 7.00pm. See poster for details, and contact the Osterley parish office to book. Tel. 020 8560 4737 / [osterley@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:osterley@rcdow.org.uk) Cost £19 adult, £15 child, payable to WRCDT Osterley, 41095889 / 40- 05-20 / Ref. Aylesford.

**THE LATE FR MARK LEENANE, Parish Priest of Osterley, RIP** - Very sadly, after his recent illness, Fr Mark died on Thursday. We pray for him, his family and parishioners. May he rest in peace. There's a statement from the Dean of Hounslow on the parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/osterley/>

**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 at the Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Ave, on the last Wednesday of every month, 2.30pm-4.30pm. The next event will take place on Weds 26<sup>th</sup> July. There'll be a classic afternoon tea with music, a guest speaker, 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.

**VACANCY for EA: SPUC – Society for the Protection of Unborn Children** – 21 hrs a week Executive Assistant working for the Executive Director. Pls see: <https://www.spuc.org.uk/joinourteam>

**REPOSITORY** – The Repository is open after Sunday morning Masses for cards, rosary beads, statues, gifts and other religious items. Also on sale is the Westminster Year Book price £5.00.

**THE CATHOLIC UNION** is an organisation dedicated to the defence of Catholic values in Parliament and public life and the promotion of the common good. As a young Catholic, a student or under 25 years old, we are delighted to offer you **free membership** and would encourage you to join and receive exclusive benefits. We urge you to tell your friends & colleagues about this fantastic offer and to get involved as we'd welcome your expertise. You may like to check out our Events Calendar packed with Pub Talks, webinars, lectures and more.



**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**

**2/7/23 £4756.54**

**Grove Park**

**2/7/23 £204.27**

*Thank you for your generosity.*