



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

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9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022

## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### *Tomas writes:*

This Sunday brings two readings which are linked with leprosy - a sickness which we thankfully know only from the news but which is still a sad reality in many countries. The first reading deals with the story of the general Naaman, servant of King of Aram. He suffered from leprosy; sufferers were often treated as outcasts and ostracised, rejected by their communities, given that the disease was highly contagious.

The word about the miraculous powers of the prophet Elisha spread also beyond the borders of Israel and Naaman hoped that the prophet might heal his condition. When this happened, he promised, as a sign of gratitude, to carry the soil from the land where he was healed to build an altar to God. There is a certain irony that Elisha tried for many years to convince his own people of the northern kingdom of Israel to return to God, however, in the end, it was a foreigner who submitted himself to God and promised to honour him.

Our Gospel reading strikes a similar note: we see Our Lord being approached by ten lepers as He travels through Samaria and Galilee, the same area in the north of the Holy Land where Elisha used to minister. When the lepers are healed, only one of them, a Samaritan, comes back to Jesus to thank him properly. Like Naaman the Syrian, the Samaritan was also a foreigner. Israelites often treated foreigners with prejudice, they were shunned and avoided. Yet, here we see that they show humility and gratitude. And we are being invited to follow them.

The readings are thus firstly an invitation not to be self-righteous and not to exclude others whom we consider to be different, perhaps less 'religious' than we are. They are an invitation not to be judgmental, and to liberate ourselves from our unconscious or conscious prejudices and biases. But in another way, we are being invited to do a bit more than these two foreigners: we should give continuous thanks for all the gifts we are receiving from God. Too often, we come to Him only when we have some particular need, when we want Him to do something for us. In good times, we take His graces for granted.

None of these invitations is an easy one but we are never alone. As St. Paul reminds us in his letter to Timothy in our second reading, through Christ we have been brought to true freedom, liberated. He writes that in the Lord, we can find our strength: "If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him." Isn't this a rather wonderful assurance?

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<b>Sat 8/10</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>  <b>Grove Park</b>	Hugh Kinney Plunkett O'Donnell	ANN ANN
<b>Sun 9/10</b> <b>8.30am</b> <b>9.45am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>12.15pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>Gunnersbury</b>	Tony Henry People of the Parish Mary King Clive Mann Ann Cassidy David Gallagher	RD INT RD RD ANN RD
<b>Mon 10/10</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>FERIA</b>	Bridget Tuffy - birthday	RIP
<b>Tue 11/10</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>FERIA</b>	Florence Fegan - birthday	INT
<b>Wed 12/10</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>FERIA</b>  <i>(Comboni Convent)</i>	Clive Mann Mohan Mendez	RD RD
<b>Thur 13/10</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR</b>	Patrick McNulty	RD
<b>Fri 14/10</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>FERIA</b>  <i>(PIME Convent)</i>	Kaffie FitzGerald & family Baby Ella Maria Fernandes	RIP RD
<b>Sat 15/10</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>11-11.45am</b> <b>5-5.45pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>St Teresa of Avila</b>      <b>Grove Park</b>	Richard Thompson <b>Confession</b> <b>Holy Hour &amp; Confession</b> <b>Benediction</b> Dr John Robinson Timmy McNamara	RD    ANN RD

### LET US PRAY

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthly, 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, Breda O'Sullivan, Claudio Bogi, Loxley Alleyne and all those suffering.

**For those recently deceased:** Keith Stammers, Michael Keating, Dan Foley, Marie King. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Elizabeth Shepherd, Ann Cassidy. May they Rest in Peace.

### THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.149

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **2 Kings 5:14-17**

Psalm: **97:1-4**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **2 Timothy 2:8-13**

Gospel: **Luke 17:11-19**

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS, Mass Book p.152

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Exodus 17:8-13**

Psalm: **120**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **2 Timothy 3:14-4:2**

Gospel: **Luke 18:1-8**

**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.

**THIS MONTH'S CATHOLIC POST** is at the back of church **FREE**.

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

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT** – over this weekend completes the four week cycle of counting the congregation for statistical purposes.

**A WORLD PREMIER IN THE PARISH THIS FRIDAY!** – At 6.30pm this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, Our Lady of Grace Church will host the first ever live performance of ‘**AQUERO**’, an oratorio on the life and experience of St Bernadette of Lourdes receiving the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858. **The Guest of Honour for the occasion will be His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster**, who each year leads the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. He is also Patron of the ecumenical charity Friends of the Holy Land, supporting Christians in the Holy Land, for which this event is raising much needed funding. Tickets for the concert only are £20 and are available from the Parish Office or can be bought right up to the event itself on the night if there are any tickets available. Or, to buy a ticket for the concert AND the post-concert buffet supper in the Parish Centre at £60 each, please go to: <https://aquero-chiswick.eventbrite.co.uk> Supper numbers MUST BE BOOKED BY MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> October so don't delay going online.

**CAFOD'S HARVEST COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND** – East Africa is in the midst of a terrible food crisis affecting millions of people; a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Across Kenya, Ethiopia, South Sudan and in Somalia, families are facing extreme levels of hunger and malnutrition. Four years of drought have exacerbated existing food and water shortages in the region and, tragically, famine is now looming. This weekend is the routine autumn CAFOD collection for this particular cause, grateful as CAFOD is for your generosity a three weeks ago for the Pakistan Floods Emergency Appeal. Envelopes, with the option of Gift Aid, are at the back of church or go to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday).

**SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SECONDARY AND PRIMARY, 2022.** 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 Fr 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 this week within: **Weds 12<sup>th</sup> 3.00-5.50pm; or Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 3.00-4.00pm.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022/23 IS NOW CLOSED** – having been open all through the month of September.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2022/23.** The Youth Confirmation developed over the pandemic is being kept for this academic year. Thus, all teaching sessions will be in 2023, in the Spring and Summer Terms. Fr Daniel will publish the application process later this term as well as the dates of all teaching sessions which can be entered into diaries early as attendance is essential and absence would likely result in being unable to proceed to Confirmation.

**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 2022 to May 2023. No course details are yet available but if you'd like to register or express an interest please contact the Parish Office; [chiswick@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk) 020 8994 2877

**CENTERING PRAYER (CP)** – The group is convening weekly via Zoom at 7.00pm with the next session Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Contact: John O'Brien: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

**SAVE THE DATE for SR GRAÇA'S FAREWELL, Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** – after twelve years in the parish and contributing so much to the parish Youth Confirmation programme in particular but also the youth group, other parish enterprises and Comboni initiatives in London and beyond, Sr Graça Almeida has been assigned by her superiors to lead the formation of a new Comboni apostolate in Porto in Portugal. A Farewell Reception will be held in the Parish Centre after 12.15pm Mass, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, which will conclude with a special blessing sending Sr Graça forth on mission.

**YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL in Chiswick NEXT SUNDAY-** Meet outside church after 6:30pm Mass Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. For Catholics aged 18-35. Mass followed by pub trip. See you there!

**A DAY WITH MARY** – is to be hosted with convenient access from here at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, from 9.45am to 5.30pm. Sermons from Cathedral Chaplain and Canon John O'Leary, Rector of Allen Hall Seminary.

**CATHOLIC CENTRE, LOUNGE BAR** - The Lounge Bar at the Parish Centre is now open **every Friday from 3pm to 10pm**. All welcome, also to bring suggestions for more social events in the Centre. The Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, W4 2AE.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> November in Chiswick New Cemetery; and 3.00pm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November in Gunnersbury Cemetery. (Warm clothing, wind- and waterproof recommended; also portable chairs recommended for the elderly.)

**CATHOLIC UNION EVENT** - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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://eventbrite.com) or register at [info@catholicunion.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk) or 020 8749 1321.

**RETOUVAILLE: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages** - Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? - Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought together. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**CATHOLIC LISTENERS** - A new confidential helpline **Catholic Listeners, Diocese of Westminster**, for those returning to the faith. Although not a counselling service, we have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. Contact Ade, [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com) or 08004480704.

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**CHRIST CHURCH, Church of England, Turnham Green – Job Vacancy** – seeking to appoint a practical, organised handy-person to join their Facilities team. Medium to heavy work including lifting furniture. 20-25 hrs, incl some evening & weekend shifts. One year contract. £14,240 - £17,800. See [www.christchurchw4.com/jobs](http://www.christchurchw4.com/jobs)

**TWO LOCAL VACANCIES IN SCHOOLS** - Site Assistant (St Richard Reynolds Catholic College - Twickenham) and Operations Manager (St Ignatius Catholic Primary - Sunbury) <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies> <https://www.st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk/vacancies/>

**TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS** – Tuesdays after the 10.00am Mass in the St Edward's Room; also Fridays in the Parish Centre after Mass. All are very welcome.

Collections for last weekend:  
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2/10/22 - £4,236.95  
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2/10/22 - £258.72  
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