



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

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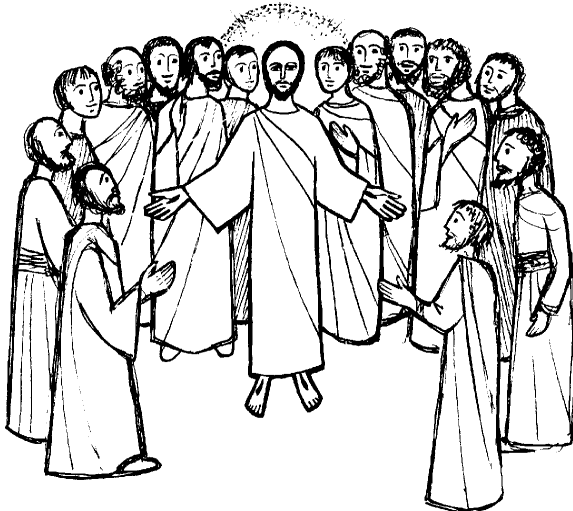
14th APRIL 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Fr Michael writes:



"You are witnesses to this."

"Why are you so agitated," the Risen Jesus asks in the midst of His incredulous disciples, "and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves." He soon fills them with joy and expectation, or as the Preface of today's Mass says, "overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise". And this all began from Jerusalem. St Luke is the author of the Gospel we hear today and the other book he wrote in the New Testament is the *Acts of the Apostles* which we also hear today. Everything in Luke's Gospel leads up to Jerusalem, where Jesus must go to "accomplish the Passover" of His death and Resurrection, and then, in the *Acts of the Apostles* everything comes from Jerusalem. Indeed, in today's Gospel, the Risen Lord commands the disciples to preach the Good News to all the nations "beginning from Jerusalem". Jerusalem was for the disciples and the Chosen People the focus of national and religious aspiration and identity, even for Jesus to some extent. He wept over Jerusalem, let us remember, because her people, which is to say His people, did not recognise Him as the Messiah. Now He comforts His disciples because His being Risen makes Him the embodiment, the incarnation indeed, of the new Jerusalem, that heavenly reality, even here on earth, which is our union with God in Christ. The sacraments, themselves the gift of Jesus' death and Resurrection, draw us into the Divine Life, conforming us more to Christ as we respond in grace through the Holy Spirit. If we do this, - and as St John warns us in the second reading today - this is an 'if' because "we can be sure we know God only by keeping His commandments", then we also become His witnesses to the nations beginning from the new Jerusalem, that is, beginning from our communion in the Risen and Ascended Christ reaching out to others with and in His love. Alleluia!

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 13/4 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass <i>Grove Park</i>	Dr. Ian Sparling Kevin Gavin	ANN 1 st ANN
Sun 14/4 8.30am 9.45am	3 rd SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Gunnersbury</i>	William Martin Dwyer Patrick, Margaret, Mary Geraghty People of the Parish Lucy Coyle Elizabeth Londra Maria Nizio	RD ANN INT RD ANN RD
Mon 15/4 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Lewellyn Harris	RIP
Tue 16/4 10.00am 6.00pm	EASTER FERIA	Les & Kathy Van Wyk Reception of Agnes Whelan	RIP RIP
Wed 17/4 10.00am 12.30pm 6.00pm	EASTER FERIA <i>Comboni Convent</i>	Elsie Gillen Funeral of Agnes Whelan Sr. Mercedes Montero	2 nd ANN RIP RD
Thur 18/4 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Norman & Joey Brown	RIP
Fri 19/4 10.00am 12 Noon 6.00pm	ST. ALPHEGE <i>Pime Convent</i>	Keith Hurst Funeral of Maxence Martin Basilio Rodriguez Jnr	ANN RIP ANN
Sat 20/4 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	EASTER FERIA <i>Grove Park</i>	Pierre Henri Evander Confessions Baptism Confessions Andrew Neary Jnr Paddy McGuinness	INT RIP ANN

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Alex Tuffy, Cecilia Walsgrove, Claudio Bogi, Mary Frain, Celine Duignon, Andy Cronin, Fr. Eamon Conarty, Greta Gribben, Romeo Monthy, Benjamin White, Brid, Anne Beglane, Margaret Niwczyk Bejnarowicz, Sr Mary Lonergan, Laura Marani, Fay Mushantaf, Pascal de Thomasson, Pearl Fernandez, Michele Sfeir, Kevin Herbert, Vinny McNamara, Tony Sheehan, Anthony Foley, Eileen McGuinness, Laurence Taylor, Roger Gilmore, Georgina, Adrian McGowan.

For the recently deceased: Fr. Michael Daley, Agnes Whelan, Maureen Rank, Benedicto Bernaldez, Maxence Martin. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries are at this time: Dr. Ian Sparling, Kevin Gavin on his 1st Anniversary, Patric, Margaret, Mary Geraghty, Tom O'Donnell, Elizabeth Londra, Elsie Gillen, Keith Hurst, Basilio Rodriguez Jnr, Paddy McGuinness, Teresa Joao Paulo. May they Rest in Peace.

EASTER SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.258

1st Reading: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

Psalm: 4: 2, 4, 7, 9

2nd Reading: 1 John 2: 1-5

Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48

NEXT WEEKEND'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.261

1st Reading: Acts 4: 8-12

Psalm: 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2

Gospel: John 10: 11-18

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 TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS - are on a stand at the back of the Church. Prices are marked on each booklet/leaflet. Please put the money for these purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS'.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND - Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place which pays for the formation of men for the priesthood. There are currently 49 studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid (Spain) and one at the Beda (Rome). There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year three deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available at the back of church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with a donation if you can. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND is our overseas Lent Project – With our thoughts on the crisis in the Holy Land, the ecumenical charity *Friends of the Holy Land* enables us to make some contribution to the relief efforts. **So far £5,301.76** has been donated including online. For their current work see their website <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/> which includes a page 'Our Response to Gaza' detailing their supporting those churches in Gaza which are sheltering "Christians, Muslims and those of no faith". Please contribute to the Lent Project Box at the main church doors (divided with the Cardinal's Appeal) or take an FHL Gift Aid envelope and return it to the parish dropping it into any collection or the Priests' House letterbox. Alternatively, perhaps give online with this link and/or QR code on the posters at the exits of the church which take you to our parish appeal on the FHL website: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/our-lady-of-grace-chiswick-lent-2024

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL – If you can please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. **So far £2,561.39**. Please take a donation envelope, for more info. You can use the QR code to make your donation online but please let the Parish Office know so that we can add the amount to our Project Thermometer total! Thank you.

BAPTISM – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 16th and 23rd April, 7.30pm in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or the parish website: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are welcome to join the weekly social gathering of young adults in our parish after the Sunday 6.30pm Mass. This evening, Sunday, Delphine Chui, writer, youtuber & former mainstream women's magazine journalist, will be joining the young adults' group to talk about relationships & dating as Catholics: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults

THE MEN'S GROUP - Men of all ages are very welcome to join us for our next meeting on Thursday 18 April, 8.15 for 8.30pm in the St Edward's Room. We will have a video and discussion on Divine Renovation UK "How to Build a Parish of Apostolic Disciples" followed by a social drink at The Lamb. Email Stephen Donnelly for details: donnellysm@hotmail.com or just turn up.

COMBONI CENTRE RETREAT - On our journey towards Pentecost, you are invited to attend a half day Retreat at the Comboni Centre, 2 Chiswick Lane, London W4 2JF, Saturday 20th April on the theme "You will be my Witnesses" (Acts 1:8) facilitated by the Comboni Sisters. Arrival: 10.00am with tea/coffee. 1.00pm: snacks and/or departures. Please book via Tel. 020 8994 1220

COMBONI SISTERS REQUIRE A PART-TIME COOK AT THE COMBONI CONVENT, Chiswick Lane, W4 – Sunday to Friday, 4 hours per day, 8.30am – 12.30pm for approx 12 Sisters. If interested or for more info contact the Parish Office on 020 8994 2877 or email chiswick@rcdow.org.uk

SOUL FOOD is hosting their annual *Life in the Spirit Seminar* six-week course running every Thursday 7.00pm, beginning 18th April. The course is back-to-basics, with a focus on the Holy Spirit, for Catholics at all stages of their faith journey. As part of the course we will be hosting a weekend retreat, which we have found is very powerful. For details etc see: <https://soulfoodgroup.co.uk/liss/>

PARISH FUNERALS:

Very sadly, many parish families are suffering the death of a loved one at this time; friends and neighbours are enquiring about funeral arrangements. Let us spiritually accompany the deceased and the bereaved with our prayers, participating in the Lord's assistance - *"Blessed are those who mourn, they shall be comforted"* (Mt 5:5).

Agnes Whelan -16th April 6.00pm, Reception into church
-17th April 12.30pm, Requiem Mass
Maxence Martin - 19th April, 12 Noon, Requiem Mass
Maureen Rank - 26th April 12 Noon, Requiem Mass
Michael Carter - 8th May, 12 Noon, Requiem Mass

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES have now been distributed to those parishioners in Chiswick, Gunnersbury and Grove Park who have signed up for Offertory Envelopes. Gift Aiding your Offertory and other donations to our parish using numbered envelopes or a Standing Order, is a very practical way of *increasing the value of your offering by 25 pence for every pound you give at no extra cost to you!* Providing you are a UK Taxpayer, you can join the scheme by signing a Gift Aid Declaration which can be obtained from the Parish Office or contact the office at: chiswick@rcdow.org.uk

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 19th- 26th July – Registration for the Westminster pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent is now open via the application form <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve. **All applications need to be submitted by Tues 30th April.**

CATHOLIC CENTRE LOUNGE BAR – The Catholic Centre Lounge Bar is open for the routine hours: Fridays from 12.00 Noon to 10.00pm; Saturdays and Sundays 12.00 Noon to 6.00pm.

HOME INSTEAD AFTERNOON TEAM - 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 on the last Wednesday of each month, 2.30pm-4.30pm. The next event will take place on Wednesday 24th April. There will be a classic afternoon tea with music & a guest entertainer. 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.

HOME START - If you have availability and you are a parent or grandparent (or have similar experience), you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start is offering a free training to be a home-visiting volunteer supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run in Hampton Wick from 9.45am-2.30pm, on Thursdays from 9th May to 20th June (not half-term 30th May). After the course, volunteers visit and support a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more info, please contact Erin on 07884 536161 erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk or volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk

RETRouvaille – **Do you need support in your marriage?** Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidentially for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.45am SUNDAY MASS – The coffee morning will resume next Sunday 21st April.

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – Please note there will be **NO** post-Mass coffee morning this Tues, 16th April in St Edward's Room but will resume 23rd April; also there will be the coffee morning on Fri 19th April 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

Collections for last weekend

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

7/4/24 - £4800.17

Grove Park

7/4/24 - £240.68

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