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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocations Sunday)

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Fr. Michael writes:-

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD in his Pastoral Letter this weekend calls on each parish to join in a weekly Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament between now and Pentecost Sunday praying for priestly vocations. This, therefore, we shall do. Our Saturday evening Holy Hour 5.00pm to 6.00pm on 2nd May will pray 'For men to be open to God's call to priesthood'; on 9th May 'For those currently discerning the priesthood'; on 16th 'For seminarians in their formation'; and on 23rd, the Vigil of Pentecost, we'll pray 'For your parish's priests and all clergy serving in the Diocese,' as requested. There are small prayer cards available at the church doors with the diocesan prayer for priestly vocations on the reverse side as well as a leaflet with the same prayer and the schedule of the intentions over the month. Clearly Archbishop Richard, so early in his ministry as our archbishop, is choosing to draw our attention to the need of priestly vocations for our diocesan future. Let us join him with spiritual gusto, so to speak, for this intention, attentive as it is to the Lord's own injunction to us all as disciples when He said "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest" (Mt 9:37).

There are of course many labourers/vocations in this harvest which are not priestly for which we also pray on this Vocations [plural] Sunday. 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), 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." Let us be reminded today of the Good Shepherd's call 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: it is Christ who seeks to love in us!

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Date	Time	Location	Minister	Notes
Sat 25/4	6.30pm		Connor Farrell	INT
	6.30pm	Grove Park	People of the Parish	INT
Sun 26/4	8.30am	4 TH Sunday of Easter Gunnersbury	Jacqueline Rimmer – Birthday	RIP
	9.45am		Michael O'Sullivan	RD
	10.00am		Angela Kealy	ANN
	11.00am		Tina Alegria	INT
	12.15pm		Peter Holden Snr.	RD
	6.30pm		Roma Ryan	ANN
Mon 27/4	10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Brian Gill	ANN
Tue 28/4	10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Colin Martin	ANN
	1.30pm	Pime Convent	Funeral of Ann Russell	RIP
	6.00pm		Jerry Dinan	RD
Wed 29/4	10.00am	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	Monica Sweeney	ANN
	2.40pm	Mortlake Crematorium	Funeral of Roger Talbot	RIP
Thur 30/4	10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Bridget Sweeney	RIP
	6.00pm	Pime Convent	Andriani Andrikkou Georghiou	RD
Fri 1/5	10.00am	ST JOSEPH	Fiona Higgins	SICK
Sat 2/5	10.00am	ST ATHANASIUS	Peter Holden Snr	RD
	11.00am		Confessions	
	12.15pm		Baptism	
	5-6pm		Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	6.30pm		Grove Park	Gary O'Toole
	6.30pm		Eileen Canavan - Birthday	RIP

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Alex Tuffy, Mary Frain, Greta Gribben, Romeo Monthly, Benjamin White, Anne Beglane, Margaret Niwczyk Bejnarowicz, Pearl Fernando, Clare Burke, Gerry Hynes, Pascale Murphy, Claire Goacher, Fr. Eamon Conerty, Celeine Duignan, Mike O'Farrelly, Michael O'Reilly, Delight Goodfellow, Alberto Viveros, Emma Eliot, Kay Senior, Monica McGowan, Layan Nasir, Lalin Karunatilka, Andrea Peri, June Keany, Maureen Barney, Jim Kellett, Catherine Dawson and John King.

For the Recently Deceased: Ann Russell, Elizabeth Gupta, Anthony Shuttleworth, Roger Talbot and Heronice Binenbojm. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries occur: Pope Francis 1st Anniversary, Roma Ryan, Angela Kealy, Brian Gill, Colin Martin, Monica Sweeney, Nicholas Hynan, Jerry Twomey. May they RIP.

NEXT WEEKEND'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.262

1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm: 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.265

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Psalm: 33(32):1-2. 4-5. 18-19.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS) BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS – are on a stand at the back of the church. Prices are marked. Please put money for purchases in the brown collection box marked 'CTS'.

REPOSITORY - Is open today after all morning Masses with First Holy Communion cards and gifts plus Confirmation cards, sympathy cards, candles and rosaries and many more items.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND APPEAL TODAY – Today, on Good Shepherd Sunday, there is a second collection for the Priest Training Fund. This fund plays a crucial role in supporting those who are discerning and preparing for the priesthood. Their formation includes academic study, spiritual development, and pastoral training — all of which are essential for their future ministry. As we reflect on Christ as the Good Shepherd, we are reminded that He continues to call shepherds for His Church today. Gift Aid Envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be returned next week or a donation can be made via the QR code on the Vocations Sunday poster on the church boards. Please keep our seminarians and those considering this calling in your prayers.

PIME CONVENT MASSES 6.00pm Tuesday and Thursday – With the Comboni Convent now closed the PIME Convent at 10 Chiswick Lane will kindly host our two weekday evening Masses in the parish for this term at least until the summer. The Convent Chapel is up two flights of stairs and can accommodate about eight visitors. However, we are all very welcome so do come if you wish for an evening Mass, with one proviso from Fr Michael: please be on time before 6.00pm, otherwise one of the Sisters must leave Mass to allow access. If you arrive after 6.00pm please do not ring the bell.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS – Please remember that Sharon's working days are now Mon-Thurs 8.30am to 4.00pm. The Parish Office is unsupported Fri-Sun. Before she definitively leaves we will have occasions to thank her for all that she has given us.

PARISH OFFICE & PROPERTY MANAGER - job opportunity
This is the newly expanded role and responsibilities of what was the Parish Administrator role in our parish. With the continuing advance of the regulatory and compliance frameworks through which the Church must now live her mission, the burden of bureaucracy is ever increasing. Those parishioners who might be thinking to apply for this role are strongly advised to read carefully and reflect on the Job Description together with other information to be found on the diocesan website [<https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>] before deciding on their suitability for the new role and vice versa. 37.5 hours per five-day week, Mon-Fri inclusive, full-time permanent, £18 an hour/£35k per annum, closing date 5th May midday. The application process is anonymised so as to ensure no conflict of interest for the Parish Priest between applications from (or between) parishioners and non-parishioners. Diocesan HR will short-list on the basis of each application and its merit in meeting the Job Description criteria.

LENT PROJECT 2026 – The Parish Lent Project comprises two charities. Firstly the **Lent Appeal**, www.rcdow.org.uk/lenenappeal for good works within our own Diocese inviting us to support bringing hope into many lives, including Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life, and Catholic Education Initiatives; and secondly **The Cardinal Hume Centre** in this its 40th anniversary year, to support their work with homeless young people, badly housed families and people from the local community with little or no income. Flyers and Posters with a **QR code specific to our Parish Project** as well as Gift Aid Envelopes are available at the back and contributions in cash to the Lent Project box beside the thermometer at the back of the church will be divided equally between the two charities. A donation specifically for one or other of the charities could be made by cash or cheque payable *to the parish* and put in an envelope designating either 'Archbishop's Appeal' or 'The Cardinal Hume Centre'. So far the joint **TOTAL is £8,314.26**

OLOG YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY FUNDAYS! Need a break from studying and exams? OLOG Youth invites you to find rest through fun activities to take the stress away! Come enjoy food, fun and fellowship during this exam season. Sessions are open to all youth ages 13-17 and are scheduled for a new daytime slot of **12:30pm-2:00pm in the Parish Centre Main Hall on the Sundays** including **TODAY** 26th April and 10th and 17th May. Come and see!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are welcome to come to this evening's meeting after the 6.30pm Mass. See the parish website's Young Adults' page for more details: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults

ST. FRANCIS LEPROSY GUILD – which has strong engagement from parishioners (including from Fr Michael who has sent an Easter gift to support the walk) is being supported by Dr Phil McCarthy, founder of the website www.pilgrimways.org.uk who from 27th April is walking the 'Francis Way', the Via di Francesco, a journey of 322 miles from Assisi to Rome! If you'd like to sponsor him to raise funds for the Guild see this link: Walking for the St Francis Leprosy Guild!

CATHOLIC CENTRE LOUNGE BAR is open for routine hours for all to enjoy: Fri 12.00 to 10.00pm; Sat & Sun 12.00 to 6.00pm.

ACTON HOMELESS CONCERN – Fr Patrick Adusei-Poku, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Acton, is heroically **running the London Marathon** on Sunday 26th April to raise funds for Acton Homeless Concern, a great local charity long and deeply supported by our own parish. If you wish to sponsor Fr Patrick (Fr Michael has already done so as he certainly can't do the alternative which is to join the marathon...!) there's the QR code or visit: <https://justgiving.com/page/fr-patrick>



ALPHA: YOU'RE INVITED! - Are you curious about faith, life or the big questions we all ask? The highly successful ALPHA course is an open space where you can explore these topics in a relaxed and welcoming environment. **Come and see or invite someone you know to join us on Monday evenings at 7:30pm.** ALPHA is free and everyone is welcome for a time to connect with one another, ask questions and enjoy a hot meal together! – which is how the sessions will begin at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre with a short video presentation and discussion following. Scan QR code for more info. Please keep this initiative in your prayer. This Monday evening is the LAST session of this season so if you had thought you might wish to experience Alpha, don't put it off any longer but come along this Monday. For our parish course email info: steven.busu.sycamore@gmail.com



PARISH FUNERALS:
Parish families are suffering the death of a loved one at this time. Let us accompany the deceased and the bereaved with our prayers.
Ann Russell - 28th April, 1.30pm, Requiem Mass
Roger Talbot - 29th April, 2.40pm, Mortlake Crematorium
Elizabeth Gupta - 11th May, 12.30pm, Requiem Mass
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

PARISH & DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – Our parish pilgrimage is now full but there is still availability to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage itself (17th to 24th July) of which our Parish Pilgrimage is one small part. Signing up with the main pilgrimage is simple via this link: <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> Although signing up with the Diocese means accommodation with fellow diocesan pilgrims, parishioners would still be most welcome of course to meet up with the Chiswick group at all the events of the main pilgrimage.

ST. JOSEPH'S GROVE PARK NOTES
To those concerned about the collapsed fence from arctic winds of 24/25th March: all will be replaced plus new gate 27/29th April - DV!

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 sessions. These take place at the Chiswick Catholic Centre, 2 Dukes Avenue, W4 2AE on the last Wednesday of every month, between 2.30pm-4.30pm. The next event will take place on Weds 29th April. Classic afternoon tea with music & a guest entertainer; 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 W4 3HR.

SACRED (MUSICAL) TREASURES OF THE RENAISSANCE – including works by Palestrina, Gabrieli, Tallis, Guerrero and Victoria at Holy Trinity, Sloane Sq, SW1, on Tuesday 5th May at 7.30pm. Tickets £18 (£12 concessions) available on the door and online at www.londonatoryschola.com

PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN - The May procession will take place at 3.00pm Sunday 10th May, The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Rd, NW10 9AX. The Preacher will be Fr Nigel Woollen, PP of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. The intention is the Protection of London, and for Peace. All welcome.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED? Parishioner offers a large & bright double bedroom (for 1 person) & private bathroom to rent in a Chiswick house with a garden perfect for summer! If interested pls leave contacts details at chiswick@rcdow.org.uk or 020 89942877.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.45am SUNDAY MASS - in the Parish Centre **today, Sunday.** Families, children, visitors all welcome!

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – Both the Tuesday and Friday post-Mass coffee mornings in the St Edward's Room and Parish Centre Lounge Bar respectively are at 10.30am. All welcome!

Last weekend's Collections:
OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
19/04/2026: £5,318.12
St Joseph's Grove Park
19/04/2026: £275.60
Thank you for your generosity.