



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

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10th MAY 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Fr. Michael writes:-

This coming Thursday is Ascension Thursday marking the fortieth day since the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. It also marks therefore the completion of the Lord's earthly sojourn with the Apostles and disciples in His Risen Body and His demonstrating to them the *reality* of His Risen Body. It's not at all unrelated that it is at this moment, His taking His leave of them in his humanity as He ascends to the Father, body and soul, that He sends them on mission: "*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you*" (Mt 28:19). Everything they set out to do from this moment, therefore, is done from within the memory of the momentous events of the Lord's life, death, Resurrection and now Ascension into heaven, while also looking ahead not only to the Lord's return at the end of time – "*the end of the age*" - but also the assurance of His *Presence* with them: "*And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age*" (Mt 28:20) in the sacraments, in the Spirit and in *Person* (hence this Sunday's Gospel, Jn 14:21). This mesmerizing and astonishing truth is true for all of us who are baptized and who have the good sense and the grace of God to recollect ourselves to this truth in our daily lives. One *aide-mémoire* towards this end that parishioners and I came across in April 2023 was on our delightful and reflective visit to the Royal Abbey of Fontevraud on our parish pilgrimage to the Loire valley. With the abbey church being the burial place of King Henry II of England, his wife, Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine and their son King Richard the Lionheart, there was a commensurately splendid Chapter Room in which the Sisters under their Royal Abbess would meet daily to discuss the business and the work of the abbey. Their deliberations will have been influenced for the good by the frescoes of the life of Christ decorating the chamber. How, given the presence of Christ's life around them, could their discussions stray into any theme which was not consistent with the call of the Lord to which they had responded in joining the community whose very existence was for the continuation of the mission of the Risen and Ascended Lord? The last in the series of frescoes around the room was of the Ascension with the disciples all looking upwards as we and all other viewers were also doing to see at the apex of the fresco the Lord's feet disappearing heavenwards apparently through the vaulted ceiling of the Chapter Room! A visual quip of artistic licence perhaps but helpful nonetheless as are all reminders of the Lord being both *ahead of us* and *with us* as the source and destiny of our mission, which is to say, of our response in love to God in the here and now, in our daily lives, lived in His Presence.

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 9/5 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	Colonel Ann Healy Zakia Sfeir	ANN RIP
Sun 10/5 8.30am	6 th Sunday of Easter	Living & Deceased of Anna's Family People of the Parish John Armstead – Birthday Bill & Anthony Lupton & David Lynch Wendy Elmina Anne Bender Fr. Odhran Furlong	INT/RIP INT RIP INT RD RD
9.45am 10.00am 11.00am	Gunnersbury		
12.15pm 6.30pm			
Mon 11/5 10.00am 12.30pm	EASTER FERIA	Robert Byrne – Birthday Funeral of Elizabeth Gupta	RIP RIP
Tue 12/5 10.00am 6.00pm	EASTER FERIA Pime Convent	Angelina Lops John Anthony Christopher Ibbetson	RD 1 st ANN
Wed 13/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Theresa Tierney	1 st ANN
Thur 14/5 10.00am 12.30pm	ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Rosie McManus Deceased members Conney & Walsh Family Patrick Greaney	ANN RIP RIP
7.30pm			
Fri 15/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Marie Barnes	ANN
Sat 16/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Madeza Lynn Fernandes – 21 st Birthday Confessions First Holy Communion Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Major Dilys Davies People of the Parish	INT ANN INT
11.00am 12.30 & 3.00pm 5-6pm			
6.30pm 6.30pm	Grove Park		

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: Elizabeth Gupta, Anthony Shuttleworth, Heronice Binenbojm, Mary Kennedy and Edward Danaher. May they Rest in Peace.

For those whose anniversaries occur: Beatrice King, Colonel Ann Healy, John Anthony Christopher Ibbetson, 1st Anniv, Theresa Tierney, 1st Anniv, Rosie McManus, Marie Barnes, Major Dilys Davies, Jose Miguel Garcia Garraus, Margaret (Greta) & William (Con) Organ. May they RIP.

NEXT WEEKEND'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.268

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Psalm: 65:1-7, 16, 20

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

NEXT SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.275

1st Reading: Acts 1: 12-14

Psalm: 27(26):1.4.7-8a

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel: John 17:1-11a

ASCENSION THURSDAY - This Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation with Masses at **10.00am** (with pupils of St Mary's School also), **12.30pm** and **7.30pm**, all simple said Masses. Please note there will be no 6.00pm Mass at the PIME Convent this week.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND – Thank you - Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection recently. An additional £935.00 was donated by Chiswick/Gunnersbury and £110.00 from Grove Park bring the total to **£2,096.96**. *Thank you!* Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For info, or to make a donation visit www.rcdow.org.uk/PriestTrainingFund

PIME CONVENT MASSES 6.00pm Tuesday and Thursday – are at 10 Chiswick Lane hosted by the Sisters, public Parish Masses. The Chapel is up two flights of stairs and can accommodate about ten visitors. 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.

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 £8,470.80**

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, TODAY, 10th and then 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. The Young Adults Group will be going on a hike to Seven Sisters next Saturday 16th May. Meet at 08:30am outside WHSmith at Victoria station, ready for the 08:54am train to Seaford Sussex (open return ticket recommended). See the parish website's Young Adults' page for more details: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults

BAPTISM – The next Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 12th and 19th May at 7.30pm in the church and St Edward's Room. Apply via the Parish Office or online via the parish website: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org

FOODBANK UPDATE - Thank you so much for your continued support. This is the latest donation total counted 5th May: St Joseph £82.86; St Dunstan £81.10; Our Lady of Grace £680.95. The total stock donated in the financial year ending 31 March 2026 was 1,077.8kg which equates to a monetary value of £2,986 which is amazing! You are one of our top food donors. Overall we have seen a dip in our financial donations, year on year, which is a reflection of the current economic climate with less disposable income, therefore our loyal donors such as yourselves, are really valued. We were excited to have our first ever runners in this year's London Marathon who raised a very decent total for us! If you know of anyone who may want to apply for a place for next year, please let us know and we will send the application form as we have four places to offer next year which will be assessed in the application process.

PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN - The May procession is at 3.00pm **TODAY**, 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.

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.

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

PARISH & DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - 17th to 24th July. Our parish pilgrimage is now very nearly full but there is still availability to join provided you are prepared to share a twin-bedded room (£1,300 per person sharing) at our hotel (Gallia Londres) and that your mode of travel is by air with the Diocesan Pilgrimage chartered plane itself. Signing up with the main pilgrimage is simple via this link: <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> It may be possible to have a single room at a different hotel with other pilgrims from the Diocese and you would still be most welcome to meet up with the Chiswick group at all the events of the main pilgrimage.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - SPRING 2027! From Sunday 11th to Friday 16th April, a fortnight after Easter 2027, a delightful pilgrimage to the Eternal City is now conclusively booked a year in advance as it needs to be in Rome. Elegant accommodation (half-board) within walking distance of St Peter's we'll have four full days in Rome (with air-conditioned minibus travel!). Day 1, St Peter's and the Vatican; Day 2, Castel Gandolfo; Day 3, Papal Audience, Catacombs and St Paul Outside-the-Walls; Day 4, the English College, St Mary Major, St John Lateran and more. Flights from/to Heathrow. McCabe Travel as our professional agents. £2,360 per adult plus £240 single supplement with nine single rooms available. See posters on the church boards for further detail or ask Fr Michael.

ST. DUNSTAN'S GUNNERSBURY NOTES

COFFEE MORNING 17th May – In the Priests' House after the 10.00am Mass. All welcome.

SACRED HEART'S BAROQUE FEAST – Concert in aid of one of Europe's rarest organs, **7.00pm Friday 19th June 2026**, Sacred Heart High School, Hammersmith Broadway. See flyers or poster on the back board in church with QR code. Tickets £25 raising funds to repair the organ. Kensington Sinfonia and Sacred Heart's Schola Cantorum with conductor Martin Hall and soprano Katherine Gregory. See www.sacredheartconnect.com/events

ST MICHAEL & ST MARTIN CHURCH, HOUNSLOW, invites you to a **Mass for children and adults with additional needs**, to be celebrated by Fr Damian-Mary Moneke on Saturday, 16th May at 2:00pm followed by light refreshments in the parish hall. All are most welcome, particularly parishioners and visitors with additional needs, together with their families, friends and carers.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, London, is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6th June from 10:30am to 4:30pm. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Pls call Millie on 07957594646 for information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway, North London, Barking and Victoria.

RETRouvaille – Do you need support in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. Contact Retrouvaille confidentially for more information about our 2026 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **2nd to 4th October**. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email info@retrouvaille.org.uk or visit <https://retrouvaille.org.uk/>

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 contact details at chiswick@rcdow.org.uk or 020 89942877.

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.

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'.

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

03/05/2026: £5,861.05

St Joseph's Grove Park

03/05/2026: £288.91

Thank you for your generosity.