



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

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at Our Lady of Grace & St Edward, Chiswick, London W4

17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Canon Michael Dunne  
Fr Jakub Jozsko  
Sharon Bowden

Parish Priest  
Assistant Priest  
Administrator

*Fr. Jakub writes:-*

“This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” When many people think about eternal life, they imagine simply living forever. Yet Jesus describes eternal life in a very different way. Eternal life is not merely endless existence after death. Eternal life is to **know** God Himself.

To “know” God in the biblical sense does not simply mean knowing facts about Him. It **means entering into relationship** with Him. It means living in friendship with the Lord.

Therefore, Christianity is not only about following rules or fulfilling obligations, important as these may be. At its heart, Christianity is about **sharing in the life and love of the Trinity**.

Already now, through prayer, the sacraments and charity- the fruit of the Grace of God, eternal life begins within us! Every sincere confession restores us to communion with God. Every moment of genuine prayer opens our hearts more deeply to the Lord. Every Mass is a foretaste of heaven!

What God wants is not merely that we try to follow the commandments and live reasonably ‘good lives’. He wants **GLORY**, and, as St. Irenaeus of Lyons famously wrote: “**The glory of God is man fully alive**”- a person living in communion with God. **The more deeply we know and love the Lord, the more fully alive we become**. Christ did not come merely to improve our lives slightly; He came so that we might share in the very life of God.

What follows therefore is that Christ came not only to save us from sin and death, but to bring our humanity into the very life of God! What an extraordinary calling this is! The poor, stubborn, selfish, in so many ways spiritually blind, lame and mute, you and me have been called into **LOVE** through the sacrifice of love itself.

Therefore, instead of looking down on our poverty, let us do what Christ does- lift our eyes in prayer to the Father and not to be distracted by the nonsense and the faff of this world. This heavenly perspective of Christ’s prayer is ours as well!

As we continue through the Easter season and prepare for Pentecost, let us ask for the gift of desiring the best thing we can get - to know God, have a relationship with Him, share in the Love of God and give glory to Him by living to the fullness the eternal life in us!

### 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 16/5 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass  Grove Park	Major Dilys Davies People of the Parish	ANN INT
Sun 17/5 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  Gunnerysbury	Margaret Fudge Vittorina Ghirlando Joanna Stephenson Steve Embleton Anne & Patrick O'Farrell Lotonna Entuaua – 18 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	ANN ANN ANN RD 1 <sup>st</sup> ANN INT
Mon 18/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Catherine Darragh & Maggie McMullan	1 <sup>st</sup> ANN
Tue 19/5 10.00am 6.00pm	EASTER FERIA  Pime Convent	Barbara Rogge - Birthday James Fullerton	RIP 5 <sup>th</sup> ANN
Wed 20/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Margaret Cooney	INT
Thur 21/5 10.00am  6.00pm	EASTER FERIA  Pime Convent	Mary, Susan & Steve McGowan Antoine Sfeir	RIP RIP
Fri 22/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Rogério Setubal	RD
Sat 23/5 10.00am  12 Noon  5-6pm  6.30pm 6.30pm	EASTER FERIA      Grove Park	Mary Finlay <b>Confessions</b> <b>Knights of Holy Sepulchre</b> <b>Mass</b> <b>Confessions &amp; Exposition</b> <b>of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Paddy Quinn Boutros Sfeir	RD     ANN RIP

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Alex Tuffy, Mary Frain, Greta Gribben, Romeo Monthy, 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, John King & Marjorie.

**For the Recently Deceased:** Mary Kennedy, Edward Danaher, Stephen Quinn, Pierrette Villard & Hugh Caldin. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries occur:** Major Dilys Davies, Margaret Fudge, Vittorina Ghirlado, Anne & Patrick O'Farrell, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, Joanna Stephenson, Catherine Darragh & Maggie McMullan, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, James Fullerton, Paddy Quinn. May they RIP.

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.275

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1: 12-14

Psalm: 27(26):1.4.7-8a

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel: John 17:1-11a

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.288

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: 104(103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30.31,34

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

**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.

**OUR LENT PROJECT 2025 – CLOSES NEXT WEEKEND AT PENTECOST!** The Parish Lent Project comprises two charities. Firstly the **Lent Appeal**, [www.rcdow.org.uk/lenenappeal](http://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 40<sup>th</sup> 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'. Joint **TOTAL so far is an excellent £8,528.25. Let's go for the £10,000 this week!**

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND – Thank you** - Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection recently. An additional £70.00 was donated by Chiswick/Gunnersbury and £45.00 from Grove Park bringing the total to **£2,211.96. Thank you!** Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For info, or to make a donation visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/PriestTrainingFund](http://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.

**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 TODAY Sunday, 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. Also, a date for the diary, at 7.30pm after the 6.30pm Mass on **14th June we'll have our termly Q&A Session** with the priests and perhaps some seminarians studying for the priesthood in Rome. See the parish website's Young Adults' page for more details: [www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults](http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults)

**GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK - On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740, or via [www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

**PARISH & DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** - 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:chiswick@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 89942877.

**SACRED HEART'S BAROQUE FEAST** – Concert in aid of one of Europe's rarest organs, **7.00pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sacredheartconnect.com/events)

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - SPRING 2027!** From Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 but more double or twin-bedded rooms. See posters on the church boards for the QR code or go to the McCabe website: <https://www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/> or follow this link: <https://www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/?s=Chiswick> for further details and booking. Brochures from the Parish Office, though not yet!

#### ST. DUNSTAN'S GUNNERSBURY NOTES

**COFFEE MORNING TODAY** – In the Priests' House after the 10.00am Mass. All welcome.

**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, 2 Dukes Avenue, W4 2AE on the last Wednesday of every month, between 2.30pm-4.30pm. The next event will take place on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2026. 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 W4 3HR.

**THE LONDON EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE, Celebrating the Eucharistic Heart of the Catholic Church, 30<sup>th</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> June**, Corpus Christi Church, Maiden Lane, the diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament. 6.00pm 30<sup>th</sup> May Opening Mass; 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June Forty Hours Devotion [ [www.maidenlane.org.uk/forty](http://www.maidenlane.org.uk/forty) ]; 7<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm Corpus Christi Procession from Maiden Lane Church to Spanish Place Church. See [www.catholiclondon.org](http://www.catholiclondon.org) for full details.

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE**, London, is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 confidential 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> October**. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) or visit <https://retrouvaille.org.uk/>

**RAISING TEENAGERS in a Catholic family: 2nd June @ 8pm** As children enter adolescence, parenting can feel brand new. Mike and Alicia from the Messy Family Project share faith-filled wisdom and practical tools to help parents guide their teens and teens with patience, modelling, and stronger relationships. **To reserve your place, visit** <https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting>

**DONATIONS OF MEN'S CLOTHING - EMMAUS HOUSE**, Homeless Charity, 1 Berrymead Gdns, W3 8AA, are requesting **donations of mens clothing, in clean, good condition**. If you are able to help, please contact Emmaus House direct on 020 8992 5768 to arrange delivery.

**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!

**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**

10/05/2026: £5,411.12

**St Joseph's Grove Park**

10/05/2026: £250.60

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