



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

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

24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

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*Fr. Michael writes:-*

In every Mass since the Easter Vigil there has been a phrase we only hear between Easter and Pentecost but we hear it whether we are celebrating Easter, the Ascension or now Pentecost. The phrase is in the Preface of the Mass, just before the 'Holy, Holy'. It is: *Therefore, overcome with paschal joy every land, every people exults in Your praise...* The reason for this paschal joy to be so widely shared we hear firstly at the proclamation of Easter which Fr Jakub chanted to us on Easter Night in the Exultet *"O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!"* In the Resurrection and again in the Ascension the Lord brings about God's purpose in joy, to send us the Advocate, the Paraclete, the very Spirit Who has accompanied us and formed us from the beginning to effect God's plan even through the vicissitudes of history and of our lives. It's St Basil the Great who celebrates Pentecost with a lovely joyful phrase: *"This grace enables souls that carry the Spirit to understand mysteries, to grasp hidden things, to receive spiritual blessings, to have their thoughts fixed on heavenly things and to dance with angels."* Dance with angels! In every time and age, in every tribe and culture, human beings dance when we are celebrating, when our lives, even if sometimes only apparently intermittently, are filled with hope and joy. But if we are dancing with angels, then there is no need for the dancing to come to an end as angels live forever and so do we. Furthermore, the very cause of our dancing and our celebrating is also forever; it is irrevocable. God has loved us so much that in our fallen humanity He has rescued us from what makes us miserable in sin, suffering and death and so transformed us in the death and Resurrection of Jesus that He even calls us to share His *own eternal joy*. Today, Pentecost, is the birthday of the Church when the same Holy Spirit Who, in the words of the Creed, *"proceeds from the Father and the Son"*, is given to us to make us alive together in Christ. We become *"one Body, one Spirit in Christ"* as the Eucharistic Prayer teaches us also in Mass. Little wonder then that we should celebrate and even dance with the angels with whom we rejoice now on earth and will do so forever in heaven. St Basil gives us the reasons to rejoice: *"So is our joy unending, so is our perseverance in God unfailing, so do we acquire likeness to God, so — most sublime of all — do we ourselves become divine!"* Let us not be despondent therefore in the disturbances and demands of these times but rather wish ourselves and each other a very Happy Birthday and pray in confidence and love, *"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your Faithful!"*

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sat 23/5 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	Paddy Quinn Boutres Sfeir	ANN RIP
Sun 24/5 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY Gunnernsbury	Marcelle Layne/Brid McDan James Fullerton People of the Parish Fr Odhran Furlong Patrick Friel Bisean McElhinney	SICK 5 <sup>th</sup> ANN INT RD ANN RD
Mon 25/5 10.00am	MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH	Mary Markovitch - Birthday	RIP
Tue 26/5 10.00am 6.00pm	St Philip Neri Pime Convent	Brendan Kennedy	RD
Wed 27/5 10.00am	St Augustine of Canterbury	John Mayock	RD
Thur 28/5 10.00am 6.00pm	JESUS CHRIST ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST Pime Convent	Tom Cooney Doris, Jim, Stephen & Jackie Rimmer; & Raymond Warnock; & Gordon Lancaster	RD RIP
Fri 29/5 10.00am	Feria, Ordinary Time	Dympna Heanue	RD
Sat 30/5 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 5-6pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	Feria MOST HOLY TRINITY Grove Park	Mahdieh & Family Confessions Baptism Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament James & Elizabeth Kiggins Antoinette Sfeir	INT 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 and Craig Allan. May they RIP.

**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.

### THIS WEEKEND'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

### NEXT SUNDAY'S scripture readings, New Mass Book p.81

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9

Psalm: Daniel 3:52.53.54.55.56. R.52b

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Gospel: John 3:16-18

**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 2026 – CLOSING THIS WEEKEND!** 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'. **Let's go for the £10,000 this weekend! Grand Total announced next weekend.**

**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 & PROPERTY MANAGER: Angela Pires**, a parishioner of ours who attends Mass with her family at St Dunstan's Gunnersbury, is to be our Parish Administrator Sharon Bowden's successor in the enhanced responsibilities of the new role of Parish Office & Property Manager. Angela currently works as a Customer Services Manager and, though details of the handover are not yet finalised, she will not take up the parish post until the end of June. There were 26 applicants for the post, many with strong qualities and experience, of which 10 were interviewed by the interview panel with both parish and diocesan representation. Fr Michael is grateful to all who participated in the process in many ways. Thank you.

**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 in 28 years.

**SHEPHERD'S BUSH PARISH – FORMATION CO-ORDINATOR:** Shepherd's Bush Parish is seeking to recruit a permanent, part-time Formation Co-ordinator to start from 1 September. Working with the parish priest and volunteers, responsibility is for catechetical programmes and wider formation in the parish. 15-20 hours a week; 40 weeks a year; £20 p/h. **Applications by 25<sup>th</sup> May.** For info see: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/formation-co-ordinator-job-ref-862-shepb/>

**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 **14<sup>th</sup> 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)

**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 and Booking Forms for those who prefer not to book online are available from the Parish Office.

**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.

**RETOUVAILLE – 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 tweens 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.

**THERE IS NO TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.45am SUNDAY MASS** in the Parish Centre **today, Sunday**, due to the half-term holiday. However, there WILL BE tea & coffee NEXT WEEKEND.

**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**

17/05/2026: £5,552.61

**St Joseph's Grove Park**

17/05/2026: £274.50

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