



# 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

3rd MAY 2026

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*Fr. Jakub writes:-*

In today's Gospel, the Lord speaks words meant to console us all: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." And to understand his promise, it helps to see the beautiful image of the bridegroom he is quietly invoking.

In the Jewish custom of his time, when a couple was betrothed, they were already bound to one another, but they did not yet live together. The bridegroom would go away for a time to prepare a place for his bride, often building a home on his father's land. Only when everything was ready would he return, and with great joy bring the bride into that home, where their life together would truly begin.

This is the image Christ gives us. He is the Bridegroom. The Church, that is, us, is his bride. And his departure is not a loss, but a promise! "In my Father's house are many rooms... I go to prepare a place for you." Heaven is the Father's house, the true home for which we are made. And Christ goes ahead of us, not to abandon us, but to make ready our dwelling. This is of crucial importance, especially when it comes to funerals—in my experience, this reading has been chosen at 98% of the funerals I have celebrated. Why? Because it gives us hope!

And what is this hope, what is this home? What is heaven in the vision of Jesus? It is not simply a place, but a life—the very life of God himself. That is why he says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." He is the way, because he alone leads us to the Father. He is not one option among many paths; he is the road that brings us into communion with God. He is the truth—not just someone who teaches truth, but Truth itself made flesh. In a world filled with many voices and many claims, Christ does not offer a fragment, but the fullness. To know him is to know the truth. And he is the life—not merely biological life, not just our earthly existence, but eternal life (Greek: Ζόέ), the life of the Trinity, into which we are invited.

Therefore, especially in front of death, that awaits all of us, let us have courage! The Bridegroom has gone ahead. He is preparing a place. And he will come again, to take us to himself. Our destiny is not uncertainty, but communion—life in the Father's house, where love has its fulfilment forever.

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

Sat 2/5 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	Gary O'Toole Eileen Canavan - Birthday	RD RIP
Sun 3/5 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Gunnorsbury	Ignatius Raymond Paddy Courtney People of the Parish Peter Antram Maureen Mullen – Birthday George, Francis & Cecilia Quarshie	ANN RD INT 1 <sup>st</sup> ANN RIP ANN
Mon 4/5 10.00am	ENGLISH MARTYRS	Robin Lewis	4 <sup>th</sup> ANN
Tue 5/5 10.00am 6.00pm	EASTER FERIA Pime Convent	Bethan McGowan - Birthday, Lucy, Adrian, Michael & Monica Joyce Wallis	INT RD
Wed 6/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Mary Patricia Smith	ANN
Thur 7/5 10.00am 6.00pm	EASTER FERIA Pime Convent	Paul Galea Patrick Flynn	RD RD
Fri 8/5 10.00am	EASTER FERIA	Paddy McLoughlin	ANN
Sat 9/5 10.00am 11.00am 12.30pm 5-6pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	EASTER FERIA Grove Park	Fr. Odhran Furlong Confessions First Holy Communion Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Colonel Ann Healy Zakia Sfeir	RD ANN 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:** Elizabeth Gupta, Anthony Shuttleworth and Heronice Binenbojm. May they Rest in Peace.

**For those whose anniversaries occur:** Ignatius Raymond, Peter Antram, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann; George, Francis & Cecilia Quarshie, Robin Lewis, Mary Patricia Smith, Paddy McLoughlin, Colonel Ann Healy. May they RIP.

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.265

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 6:1-7

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.268

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Psalm: 65:1-7, 16, 20

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

**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 – Thank you** - Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. £1,000.96 was donated by Chiswick/Gunnersbury and £51.00 from Grove Park totalling **£1,051.96**. *Thank you!* It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available at the back of the church can be dropped into any church collection or through the Priests' House letter box. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/PriestTrainingFund](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/PriestTrainingFund)

**FOODBANK COLLECTION** - Today we have our monthly collection of non-perishable items of food for the foodbank for families and individuals in crisis as well as having a cash collection as an option.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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/lentenappeal](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/lentenappeal) 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'. So far the joint **TOTAL is £8,374.92**

**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**, 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](http://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](http://www.pilgrimways.org.uk) who from 27<sup>th</sup> 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!](#)

**BAPTISM** – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org)

**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.

**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. See posters on the church boards for further detail or ask Fr Michael.

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

**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)

**PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN** - The May procession will take place at 3.00pm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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, 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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/>

**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.

**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**

26/04/2026: £5,455.52

**St Joseph's Grove Park**

26/04/2026: £197.60

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