



# 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

14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Canon Michael Dunne  
Fr Jakub Jozsko  
Sharon Bowden

Parish Priest  
Assistant Priest  
Administrator

### Fr. Jakub writes:-

Yesterday forty young people from our parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a truly joyful occasion. After all, they had been preparing for months to receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism and strengthens us for our mission as disciples of Christ. Through the laying on of the Bishop's hands and the anointing with Sacred Chrism, the Holy Spirit descends upon the candidates, equipping them to live their faith with courage and conviction. Just as the Apostles were transformed at Pentecost, so too our candidates are called to become witnesses to Christ in the world today.

Will they? Hopefully, many of them will. Some, however, may not darken the steps of the church for a number of years, until perhaps they wish to get married, or a death or illness in the family leads them to seek God and look for answers. This is not because they are bad! It may simply be because they have not encountered enough real Christians in their lives, and so do not yet know what they are missing.

Therefore, we can either be scandalised by what appears to be the limited success of our Confirmation programme, or we can look honestly at the reality of our own lives and ask ourselves a few questions. The Church teaches that the Holy Spirit bestows seven gifts upon us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts help us to know God more deeply, to make good decisions, and to remain faithful to Him in every circumstance. They are not merely qualities we possess, but gifts freely given by God to guide and strengthen us throughout our lives. Do I recognise these gifts in my own life? Do I understand their meaning? If I believe I possess them, where is the fruit?

St Paul lists the fruits of the Spirit as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. When we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us, these virtues become visible in every aspect of our lives. They are signs that Christ is alive and active in us and in the world.

So, am I giving these signs in my own life? Would my parishioners, nieces and nephews, cousins, grandchildren, neighbours, and friends know that I follow Christ?

All of us are called to holiness. God has compassion for us, sheepish in our faith as we are, and our response matters. Today's Gospel is all about that response: "Proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" Indeed, the Kingdom has arrived. Let us not be afraid to be its citizens.

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Sat 13/6 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	Elizabeth O'Leary People of the Parish	ANN INT
Sun 14/6 8.30am	11 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OT	Pasquale Pecoreli, Maria Giuseppa, Maiorano, Assunta & Anna Soccio Eligio Valletta	ANN 1 <sup>st</sup> ANN RIP/ANN
9.45am 10.00am	Gunnersbury	Wiera Pacak, Birthday & Pat Edwards Gary O'Toole Fr. Odhran Furlong Cecilia 'Pip' Walsgrove	RD RD RD
11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm			
Mon 15/6 10.00am	FERIA	Ann Edgar	INT
Tue 16/6 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA Pime Convent	The Sullivan Family Johnny Gamble	ANN ANN
Wed 17/6 10.00am	FERIA	Daniel Sampson	ANN
Thur 18/6 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA Pime Convent	Della Finn Piero Steir	RD RIP
Fri 19/6 10.00am 12.00noon	FERIA	Anne & John Smith <b>Funeral of Craig Allan</b>	ANN RIP
Sat 20/6 10.00am	ST ALBAN	Michael, Adrian & Monica McGowan	INT
11.00am 5-6pm		<b>Confessions Confessions &amp; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
6.30pm 6.30pm	Grove Park	Major Peggy Elliot Josef & Liela Steir	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, Peter Chesney, Norman Richardson, Jordan McClaren.

**For Recently Deceased:** Pierrette Villard, Hugh Caldin and Craig Allan. May they Rest In Peace.

**For Anniversaries Occuring:** Francis Duncan, Elizabeth O'Leary, Pasquale Pecoreli, Maria Giuseppa, Maiorano, Assunta & Anna Soccio, Eligio Valletta, 1<sup>st</sup> Ann, Pat Edwards, The Sullivan Family, Johnny Gamble, Daniel Sampson, Anne & John Smith, Major Peggy Elliot. RIP

### THIS WEEKEND'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.91

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Exodus 19:2-6a**

Psalm: **100(99):1-2.3.5.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Romans 5:6-11**

Gospel: **Matthew 9:36-10:8**

### NEXT SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.93

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Psalm: **69(68):8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R. 14c**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Romans 5:12-15**

Gospel: **Matthew 10:26-33**

**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'.

**A DEACON FOR OUR PARISH IN SEPTEMBER** – With the publication this week of Archbishop Richard's first assignments for the next academic year, Frs Michael and Jakub are delighted to report that we as a parish are to be sent a new Deacon. Paolo Gambardella is Italian by birth, from Rome, was ordained Deacon yesterday and will come to us in September. Deacon Paolo will be resident in the presbytery and minister in our parishes for next year assisting in many ways but principally pastorally, sacramentally, catechetically and liturgically. He has a busy summer ahead with other commitments but there is an opportunity to meet him soon: he will deacon here at the 6.30pm Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS WITH ARCHBISHOP RICHARD** – If you have recently been Baptised or Received into the Catholic Church this is the Westminster Cathedral Mass for you (and guests) at 6.00pm Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at Archbishop Richard's invitation. There will also be a talk and gathering of new Catholics and their guests at 4.00-5.45pm in Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, SW1P 1QN. The Mass is booking-free but to attend the talk please book via contact: [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk) or phone 020 7798 9152.

**PARISH OFFICE & PROPERTY MANAGER: Angela Pires**, a parishioner of ours who attends Mass with her family at St Dunstan's Gunnersbury is taking up this new role in succession to Sharon Bowden as Parish Administrator on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**COLLECTION FOR & PRESENTATION TO SHARON** – After 28 years of being such a familiar, dependable, welcoming, gracious and efficient presence in the parish it is hardly surprising that there have been repeated requests from parishioners to have a thanksgiving collection for Sharon. **Thus on the weekend 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> June we'll have a blue-bag second collection for Sharon for those who wish to contribute.** The total, together with any other gifts which can be dropped into the Priests' House in envelopes made for 'Sharon's Collection', will be presented to Sharon possibly at the end of the 10.00am Mass if we won't all fit into the St Edward's Room, or, if we can fit, then at the Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am 23<sup>rd</sup> June, in the St Edward's Room. (Fr Michael is conscious that many will be unable to attend due to work commitments but equally, as Sharon and family now live in Dorset, a weekend presentation is also not a solution.) Cards with personal messages etc may also of course be given in to the Parish Office but that week will be Sharon's last as Administrator.

**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.

**PIME CONVENT MASSES 6.00pm Tuesday and Thursday** – are Parish Masses at 10 Chiswick Lane hosted by the Sisters. The Chapel (upstairs) can accommodate about ten visitors. Please be on time before 6.00pm otherwise a Sister must leave Mass to allow access. If you arrive after 6.00pm please do not ring the bell.

**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.

**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 **THIS SUNDAY** at 7.30pm after the 6.30pm Mass on **we'll have our termly Q&A Session** with the priests & 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)

**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CONFERENCE, CHISWICK, from 6.30pm Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to 3.15pm Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July.** After the success of the conference last November this summer's has fresh content and more visiting speakers. Full details of speakers, subjects, events, liturgies, sacraments, socials and registration (£40 total fee) here: <https://toblondon.carrd.co/> or on the parish website, with the option also of a post-conference pilgrimage to 15<sup>th</sup> July!

**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.

**DO YOU HAVE SAFEGUARDING EXPERIENCE & SKILLS?** – If so might you consider offering some time to assist our existing Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) and undergo diocesan training in order, if all are agreeable, to become a second PSR? The Diocese encourage parishes to have more than one in order to spread the commitment involved in this field vital for all volunteering. The Diocesan Safeguarding Deptment suggest that PSRs will often come from backgrounds in education, social care, law, healthcare etc which can mean that they already have safeguarding awareness which is important for the role. Please contact the Parish Office.

**DO YOU HAVE FUNDRAISING EXPERIENCE & SKILLS?** – If so might you consider volunteering some time to a UK registered local charity with an international reach seeking to appoint a suitable candidate to its Board of Trustees? The charity, Bhola's Children, supports a home and school in Bangladesh where children of every kind of disability can learn to live with dignity. It is a loving home where they can maximise their potential and overcome the stigma of their disability which otherwise would be life-limiting. See <https://bholaschildren.org/> and/or contact the Parish Office.

**CHASE THE SUN – 200 MILE CYCLE RIDE! - 20<sup>th</sup> June for The Brain Tumour Charity: '100MilesforMax'** is taking on the epic *Chase the Sun* cycle ride on 20<sup>th</sup> June! Maxence's Dad [our parishioner] has initiated this group in honor of his son Maxence. They are pedalling *from sunrise to sunset* to raise vital funds for The Brain Tumour Charity in loving memory of Maxence. Help our young parishioner's legacy make a real difference— support their challenge this week!



[https://www.justgiving.com/team/100milesformax1?utm\\_medium=TE&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/team/100milesformax1?utm_medium=TE&utm_source=CL)

**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 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 on the last Wednesday of every month, 2.30pm to 4.30pm. The next event will take place on Weds 24<sup>th</sup> June, 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.

**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**

07/06/2026: £5,649.29

**St Joseph's Grove Park**

07/06/2026: £232.60

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