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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fr. Michael writes:-

Pope Leo has sent us in England and Wales his 'prayerful good wishes' as we celebrate, at the Bishops' Conference initiative, this year's *Day for Life* today Sunday 21st June. The *Day of Life* each year focusses on one or another theme of life consistent with the Church's teaching of the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death. The *Day for Life* also each year falls on Father's Day, that cultural celebration of fatherhood and of thanksgiving and appreciation for our fathers and parenthood.

This year's theme is the wonder of human life from the moment it begins. Writing on behalf of Pope Leo, the Holy See's Secretary of State, Cardinal Parolin, records that the Holy Father "was pleased to learn of the theme chosen for this year, focused on the wonder of the full humanity of the child in the womb, as well as of your efforts to support mothers and fathers who have suffered the loss of an infant." Pope Leo offered his prayers for parents grieving after the tragedy of the death of a child. "His Holiness prays that all parents grieving the loss of a child, especially an infant, may find comfort and peace in the knowledge of God's love for them and for their child, "for to him all of them are alive" (*Luke 20:38*).

The theme is an allusion to the tender, inspiring and even breathtaking Psalm 139, well worth looking up in your home Bible and reflecting on prayerfully. It's remarkable not least because it sounds such a contemporary note when it was written as all the Psalms some 3,000 year ago. Jesus Himself loved and prayed the Psalms:

*O Lord, you search me and you know me,
you discern my purpose from afar.
Before ever a word is on my tongue you know it,
O Lord, through and through.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,
too high, beyond my reach.
For it was you who created my being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
for the wonders of all your creation.*

In his reflection on this theme, Archbishop Sherrington, the Lead Bishop for Life, cites the Prophet Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you" (1:5) observing that:

The Word of God reveals the sacred humanity of the unborn child. The more we learn about the science, the more we understand the teaching of the Church on the unique value of the unborn baby. It is because of what both science and faith reveal to us that the Church and many people of good will have always held that the unborn child merits the full protection of the law, and why we have always rejected elective abortion.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 20/6 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	Major Peggy Elliot Josef & Liela Sfeir	ANN RIP
Sun 21/6 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	12 th SUNDAY OT Gunnorsbury	Rose Griffin Ignatius & Eulalie Raymond Robert Stephenson Gordon & Mary Fry Suzetta Llewellyn Ayrton Westwood	1 st ANN ANN ANN ANN INT RD
Mon 22/6 10.00am	STS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE	John O'Neill	RD
Tue 23/6 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA Pime Convent	Tommy, Josie & John O'Gorman Rosalie & William White	ANN RIP
Wed 24/6 10.00am	ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	Ulrica Llewellyn	RD
Thur 25/6 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA Pime Convent	Eamon Tierney Madelene Elen	RD RIP
Fri 26/6 10.00am	FERIA	Nancy & Dave Chapman	ANN
Sat 27/6 10.00am 11.00am 5-6pm 6.30pm	ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH STS PETER & PAUL Grove Park	Bridget Buckley Confessions Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Francis Waddington Fr. Gabriel	RD RD RIP

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Alex Tuffy, Mary Frain, Greta Gribben, Romeo Monthy, Benjamin White, Anne Beglane, Margaret Niszczyk 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 Sylvia Dmello. May they Rest In Peace.

For Anniversaries Occuring: Major Peggy Elliot, Rose Griffin, 1st Anniversary, Ignatius & Eulalie Raymond, Gordon & Mary Fry, Robert Stephenson, Tommy, Josie & John O'Gorman, Nancy & Dave Chapman, Noel Whelan. RIP

THIS WEEKEND'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.93

1st Reading: **Jeremiah 20:10-13**
Psalm: **69(68):8-10. 14, 17. 33-35. R. 14c**
2nd Reading: **Romans 5:12-15**
Gospel: **Matthew 10:26-33**

NEXT SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.170

1st Reading: **Acts 12:1-11**
Psalm: **34(33):2-3. 4-5.6-7.8-9. R.5**
2nd Reading: **2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18**
Gospel: **Matthew 16:13-19**

REPOSITORY - Is open today after all morning Masses with all types of 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'.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN ENROLMENT – At the 11.00am next Sunday, the Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul, some new members will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers. Let us congratulate them.

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 13th June 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: **he will deacon here at the 6.30pm Mass, TODAY, Sunday 21st June.**

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 29th 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. **So this weekend 20th/21st 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 23rd 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, so a weekend presentation is also not a solution.) Cards with personal messages etc may also of course be given in to the Parish Office. **THIS WEEK will be Sharon’s last in post until Thursday if you wish to pop in to say a word of thanks and goodbye.**

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.

PETER’S PENCE – Next weekend, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Princes of the Apostles, we have the annual world-wide collection supporting the Holy Father’s charitable outreach (not Church expenses), Peter’s Pence. Retiring collection after Masses.

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.

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

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CONFERENCE, CHISWICK, from 6.30pm Friday 10th to 3.15pm Sunday 12th 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 15th July!

CARITAS VOLUNTEER FAIR! – Join our own diocesan *Caritas Westminster* for our annual Fair, bringing together charities and community organisations from across London and Hertfordshire. **Saturday 4th July 3.00-5.00pm, Westminster Cathedral Hall,** Ambrosden Avenue, SW1P 1QW. Discover volunteering opportunities and find out how you can put faith and love into action with your time and talents supporting others! *“Truly I say to you, whatever you did to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me”* (Mt 25:40).

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 Dept 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! - 20th June for The Brain Tumour Charity: ‘100MilesforMax’ took on yesterday the epic *Chase the Sun* cycle ride on 20th June! Maxence’s Dad [our parishioner] initiated this group in honor of his son Maxence. They pedalled *from sunrise to sunset* to raise vital funds for The Brain Tumour Charity in loving memory of Maxence. You can still help our young parishioner’s legacy & make a real difference—support their challenge today!



https://www.justgiving.com/team/100milesformax1?utm_medium=TE&utm_source=CL

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 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 24th 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.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK - On Tuesday 23rd June, 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.

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

14/06/2026: £6,073.14

St Joseph’s Grove Park

14/06/2026: £241.10

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