



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

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fr. Jakub writes:-

The Church celebrated the Feast of St Benedict yesterday, one of the great architects of Christian civilisation. At a time when the Roman Empire was collapsing around him, Benedict did not set out to save the civilisation, as many of us today might think would be the right choice, but rather he set out to seek God! And so, through that simple desire for God, his monasteries became places where faith, and the best of Western culture and learning were preserved for generations to come - places where Civilisation could thrive.

The Rule of St Benedict begins with a striking invitation: *'Listen, my son, to your Father's instruction and incline the ear of your heart.'* It might sound surprising, but it is the action of *listening*, not *doing*, that lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is no coincidence therefore that Jesus begins the parable of the sower with the command: *"Listen!"* (Perhaps echoing the great Shema!). Before asking whether we bear fruit, which comes much later in the parable and indeed in our lives, the Lord asks whether we are truly *listening* to what he is saying to us today.

So what does it mean to listen to God? St Benedict understood that listening is much more than hearing words. It is the willingness to allow God's voice to shape our lives. The very word *obedience* comes from the Latin *ob-audire*, meaning "to listen towards." Obedience, crucial for the Benedictine rule and for us today, is therefore not blind, brainless submission but attentive love of a heart that has heard the voice of the Beloved.

In the parable of the sower, Jesus describes different kinds of soil, each representing a different disposition of the heart. Hard soil has become closed through repeated compromise or disappointment. Rocky ground receives the Gospel with enthusiasm but lacks the roots needed to persevere. Thorny soil allows God's Word to grow but lets anxieties, attachments and distractions choke its fruitfulness.

Only good soil bears fruit. Yet **good soil is not perfect soil.** It is **broken soil**, open enough to receive the seed, attentive enough to receive the Word. Perhaps that is where St Benedict still has something important to teach us. Our spiritual lives do not begin with extraordinary achievements but with the simple decision to stop, to listen, and only then to respond through His grace. Let us, in our brokenness *listen* and let the Word transform and make us bear fruit 'thirty, sixty and a hundredfold.'

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 11/7 6.30pm 6.30pm	ST BENEDICT <i>Grove Park</i>	Laura Sullivan & Alice Hanrahan Saada Geryes Sfeir	ANN RIP
Sun 12/7 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	15 TH SUNDAY OT <i>Gunnersbury</i>	People of the Parish Kanan & Najibl Sfeir Beatrice & Frederick King Bernand Shand Michael & Norah Brosnan Edward Renuyliday	RIP ANN ANN ANN ANN
Mon 13/7 10.00am	FERIA	Elias & Hoboss Baroud	RIP
Tue 14/7 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA <i>Pime Convent</i>	Margaret Cooney Sylvia Dmello	INT RD
Wed 15/7 10.00am	SAINT BONAVENTURE	Joy Charlton	RD
Thur 16/7 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA <i>Pime Convent</i>	Joseph Flaherty Thanksgiving:Reboroso Family	ANN INT
Fri 17/7 10.00am	FERIA	Joseph,Bernadette Bechara Baroud	RIP
Sat 18/7 10.00am 11.00am 11.30am 2.00pm 5.00pm	FERIA	Eamonn King Confessions Wedding Wedding Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Laura Williams -Birthday	ANN RIP
6.30pm	16 th SUNDAY OT		
6.30pm	<i>Grove Park</i>	Frances Weaver	RD

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 Karunatilika, Andrea Peri, Maureen Barney, Jim Kellett, Catherine Dawson, John King & Marjorie, Peter Chesney, Norman Richardson, Jordan McClaren, Richard (Dickie) Dunne and Margaret Farrell.

For Recently Deceased: Sylvia Dmello, Joy Charlton, Frances Weaver and June Keany. May they Rest In Peace.

For Anniversaries Occuring: Laura Sullivan, Alice Hanrahan, Beatrice (25yrs) & Frederick King (55yrs),Bernand Shand, Michael & Norah Brosnan,Edward Renuyliday,Joseph Flaherty, Eamonn King and Tee Ngo. RIP

THIS WEEKEND'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.102

1st Reading: **Isaiah 55:10-11**

Psalm: **65(64):10a-d. 10e-11.12-13.14.R.Luke 8:8**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:18-23**

Gospel: **Matthew 13:1-23**

NEXT SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.105

1st Reading: **Wisdom: 12:13,16-19**

Psalm:**86(85):5-6.9-10.15-16a.R.5a**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:26-27**

Gospel: **Matthew 13:24-43**

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'.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CONFERENCE, CHISWICK, THIS WEEKEND until 4.30pm Sunday 12th July full details of speakers, subjects, events, liturgies, sacraments, socials and registration here: <https://toblondon.carrd.co/> or on the parish website, with the option also of a post-conference pilgrimage to 15th July! Delegates at the Conference will be joining the parish liturgies: 4.30pm to 6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday with Confessions with visiting priests; also 11.00am Sunday Mass.

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

RELIC OF ST EDMUND CAMPION SJ also THIS WEEKEND – At the front of the church this weekend is the relic of St Edmund Campion, who died a martyr in the persecution of the Catholic Faith under Queen Elizabeth I on 1st Dec 1581. The relic is making its annual pilgrimage under the auspices of the Knights of St Columba, among whom are a number of parishioners. Led to his totally unjust execution with an inscription of 'Campion, the Seditious Jesuit' placed on his hat by our country's prosecutors, Campion included his accusers in his last words of prayer on the Tyburn scaffold: *"I recommend your case and mine to Almighty God, the Searcher of hearts, to the end that we may at last be friends in heaven, when all injuries shall be forgotten."* **St Edmund Campion, pray for us.**

SEA SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND – The annual Sea Sunday collection will take place this weekend 11th & 12th July in support of Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea). Seafarers play a vital role in all our lives but they often work in difficult and dangerous conditions – think of the Strait of Hormuz! Many seafarers face abandonment by employers, long separations from family, stress and poor mental health. Stella Maris with its chaplains and visitors provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers in the UK and around the world: last year we supported over 100,000 seafarers in UK ports and many more worldwide. Please support us this weekend with prayer and the collection if you can. Thank you.

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.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY, 26th July - The theme chosen for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2026 is, **"I will never forget you"** (Is 49:15). This celebration falls on the 26th July (the Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus). This is day dedicated to recognising grandparents and the elderly as bearers of memory, faith, and blessing. It is a great opportunity for families and parishes to reflect on the graces they bring to our lives and communities, and to strengthen intergenerational bonds to ensure that no one is left in loneliness.

ADOREMUS – NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN LONDON, Saturday 10th October. This national celebration of Eucharistic love is between St George's Cathedral Southwark and our own Westminster Cathedral of the Most Precious Blood. The events open to all include the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass of Sunday at Westminster Cathedral and also the following Holy Hours there at 7.30pm, 8.30pm and 9.30pm together with the All-Night Vigil from midnight to 6.00am on Sunday. However to attend any of these one MUST book via: www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/adoremus/ Our parish also has TWO places for the Adoremus Mass, celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson at Southwark Cathedral at noon on Saturday which is followed by the keynote address, to be given by Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP on 'The Eucharist: Our Sacrament of Hope in dark times'. Our two parish delegates may then at 3.00pm be able to take part in the Eucharistic Procession from St George's Cathedral to Westminster Cathedral of the Most Precious Blood where at 5.00pm Bishop James Curry will give Pontifical Benediction. Thus, the Saturday evening events are open to all but must be booked (except the 6.00pm Mass at Westminster) but the Saturday morning and afternoon events are open only to delegates. If you would like to be a Chiswick delegate, please see Fr Michael.

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.

ST DUNSTAN'S GUNNERSBURY NOTES
At 10.00am TODAY Fr János will be celebrating his FAREWELL MASS having come to the end of his appointment as Hungarian Chaplain to Great Britain. Please let us make sure to thank him for his service in our parish over many years. A Coffee Morning will follow the 10.00am Mass in the Presbytery.

A CHISWICK FAMILY TO HOST AN ITALIAN YOUTH EXCHANGE? An Italian Youth exchange organisation called 'Your Passport to English' (YPTE) is a project born in Milan, Italy, more than 20 years ago. Since its birth, many Italian students attending the 4th year of high school, have had the chance to live and study in the UK, attending a Sixth Form College, obtaining an English certification and blending in with the culture by living with a Host Family. To fully assist both the students and the host families during the exchange period, two London based adults (the guardians) are available to help with any enquiry being the main reference point for any question that may arise. This year, YPTE are looking for a host family that could be interested in hosting one of our students, a 17 years old boy that will attend (like all the other students) St Dominic's Sixth Form College in Harrow during the period from late August 2026 to mid-February 2027. If you might be interested in hosting, please email or contact the two guardians, Beatrice and Michele, who can provide all the details required regarding the YPTE association, safeguarding, the programme, financial compensation to be paid, etc. Beatrice beatrice.cappuccilli@gmail.com 07513 898195 and/or Michele michele.covio@gmail.com 07577890938. And please see: <https://www.ypte.it> Thank you very much.

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.

CANTORA CHOIR CONCERT- Sunday 12th July at 4pm – The newly formed choir, CANTORA, is holding a concert TODAY in St Stephen's Church in Rochester Row SW1P 1LE. With conductor Alan David and organist Micah Rodgers, CANTORA will be performing choral classics, such as Byrd's Ave Verum Corpus and Stanford's Beati Quorum Via. It's a free of charge, with a retiring collection for those who wish to contribute. All are welcome.

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, W4 2AE on the last Wednesday of every month, between 2.30pm to 4.30pm. The next will take place on Weds 29th July. Classic afternoon tea with music & a guest entertainer; an opportunity for friendship, discussions, advice and fun! Please call us on 020 8746 1213 or visit our office, 186 Sutton Court Road, Chiswick W4 3HR.

CHARITY PLANT SALE scheduled this weekend CANCELLED! Unfortunately due to the extreme heat all the plants due for this event have died and thus, with apologies, the event is cancelled.

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. This Friday is the LAST Friday morning coffee until September. All welcome!

Last weekend's Collections:
OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
5/07/2026: £5,652.72
(With our Bookkeeper away for July this total does not include last week's contactless donations.)
St Joseph's Grove Park
5/07/2026: £338.60
Thank you for your generosity.