



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

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19th July 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Extract from Pope Leo's Message for the Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, next Sunday:

The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them. Bring them, through this message and your presence, the closeness and affection of the Pope. Ensure that the words of the prophet, "But I will never forget you," take the form of a tender and affectionate encounter. "In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness. The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet, the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness" (*Magnifica Humanitas*, 239).

For many, the discovery of God's tenderness takes place over the course of their lives, sometimes even in its final stages. Indeed, unlike in the past, it is increasingly common to reach old age without having had a genuine experience of faith. In such cases, old age — beginning with the questions that arise with greater urgency during this season of life — can become the right time to begin or resume a spiritual life. On this new journey, one can recognize that God, as Saint Augustine says, "is a mother because he cherishes, because he nourishes, because he nurses, because he protects" (*Commentary on Psalm 27*, II, 18).

Dear elderly men and women, Pope Francis spoke of you as a "new people" (*Catechesis*, 23 February 2022), since the number of older adults has never been so large in human history. It is, therefore, more important than ever to reflect with you, this "new people," on what our vocation might be when fragility — the human person's companion from birth — seems to take over. I would like to say to you: do not be afraid of fragility! It is precisely this weakness that holds within itself a new potential that also illuminates the other stages of life. Indeed, when "we acknowledge our fragility, our hearts become open to supporting one another and to invoking the One who can grant what no human power can ensure: the profound reconciliation of hearts and, with it, true peace" (*Meeting with the Algerian community*, Basilica of Our Lady of Africa, Algiers, 13 April 2026).

In this time, so harshly marked by the violence of war and social unrest, many wonder what the world in which their grandchildren will grow up will be like. I urge you, dear friends, to join me in praying earnestly that peace may soon come to the whole world.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 18/7 6.30pm 6.30pm	FERIA Grove Park	Laura Williams -Birthday Frances Weaver	RIP RD
Sun 19/7 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	16 th SUNDAY OT Gunnersbury	Jeffrey Spiers Noreen Tabor Walter O'Donnell Canon Peter Gilbert People of the Parish Nigel	RD RD ANN ANN INT
Mon 20/7 10.00am	FERIA	Eamonn Kelly-Birthday	RIP
Tue 21/7 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA Pime Convent	Kay Kiggins Sarah Keegan	RD RD
Wed 22/7 10.00am	SAINT MARY MAGDALENE	Alice Harrison	RD
Thur 23/7 10.00am 1.00pm 6.00pm	SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN Pime Convent	Liam Hayes Funeral of Norman Richardson Cai & Family	RIP RIP INT
Fri 24/7 10.00am 12.00pm	FERIA	Arthur Lawlor Funeral of Sarah Tracey Allen	RD RIP
Sat 25/7 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	SAINT JAMES 17 th SUNDAY OT Grove Park	Margaret Cooney Confessions Baptism Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament John & Nicholas Hynan George, Nohad & Antoine Baroud	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 Karunatilika, Andrea Peri, Maureen Barney, Jim Kellett, Catherine Dawson, John King & Marjorie, Peter Chesney, Norman Richardson, Jordan McClaren, Richard (Dickie) Dunne, Margaret Farrell and Florence Fegen.

For Recently Deceased: June Keany, Sarah Allen/Sarah Keegan, Norman Richardson, Christopher Lowney. May they Rest In Peace.

For Anniversaries Occuring: Laura Williams, Eamonn Kelly, Liam Hayes, Walter O'Donnell, Canon Peter Gilbert, John & Nicholas Hynan, George, Nohad & Antoine Baroud. RIP

THIS WEEKEND'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**

NEXT SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.108

1st Reading: **1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12**

Psalm: **119(118):57,72.76-77.127-128.129-130.R.97a**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:28-30**

Gospel: **Matthew 13:44-52**

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'.

SEA SUNDAY COLLECTION – Thank you to all who donated to the Sea Sunday collection last weekend. We managed to collect a total of **£751.30**. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR FOR ST MARY'S CHISWICK? – Our primary school is recruiting for THIS SEPTEMBER. They write: We are seeking a kind, caring and reliable Lunchtime Supervisor to join our friendly lunchtime team. You will play a vital part in the daily life of our school by ensuring the safety, wellbeing, and happiness of our pupils during the busy lunch break. Responsibilities include - supervising children in the dining hall and playground. Encouraging positive social interaction and facilitating safe, engaging playground games. Assisting with clearing tables and managing the flow of the lunch hall. Attending to minor accidents and administering basic first aid (*training can be provided*). 6.25 hours a week, Monday- Friday, term-time only, 11.30am-12.45pm. To express interest please email office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk Closing date – 1st September.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT SUNDAY'S 9.45am MASS – has come to an end for this school year after a hugely enjoyable experience both for children and for catechists. **THANK YOU** to the volunteers who kept it all going and for giving time to teach our children more of the wonders of God, the Lord Jesus and the Gospels. We **NEED TO RECRUIT MORE VOLUNTEERS** for September to join the rota (thus not every week). No training needed as it'll be provided just by joining the sessions. Are you a parent with a child who'll be coming to Children's Liturgy? – from Reception Year up to Year 6 if they wish? Please email the Parish Office with your willingness to help.

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, 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.

A DAY WITH MARY – Sat 8th August, A day of instruction, devotion & intercession based on the message of Fatima in 1917 at St Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater W2 5DJ.

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

A BIG THANK YOU FROM LARRY MCCRUDDEN & FAMILY- Larry would like to thank Jackie Knight for the wonderful surprise 90th Birthday party held for him last week. A special thank you to Canon Michael Dunne and Father Michael Johnston for their kind words and the kind tribute from Bishop Jim Curry. A big thank you to everyone for their cards and presents.

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 AND COFFEE MORNINGS – Both the Tuesday and Friday post-Mass coffee mornings in the St Edward's Room and Parish Centre Lounge Bar **have closed for the summer** holidays and will return in September. **THANKS** to the volunteers who ran them.

PRIESTS IN THE HOLIDAYS AND IN SEPTEMBER – To allow Fr Michael to be in Lourdes and Fr Jakub to be in holiday in due course, we have two visiting priests over summer: Fr John Tabor and Fr Peter Csigi (from Hungary), both of whom have assisted in the parish in previous years. Throughout the summer either Fr Michael or Fr Jakub will be in residence. Then in September, dates yet to be agreed, Fr Michael moves to his new office of Vicar General and Monsignor Roger Reader moves in as Parish Priest. Fr Jakub remains as Assistant Priest ensuring continuity amidst the change.

NEWSLETTERS CEASE IN AUGUST – We have Newsletters today and next Sunday 26th July; after which they will cease until Sunday 5th Sept. All routine Masses, both weekday and weekend are scheduled to be celebrated, though without music or hymns.

Last weekend's Collections:

OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick

5/07/2026: £4,193.91

(With our Bookkeeper away for July this total does not include last week's contactless donations.)

St Joseph's Grove Park

5/07/2026: £241.60

Thank you for your generosity.