



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

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26th July 2026

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fr. Jakub writes:-

Today we encounter two men who find a treasure of immense value. Although one discovers it by accident and the other through careful searching, both respond in the same way: they joyfully give up everything else to possess what they have found.

The life of St Josephine Bakhita offers a striking example of these parables. Kidnapped as a child in Sudan, sold into slavery, and subjected to years of terrible abuse, her story might easily have ended in victimhood, desperation and bitterness. Instead, through God's providence, she was brought to Italy and discovered... Christ.

Looking back, she no longer saw only suffering; rather, she recognised God's faithful presence even in the darkest chapters of her past. Eventually, she became a religious sister and spent her life serving others.

Perhaps the most extraordinary aspect of her conversion was her unconditional forgiveness. Asked what she would do if she met those who had enslaved and abused her, she replied that she would kneel and kiss their hands, because without those events she might never have become a Christian. How much faith must one have to say such a thing? How much freedom, how much mercy, how much love! Such incomprehensible forgiveness can only be understood in the light of Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI expressed this when he wrote that Christianity is "not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a Person." Faith is first and foremost a relationship with Jesus Christ. From that encounter, morality, prayer and service can truly flow. Through our encounter with Him, which is the beginning of conversion, everything else begins to fall into its right place: we discover what is worth living for and what He can free us from. For St Bakhita, it was resentment and unforgiveness.

The Kingdom of God is indeed like the man who bought the field and the merchant who bought the pearl. We are invited to recognise that Christ is worth more than anything else we possess. Once we have found Him (the hidden treasure is not simply heaven or eternal life; the treasure is Christ Himself) we need not fear letting go of whatever keeps us from Him. What once seemed most important begins to fade beside the joy of knowing Him.

This is the power of grace. May we ask this week, and throughout the summer holidays, for the grace to rediscover the hidden treasure we already possess in Christ and allow Him once again to become the centre of our lives.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 25/7 6.30pm 6.30pm	SAINT JAMES Grove Park	Margaret Farrell George, Nohad & Marga Baroud	INT RIP
Sun 26/7 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	17 TH SUNDAY OT Gunnersbury	Jerry Twomey Margaret Cooney People of the Parish Maura Connaughton Stella Annie Miranda Jason McCarthy	ANN INT INT ANN RD RD
Mon 27/7 10.00am	FERIA	Catherine, Thomas & Frank Carey and John & Nicholas Hynan	ANN
Tue 28/7 10.00am	FERIA	Patrick Greaney	RD
Wed 29/7 10.00am 12.00pm	STS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS	John Rafferty Funeral June Mary Keany	RIP RIP
Thur 30/7 10.00am	FERIA	William Aquilina	ANN
Fri 31/7 10.00am	SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA	Roger Talbot	RD
Sat 1/8 10.00am 11.00am 12.00pm 2.30pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI 18 th SUNDAY OT Grove Park	David Clipsham Confessions Wedding Wedding Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Karen Noonan John Gallagher	RD ANN 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, Catherine Dawson, John King & Marjorie, Peter Chesney, Norman Richardson, Jordan McClaren, Richard (Dickie) Dunne, Margaret Farrell and Florence Fegen.

For Recently Deceased: June Keany, Sister Geraldine, Grace Qually, Anita Pereira, Christopher Lowney and Christopher Fudge. May they Rest In Peace.

For Anniversaries Occuring: John & Nicholas Hynan, Jerry Twomey, Maura Connaughton, Catherine, Thomas & Frank Carey, William Aquilina & Karen Noonan. RIP

THIS WEEKEND'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**

NEXT SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.111

1st Reading: **Isaiah 55:1-3**

Psalm: **145(144):8-9.15-16.17-18.R.cf.16**

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:35, 37-39**

Gospel: **Matthew 14:13-21**

NEWSLETTERS CEASE IN AUGUST – Today will be the final Newsletter; 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.

FOODBANK COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – being the first weekend of the month, please bring non-perishable items of food or there's a cash collection for those who prefer at the main doors.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SEASON - With both Fr Jakub and also Angela away until Monday 17th August, the Parish Office is **effectively closed** until Angela's return. Phone messages will be heard and emails scanned with a response as necessary but only emergencies will be responded to as soon as possible. Callers to the Priests' House door may try between 8.30am and 6.00pm but there will be no response if Fr Michael is out, in church, on the phone, in a meeting or has an appointment etc (!) which is very much of the time. Apologies for inconvenience.

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. 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.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Today Sunday 26th July will be the last official post-Mass social for the young adults group before the summer break. They will return in September. 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

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.ypite.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 minibuses 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.

SEPTEMBER 2026 SCHOOL APPLICATIONS – There will be plenty of time from 1st Sept to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) by emailing the Parish Office or availability advertised in 5th Sept Newsletter. Fr Michael will be here in Sept but not Oct so *if your Catholic practice allows for a CCP*, obtain it in Sept

PRIESTS IN THE HOLIDAYS AND IN SEPTEMBER – 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 as Vicar General and Monsignor Roger Reader moves in as Parish Priest. Fr Jakub remains as Assistant Priest ensuring continuity amidst the change.

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.

URGENT SECURITY ALERT– AI-Generated WhatsApp Scam Targeting Parishioners- We would like to make you aware of a new type of scam that is now targeting individuals within our parish communities through **WhatsApp**. Never assume that a WhatsApp message or video is genuine simply because it appears to come from a member of the clergy. Never send money, gift cards or bank details in response to unsolicited requests received via WhatsApp or other messaging platforms. Always verify the identity of the sender by contacting the priest or parish directly using a known telephone number or official email address before responding to any request. Report any suspicious messages and the phone numbers to Action Fraud <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/> **Remain vigilant!**

ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION-The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. This would undermine the sanctity and dignity of human life. We are against this Bill in principle. There will be a vote of Friday 11th September 2026 - please contact your MP asap.

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.

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.

Last weekend's Collections:
OLOG & St Edward's and St Dunstan's Chiswick
19/07/2026: £5,024.10
St Joseph's Grove Park
19/07/2026: £231.60
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