



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

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Fr. Michael writes:-

250th Anniversary of the USA and 'Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness'

It was on 4th July 1776, 250 years ago yesterday, that the fifty-six members of 'Second Continental Congress' signed the Declaration of Independence. There were then just 13 'united States' but they were certainly unanimous in their decision, beginning their Declaration with these auspicious words:

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Although not an explicitly Christian document and deliberately aimed not to be so but nonetheless it is entirely consistent with the religious background of its authors and signatories in terms of philosophy, ethics and Christian principles. It was the fruit of a practical ecumenism, as we'd call it now, with consensus reached around a political determination: independence from Britain (!) – and quite right, too, as evidenced in the BBC iPlayer documentary 'The American Revolution' in which it is clear, sadly, that HM Government of the time was obdurate, domineering and provocative in its mismanaging of what soon became a crisis. Returning to this nascent ecumenism, the one Catholic signatory to the Declaration, Charles Carroll of Maryland, manifested his readiness to pledge 'sacred honour' together with Baptists, Quakers, Presbyterians, Anglicans and Congregationalists, also with a mind to the communities of German Lutherans, Mennonites, Moravians, French Huguenots and Dutch Reformers among others, by writing, "I had in view not only our independence of England, but the toleration of all sects professing the Christian religion and communicating to them all equal rights". This certainly wasn't the case in England (and thus America) at the time with penal laws against Catholicism in force. So let us give thanks to God for the great good which has been done – and the 11 canonised saints – from America's first 250 years and ask God's blessing on the future.

10 Years in Chiswick and the call onwards

Wholly grateful for 10 years in Chiswick I have been startled to receive a new appointment as Vicar General beginning in September. A seamless handover (it is to be hoped!) is being arranged and the new Parish Priest, Monsignor Roger Reader, will be welcomed then. Further details to come in due course.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 4/7 6.30pm 6.30pm	Vigil Mass Grove Park	Melham Family Sfeir Patrick Carroll	RIP RD
Sun 5/7 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	14 th SUNDAY OT Gunnersbury	Maureen Masden-Birthday Peter Bevan People of the Parish Cyprian Uchendu Eileen McGuinness Mary Galvin	INT RD RIP ANN ANN
Mon 6/7 10.00am	FERIA	Nasa & Sfeir Family	RIP
Tue 7/7 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA Pime Convent	Noel Minto Rose Griffin	ANN RIP
Wed 8/7 10.00am	FERIA	Peter Nagel	RD
Thur 9/7 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA Pime Convent	Edmund Sampson-Birthday Sylvia Mcleen	INT RD
Fri 10/7 10.00am 1.00pm 6.30pm	FERIA	Angelina Lops Wedding TOB Conference Mass	RD
Sat 11/7 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 4.30pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	ST BENEDICT 15 th SUNDAY OT Grove Park	Patricia Magaret Chapman Confessions Baptism Holy Hour Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Laura Sullivan & Alice Hanrahan Patrick Carroll	4 th ANN 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, Maureen Barney, Jim Kellett, Catherine Dawson, John King & Marjorie, Peter Chesney, Norman Richardson, Jordan McClaren, Richard (Dickie) Dunne and Margaret Farrell.

For Recently Deceased: Sarah Allen, Paul Castle, Mario Monteiro, Patrick Carroll, Peter Bevan, Peter Nagel, Sylvia Mcleen, Angelina Lops and June Keany. May they Rest In Peace.

For Anniversaries Occuring: Eileen McGuinness, Mary Galvin, Noel Pinto, Patricia Margaret Chapman, 4th Anniversary, Laura Sullivan & Alice Hanrahan. RIP

THIS WEEKEND'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.99

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm: 145(144):1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13c-14. R. cf 1

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

NEXT SUNDAY'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

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'.

SHARON'S WORDS OF THANKS AND GOODBYE TO US ALL:

"Words do not seem enough to show my huge and deepest appreciation for the beautiful gifts and cards with messages that I will treasure. The collection that was made for me last weekend was way beyond any expectations I could have had and I can't thank you all enough for your love, kindness and generosity. Over so many years I started meeting parishioners and over the time I have been here they have become friends which I am so grateful for. The many volunteers I have had the pleasure and privilege of working alongside, especially Liz, Helen and Catherine who were always there on a Monday morning supporting me, but all those others who became friends over so many years who gave and give so much of their time helping along the way, again, I feel more as friends than colleagues, and I thank them all for that too. To Fr. Michael, whose patience, kindness, thoughtfulness, encouragement and generosity has made me a much stronger person than when I first began in the parish and I have so much to thank him for. And to Fr. Jakub, who is always supportive and helpful and makes every day a joy to work, thank you. To Fr. Michael Johnston, who saw something in me when I first started in Chiswick that allowed me to have 28 years of happiness, working in the parish. I know Angela, my successor, will be perfect for the parish and that you will all make her as welcome as you have made me. Thank you all and I will keep you in my prayers always." *Sharon*

A DEACON FOR OUR PARISH IN SEPTEMBER – With the publication recently 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. Rev'd 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. Please keep him in your prayers.

PETER'S PENCE – Thank you to all who donated to the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Princes of the Apostles last weekend. We managed to collect a total of **£741.87**. Thank you for your generosity!

FOODBANK COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - Today we have our monthly collection of non-perishable items of food for the foodbank for families and individuals in crisis as well as having a cash collection for those who prefer but only from the main doors.

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, NEXT WEEKEND from 6.30pm Friday 10th to 4.30pm Sunday 12th July. After the success of last November's conference 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!

SEA SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND – The annual Sea Sunday collection will take place next 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 next weekend with prayer and the collection if you can. Thank you.

PETER COLLINGRIDGE RIP – Who died on 11th June aged 93. He was a former parishioner at Our Lady of Grace and was a eucharistic minister and reader at the 11am Sunday mass for many years. His funeral will take place at Our Lady and St Alphege, Oldfield Lane, Bath, BA 3NR on Wednesday 8 July at 12:30pm. If you wish to attend please RSVP jeancollingridge@yahoo.co.uk

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.

CHARITY PLANT SALE - Next Weekend 11th and 12th July - Raising money towards the prospect of a hospice in Chiswick. Both indoor and outdoor plants will be available. And both on Saturday and on Sunday all are welcome from 11.00am to 1.00pm and then 3.00pm to 5.00 pm to 27 Flanchford Road, W12 9ND.

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 Department 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.

ST DUNSTAN'S GUNNERSBURY NOTES

At 10.00am Sunday 12th July 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

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

28/06/2026: £5,650.87

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

St Joseph's Grove Park

21/06/2026: £265.20

Thank you for your generosity.