



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

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13th September 2026

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Canon Michael Dunne
Monsignor Roger Reader
Father Jakub Jozsko
Deacon Paolo Gambardella
Angela Pires

Outgoing Parish Priest
Incoming Parish Priest
Assistant Priest
Deacon
Office & Property Manager

Deacon Paolo writes:-

It is a great joy to write my first newsletter as I begin my ministry here in the parish.

First of all, thank you for the wonderfully warm welcome you have already given me. I am also deeply grateful for your prayers for me and for my ordination to the diaconate. Starting something new is always a mixture of excitement and uncertainty, but I already feel very much at home. I look forward to be part of the evangelising mission of this parish, and to getting to know you over the coming months.

I arrived in London nine years ago from Rome to begin my formation for the priesthood, and it is a strange joy to realise how quickly those years have passed. Alongside my studies, I have been blessed to serve in a variety of pastoral settings. The Lord has even taken me beyond our diocese for missionary experiences in Israel, India, and the North West of England. Of those three, the North West was undoubtedly the most exotic! Those experiences have broadened my horizons, strengthened my faith, and helped me discover more of this country. I am delighted that the Lord has now brought me here to Chiswick.

This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on forgiveness. I must confess that I found that rather encouraging as I begin this new adventure here. Everything is new to me, so I am placing great confidence in your merciful attitude whenever I inevitably make a mistake—such as forgetting some names! The first reading and the Gospel both gently dismantle the excuses we often make for our unforgiveness towards others. They remind us that before looking at another person's faults, we should recognise our own need for forgiveness and so remember how much mercy we ourselves have received from God. The most powerful image of God's forgiveness is certainly Christ on the Cross, from where he uttered the words: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!" (Lk. 23:34), referring to those very people who were killing him. A great reminder of the mercy always available in plenty for any contrite heart!

And thus, looking at the week ahead, it is very fitting that on Monday the 14th we will celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Monday will also be the Holy Father's birthday, so let us remember him in our prayers. He certainly has a very large cross to carry as he bears responsibility for the whole Church. Mine is considerably smaller, and I have no doubt it will become lighter through your prayers, encouragement, and friendship. The Cross is not only a reminder of suffering and the trials we encounter in life, it is also the sign of Christ's self-giving love—a love that brings life to the world. As I begin my ministry among you, I ask you to pray that I may learn to love and serve in that same spirit of generous, selfless love. Thank you!

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 12/9 6.30pm 6.30pm	FERIA <i>Grove Park</i>	Stephen Quinn Julian Bathurst	RD RD
Sun 13/9 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	24th SUNDAY OT <i>Gunnersbury</i>	People of the Parish Francisca Guilermina Costa Cesare Bardini Jovy Pascua Dora Mateus Couto Rafael D'Angelo	INT INT ANN RIP RD 2 nd ANN
Mon 14/9 10.00am	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	Stephen Quinn	RD
Tue 15/9 10.00am	OUR LADY OF SORROWS	William Norman Hunter	RD
6.00pm	PIME Convent	Timothy Boswell	RD
Wed 16/9 10.00am	SAINTS CORNELIUS, POPE & CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS	Johnny Gamble - Birthday	RIP
Thur 17/9 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA PIME Convent	Alexa Martinez Christopher Slater, Andre Rothschild & Lucia Eavalli	ANN RD
Fri 18/9 10.00am	FERIA	Madeleine Lynch	ANN
Sat 19/9 10.00am 11.00am	FERIA	Stephanie Cooray Confessions	1 st ANN
5.00pm		Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
6.30pm	25 th SUNDAY OT	Gregorio Clemena Jr & William John Collins	INT/ 16 th ANN
6.30pm	<i>Grove Park</i>	Francis Brosnan	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, Florence Fegen, Catherine Gibson, Rod & Scott Daynes, Jasmine Sarker Poly, Dorina Archer, Judith Languine, Margaret Farall and Eileen Hempenstall.

For Recently Deceased: Catherine O'Donnell, Ann Edgar, Robin Humphrey, Ion Vladescu, Bill Lupton. May they Rest In Peace.

For Anniversaries Occuring: Wayne Dillon, Rafael D'Angelo, Cesare Bardini, Alexa Martinez, Madeleine Lynch, Stephanie Cooray, William John Collins, Victor B Ubal Jnr, Richard Luis. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.128

1st Reading: **Sirach 27:30-28:7***

Psalm: **103 (102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R.8**

2nd Reading: **Romans 14:7-9**

Gospel: **Matthew 18:21-35**

NEXT SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.131

1st Reading: **Isaiah 55:6-9**

Psalm: **145 (144):2-3, 8-9. 17-18. R. 18a**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**

Gospel: **Matthew 20:1-16**

REPOSITORY - Is open today after all morning Masses with First Holy Communion cards and gifts plus Confirmation cards, sympathy cards, candles and rosaries and many more items.

CANON MICHAEL'S THANKSGIVING MASS & FAREWELL – 11.00am Mass Sunday 18th October will be Fr Michael's return to the parish to give thanks for his ministry of 10 years among us and also our chance to say thank you to him. Mass will be followed by a Reception in the Parish Centre with a finger-food buffet lunch to which all parishioners are invited whether attending the Mass or not. As there have been repeated requests from parishioners to have a thanksgiving collection for him please do find envelopes marked 'Fr Michael's Collection' at the church doors if you wish to make a contribution. Envelopes can be returned into any parish collection (or the Priests' House letterbox) over the next few weeks. Cards with personal messages etc may also of course be given in to the Office.

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SECONDARY AND PRIMARY, 2027. To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP), *if your Catholic practice allows for it*, you should **firstly** contact the Parish Office to request an appointment and collect a self-assessment form (which can also be sent electronically). You should **secondly** complete the self-assessment form and bring it to your appointment with Canon Michael or Fr Jakub. You should not bring blank CCPs from schools. If you are a Catholic but not a *practising* Catholic, it will be impossible to issue a CCP as it is *certifying* actual Catholic practice of *habitually attending weekly Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation* over several years. It is also *perfectly feasible* to submit an application to a Catholic school *without* a CCP. The application would be categorised according to the admission criteria published by the school. **Phone or email the Office for a 10-minute slot.** Current availability: **Weds 16th Sept 3.00-6.00pm and Friday 18th Sept 3.00pm to 5.30pm.** More the following week.

BAPTISM – The next Baptism Preparation Course for those seeking their first baptism for a baby or infant is on Tuesday 15th September. Apply via Parish Office or: <http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 – Registration is now open online, via our website <http://www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org> **The closing date to register for First Holy Communion is Monday 28th September**, with the course beginning with the Enrolment Mass on Sunday 13th December at the 9.45am Mass. The course is open to parishioners' children living within the parish boundaries of Chiswick, Gunnersbury and Grove Park, and who regularly attend Mass. Exceptionally, others with good reason may apply but will need permission of their respective Parish Priest.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2027 – Registration for this year's academic year's course in preparation for Confirmation opens tomorrow Monday 14th September online as via the parish website. It will be open to young people in Year 9 or above at school, resident and attending Mass in Chiswick, Gunnersbury and Grove Park.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS & RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) or THINKING ABOUT CATHOLICISM? – Registration for the course will be in October to start in November in the St Edward's Room, probably Weds 7.00pm for an hour. More info to come.

ST MARY'S OPEN MORNINGS – Is your child due to start Nursery or Reception next September 2027? Come and join us for an Open Morning, meet the headteacher and staff and see a typical day at St Mary's. Our Open Mornings run from 9.30-10.30am and will run on the following dates - Thurs 24th Sept, Thurs 8th Oct, Thurs 22nd Oct, Thurs 12th Nov, Thurs 26th Nov, Thurs 3rd Dec. Please email office@stmarys.hounslow.sch.uk to register. If you are unable to make these times, please phone the school on 0208 994 5606 to arrange a tour. We do have spaces available in other year groups also. Please email or phone the school to enquire.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – Those aged 18-35 are welcome to come to this evening's meeting after the 6.30pm Mass with a session with Ali Naseer on "Living with the Bible". See the parish website's Young Adults' page for more details: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING FOR NEW SERVERS – For those boys and girls who have already made their First Holy Communion, and for older children, the next opportunity to train as an Altar Server in the parish and join after a year the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers, is at **3.00pm Sunday 20th September** in the church for an hour. One parent/guardian must accompany each child.

PARISHIONERS' SUPPER CLUB – An initiative for this new term: an opportunity to meet and connect with fellow Catholics in a safe setting within the parish and will be held in the Catholic Centre lounge bar on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7.00pm to 10.00pm. Bring & share your own food and drink (and tidy away afterwards!). First event due **23rd Sept** with further info to come.

ANNUAL WELCOME BACK INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR 2026! The Parish together with the St. Mary's PTA is again holding our 3rd annual Welcome Back International Food Fair on Sunday, 20th September from 12-3pm in the Parish Centre. There will be international food stalls, children's activities such as face-painting, home-made cakes and the Lounge Bar's routine opening hours, so the perfect place for a long Sunday lunch! If you would like to donate your time and/or provide food and baked goods, please sign up via the table on the pavement after this Mass or scan the QR Code in the newsletter.



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 led by Fr Michael returning briefly to the Chiswick fold abroad. 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. £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. **We have JUST THIS WEEK to keep this trip for parishioners only. After 20th the trip will be opened to the public. Why not pop into the Parish Office for a brochure or go online to give it a thought!**

ST. DUNSTAN'S GUNNERSBURY NOTES

COFFEE MORNING SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER FOR FR. MICHAEL'S FAREWELL- This 10.00am Sunday Mass will be Fr Michael's last in the church and followed by the coffee morning in the Priests' House. All welcome.

ST. JOSEPH'S GROVE PARK NOTES

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 11.00am to 3.00pm - T.Baker & Co Roadshow will be hosting a vintage valuation & buying day at St. Josephs Catholic Church Hall. All welcome!

SATURDAY 26th SEPT 6.30pm MASS will be Fr Michael's last in the church as PP and it will include the blessing of the new wall plaque in commemoration of Fr John Seabrook's 21 years as PP. Mass will be followed by a short Reception in the Parish Room.

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. The Saturday evening events are open to all but must be booked (except 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.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.45am SUNDAY MASS – in the Parish Centre **today, Sunday.** Families, children, visitors all welcome!

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – The Coffee Mornings will begin on **Tues 15th Sept and Fri 18th Sept post-Mass** in the St Edward's Room and Parish Centre Lounge Bar respectively. All welcome!

Collections for last weekend:

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

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St Joseph's Grove Park

06/09/26: **£248.05**

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