



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

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20th September 2026

TWENTY FIFTH 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
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Fr. Jakub writes:-

In today's gospel the master agrees with the workers that they will receive a denarius for their work. The agreement is more than a simple economic arrangement though. The Greek word used is related to the word from which we get 'symphony': a coming together, a harmony, a shared sound. This offers a beautiful way of thinking about the Christian vocation.

God does not simply want to employ us. He wants to draw us into communion with himself. The vineyard is not merely somewhere where we perform tasks for God. It is where we learn to live in harmony with him. The tragedy of the workers who arrive first is that they eventually forget this. They have spent the whole day in the vineyard, yet they still see their relationship with the master as a transaction. They count their hours, compare their reward with others and measure their worth according to what they have done. They are physically close to the master, but their hearts remain distant from him.

The same can happen to us. We can spend years praying, serving, attending Mass, caring for others and fulfilling our responsibilities, while quietly allowing our relationship with God to become a matter of calculation. We can begin to think: 'I have done so much. Surely I deserve more.'

But God invites us to something greater than payment. He invites us into communion. The Christian life is not about accumulating merits as though we were building a case before God. It is about allowing our lives to become attuned to his love. The more we receive our life as gift, the more naturally we begin to give ourselves as gift!

This is why the master's final word to the complaining worker is so striking: 'Friend.' Even when the worker refuses the master's generosity, the master continues to address him personally. He calls him back into relationship. That word is addressed to us too! God does not want merely our productivity. He wants us. He wants our hearts, our lives. Our deepest happiness does not come from winning the competition, but from belonging to him.

You belong to God. Your life is his gift. Your work can become an offering. Your relationships can become places of generosity. Your whole existence can become a response to the love from which you came. The question is not simply what we can accomplish for God. It is whether we will allow ourselves to live in symphony with him. Let the music begin!

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 19/9 6.30pm	FERIA	Gregorio Clemena Jr & William John Collins Francis Brosnan	INT/ 16 TH ANN RD
6.30pm	Grove Park		
Sun 20/9 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	25th SUNDAY OT Gunnersbury	Maureen Marsden Florence Fegan People of the Parish Cecilia Walsgrove Peter Thorne Joan O'Shea	ANN INT INT RIP RD RD
Mon 21/9 10.00am	SAINT MATTHEW	Princess Diana	ANN
Tue 22/9 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA PIME Convent	Margaret Cooney Patrick Nolan	INT RD
Wed 23/9 10.00am	SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA	Gerard & Teresa Cullinan	INT
Thur 24/9 10.00am 6.00pm	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM PIME Convent	Rosa Cava Sheila Coughlan	ANN RD
Fri 25/9 10.00am 12.00pm	FERIA	Ann Smith Funeral Catherine O'Donnell	INT RIP
Sat 26/9 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm	FERIA	Elaine Burns Confessions Baptism Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Lupton Family Etta McGarrigle	RD INT RD
6.30pm 6.30pm	26th SUNDAY OT Grove Park		

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Alex Tuffy, Mary Frain, Greta Gribben, Romeo Monthy, Benjamin White, Anne Beglane, Margaret Niwczuk 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, Catherine Dawson, John King, Peter Chesney, Norman Richardson, Jordan McClaren, Richard (Dickie) Dunne, Margaret Farrell, Florence Fegan, 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, Mary Green, Frank Heverin, Bill Lupton. May they Rest In Peace.

For Anniversaries Occuring: William John Collins, Maureen Marsden, Princess Diana, Rosa Cava, Rosita Ngo. May they Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEKEND'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: **Phillippians 1:20c-24, 27a**

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.134

1st Reading: **Ezekiel 18:25-28**

Psalm: **25(24):4-5b, 6-7, 8-9, 10a**

2nd Reading: **Phillippians 2:1-11**

Gospel: **Matthew 21:28-32**

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.

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'.

TODAY - 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 **TODAY 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! **All are very welcome!**

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 23rd Sept 3.00-6.00pm and Friday 25th 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 6th October. 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 is now open 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.

OLOG YOUTH GROUP AUTUMN SERIES IN OCTOBER! Calling all youth ages 14-17! OLOG Youth is back for our 4-week Autumn Series on 'Made in God's Image!' Come join us for games, faith building and fellowship in a relaxed and fun environment. Sessions will include food and are scheduled from 4:30pm-6:00pm in the Catholic Centre Main Hall on Sundays 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th October.

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. See the parish website's Young Adults' page for more details: www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org/young-adults

RENEWED CYCLEWAY 9 THREAT TO PAVEMENT IN FRONT OF CHURCH – Chiswick Council Councillor Joanna Biddolph has thankfully drawn attention to TfL/Hounslow Council proposals for C9 to mount the pavement at the first tree after Duke's Avenue just passed the main doors of the church but before the presbytery. She has rightly urged the Council that a full public consultation must be held, not least because of the huge local opposition to still worse proposals seven years ago. The proposals were published on the W4 website: <https://new.chiswickw4.com/#!/pages/chiswickw4:info:cyclehiqhway102> To endorse, complain or at least insist on a full public consultation about the proposals which would impede *all* pedestrians as well as parishioners gathering on the pavement before and after Mass, and funerals and processions, please email the Council's cabinet member with oversight and responsibility: salman.shaheen@hounslow.gov.uk asking for a consultation.

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 **TODAY at 3.00pm** in the church for an hour. One parent/guardian must accompany each child.

PARISHIONERS' SUPPER CLUB – An opportunity to meet and connect with fellow Catholics in a safe setting within the parish will be held in the Catholic Centre lounge bar on Wednesday 23rd Sept from 7.00pm to 10.00pm. Everyone attending is asked to bring a dish of food which is ready to serve and drinks of their choosing - alcoholic or non-alcoholic - to share with others. **A label naming the dish and ingredients is required in case of allergies.** Attendees should also bring their own plates, cutlery, glasses and serving spoons or forks which they will take home to wash in order to minimise time for preparation and clearing up. Everyone will be expected to help with any tidying or resetting the bar. Provision will be made for single parents who are unable to attend without their children but otherwise this is an adult only event. A small group of volunteer co-ordinators is needed to oversee preparation and locking up. Please let the Parish Office know if you can volunteer.

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!). Flights from/to Heathrow. £2,360 per adult plus £240 single supplement. See posters on the church boards for the QR code 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.

ST. DUNSTAN'S GUNNERSBURY NOTES

COFFEE MORNING TODAY SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER – 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

WEDS 23rd SEPT 11.00am to 3.00pm – T.Baker & Co Roadshow: vintage valuation & buying day in the Parish Room. 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.

THE ANNUAL MASS COUNT – Starting this weekend for four consecutive Sundays the annual count of the congregation is made. This will not affect parishioners other than they might see a fellow parishioner walking up and down the side aisles of church with a faintly clicking counter in the hand. This count provides accurate helpful statistics for the Diocese, the state and the Holy See.

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

TEA AND COFFEE MORNINGS – Tues post-Mass coffee morning at 10.30am in the St Edward's Room each week and Fri coffee morning in the Parish Centre Lounge Bar at 10.30am. All welcome!

Collections for last weekend:

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

13/09/26: **5,479.55**

St Joseph's Grove Park

13/09/26: **£229.60**

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