



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

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6th September 2026

TWENTY THIRD 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

Fr. Michael writes:-

It is my happy task in this opening Newsletter of the new school year firstly to welcome Deacon Paolo Gambardella to the parish team. Deacon Paolo was ordained earlier in the summer on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 13th June, in Westminster Cathedral for service in our Diocese. We prayed as a parish for him on that occasion and renew our prayers and good wishes as he now lives among us and begins his ministry as a Deacon with a look also towards the prospect of his priestly ordination in due course if God wills. His assignment in Chiswick is for this academic year only, it should be said, until next summer holidays. Deacon Paolo will be assisting in many ways, pastorally in visiting among other activities, sacramentally and liturgically, and particularly I expect him to be making a huge contribution catechetically, which is to say in the teaching of the faith to our children, our young people on the Confirmation course and adults both in RCIA and other forums.

What I hadn't anticipated last June at the end of the summer term was that I'd also in due course be welcoming the new Parish Priest of Chiswick and Grove Park, Monsignor Roger Reader. Having this summer joyfully completed my tenth year here and anticipating another I was, however, beginning to think that a move might come. The particular move which has come I had not expected at all, of course, and I have been in post as Vicar General since 1st September. With Fr Jakub's generous support, as well as Deacon Paolo and Angela, most of my week is in Westminster and I hope to be in Chiswick at weekends. Monsignor Roger formally begins his ministry as PP on 1st October and we look forward to welcoming him then.

The Newsletter, as anticipated, is full of new year opportunities (eg altar serving and the Young Adults Group) and applications for the sacraments, together with a new initiative of social time with fellow parishioners over a home-made supper. I'd also like to draw attention to *ADOREMUS*, the National Eucharistic Congress in London on Saturday 10th October. Two intrepid parishioners are sought (!) to join the Eucharistic Procession from Southwark Cathedral to Westminster Cathedral with hundreds of other representatives from across the parishes of the country. Those who might like a 2027 springtime trip to Rome with other parishioners are also encouraged to read that item.

And lastly, and very sadly, the unamended Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and, again, seeks to legalise assisted suicide, undermining the sanctity and dignity of human life. There are petition postcards at the church doors to send to your MP if you could this week as the vote is this Friday. For the more active, there are other leaflets advertising a demonstration outside Parliament at 9.00am also on Friday.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sun 6/9 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	23rd SUNDAY OT Gunnersbury	People of the Parish For the Sick Children Margaret & Angela Kealy William & Catherine Lupton Jackie Gary O'Toole	INT INT ANN RIP RD RD
Mon 7/9 10.00am	FERIA	Maria O'Mahony	ANN
Tue 8/9 10.00am	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Lulu Bush	SICK RD
6.00pm	PIME Convent	Hubert Cassidy	
Wed 9/9 10.00am	FERIA	Mike & Patrick O'Brien	ANN
Thur 10/9 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA PIME Convent	James & Sandy Jean Mc Grane	INT RD
Fri 11/9 10.00am	FERIA	Special Intentions	INT
Sat 12/9 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 6.30pm 6.30pm	FERIA 24th SUNDAY OT Grove Park	Rosa Gonsalves Confessions Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Stephen Quinn Julian Bathurst	RD RD RD

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 & Marjorie, Peter Chesney, Norman Richardson, Jordan McClaren, Richard (Dickie) Dunne, Margaret Farrell, Florence Fegen, Catherine Gibson, Rod & Scott Daynes, Jasmine Sarker Poly.

For Recently Deceased: Vera Cook, Douglas Crandley, Bill Lupton and Veronica Christian. May they Rest In Peace.

For Anniversaries Occuring: Margaret Kealy, Angela, Maria O'Mahony, Mike & Patrick O'Brien. RIP

THIS WEEKEND'S scripture readings, Mass Book p.125

1st Reading: **Ezekiel 33:7-9**

Psalm: **95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9.R. 7c,8a**

2nd Reading: **Romans 13:8-10**

Gospel: **Matthew 18:15-20**

NEXT SUNDAY'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**

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'.

FOODBANK COLLECTION TODAY: FOOD ITEMS & CASH, THANK YOU

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 9th Sept 3.00-6.00pm and Friday 11th Sept 3.00pm to 4.30pm.** More the following week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 – Registration will open on Monday 7th September. This year the registration for the sacramental programme is online, via the parish 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 those will need permission of their respective Parish Priests.

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>

YOUTH CONFIRMATION 2027- Registration for this year's academic year's course in preparation for Confirmation will open from Monday 14th September. 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.

PIME CONVENT MASSES 6.00pm Tuesday and Thursday – are Parish Masses at 10 Chiswick Lane hosted by the Sisters. The Chapel (upstairs) can accommodate about ten visitors. Please be on time before 6.00pm otherwise a Sister must leave Mass to allow access. If you arrive after 6.00pm please do not ring the bell.

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.

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.

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

FOODBANK COLLECTION TODAY - our monthly collection of non-perishable items of food together with a cash collection.

PARISHIONERS' SUPPER CLUB – An initiative for this new term: a weekday evening Supper Club for adult parishioners. It is aimed at those unable to attend current weekday social events, but all adults are welcome. It's 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 7pm to 10pm, commencing in September. It's bring your own food and drink to share (and tidy away afterwards!). First event due 23rd Sept with further information to come.

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. 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. **We need to entice more parishioners to book into this trip soon or McCabe will have to open the trip to the public. Please give it a thought!**

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!

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.

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 & 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!

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