



# Our Lady of Grace & St Edward's Chiswick with St Dunstan's Gunnersbury

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20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

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### Fr. Michael writes:

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Goodness, Kindness, Longsuffering, Mildness, Faith, Modesty, Self-control, Chastity. These are the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit and they are the medicine for what we can experience too much in competitive London, namely their opposites in anger, depression, stress, impatience, meanness and so on, quite apart from what is still more obviously wicked. Things are bad enough everywhere with what Pope Francis calls "the globalisation of indifference" especially when even the well-intentioned can choose not to move themselves to act. Things are worse still when there is the active embrace of evil as, for instance, in London's gang culture and knife crime. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are an answer to many of the world's ills and our own, but these fruits cannot grow without the fruit tree being rooted in the ground, which is to say, *we* must be rooted in the *ground* of God. Whether we know it or not, we *are* grounded in God but the tragedy is that we can ignore or forget the extraordinary truth of God's tender and utterly loving intimacy with us if we do not reflect on it, if we do not pray. In a book entitled *Love and Silence* written anonymously by a Carthusian monk in 1951, he writes of the action of the Holy Spirit within each of us:

*We know that God is one in nature and three in Persons. The Father from all eternity begets the Son, his 'other self', his perfect image. This is not something that took place long ago: it takes place in an eternal present, in an eternal now. The Father is perpetually begetting the Son. And the Father looks upon the Son, divine and co-eternal and, in this loving gaze that they exchange in the simplicity of the divine Essence, they breathe forth the Holy Spirit. This divine life which will be the substance of our eternal happiness has already begun in the soul, so long as we are in a state of grace. At every moment the Father is begetting the Son within us, and at every moment they together breathe forth in us the Holy Spirit. Have we given sufficient thought to this sublime truth? We bear within us the living God; the Holy of Holies we carry within us.*

May we *live our communion with God* by remembering and cherishing especially today but also at least once a day for a few minutes that God is not only *with us*, but that God is *in us*. The Holy Spirit is *breathed forth, within us!* We will then hardly even notice but that the fruits of the Holy Spirit will be in our lives and that the world will know a little more love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness...

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40  
Psalm: 32: 4-6, 9, 18-20, 22 response v 12  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8: 14-17  
Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20  
All viewable at: <http://www.universalis.com/mass>

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### LET US PRAY

**For those who are sick:** Sandra Bocca, Marie O'Keeffe, Gerry Duffy, Patsy Lynett, Claudio Boggi, Andy Cronin, Celine Duignan, Mike Brennan, Louis Morman, Mike Farrell, Caroline Fleming, Derry Cleary, Eulalie Raymond, Alison Forsyth, Ellen Dovey, Derek Blakeley, Bill Ryan, Bob Fleming, Bruno Machedo and Mark Hughes

### For those recently deceased:

**For those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Armenio Caridade, Mary Fry, Otten Holesz, Kate Walsh, Gregory Burbeza, Stewart D'Rozario. May they rest in peace.

### THIS WEEK – Pentecost Sunday (Year B)

Sat 19/5 6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Margaret Cooney	INT
Sun 20/5 8.30am 9.45am 10.00am 11.00am 12.15pm 6.30pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY  Gunnersbury	Maria Eynon Marian McGilligan Armenio Caridade Mary Fry Otten Holesz People of the Parish	RD RD ANN ANN ANN INT
Mon 21/5 10.00am 12.30pm	THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH	The Teclé Family Rose Rosato	INT RD
Tues 22/5 7.15am 10.00am 12.30pm	FERIA Comboni Convent	Sr. Teresita Scattolaro Kate Walsh Victor Young	RD ann INT
Wed 23/5 10.00am 6.00pm	FERIA PIME Convent	Win Deade Pime Benefactors	RD INT
Thurs 24/5 7.15am 10.00pm  12.30pm	FERIA Comboni Convent	Sr. Mary Candida Righetti Gabrielle Diamond & John Levins Gregory Burbeza	RD RD  ANN
Fri 25/5 10.00am	ST BEDE THE VENERABLE	Mary Markovitch - Birthday	RIP
Sat 26/5 10.00am 11-12 noon 11.30am 3.30pm 5-6.00pm 6.30pm	ST PHILIP NERI  As Confirmation -	Laura Lindsey <b>NO Confessions</b> Confirmation Confirmation Confession Stewart D'Rozario	SICK     5 <sup>th</sup> ANN

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday to Friday 3.00pm to 4.00pm; Saturday 5.00pm to 6.00pm  
**CONFESSIONS:** On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 5.00pm to 6.00pm ONLY  
**BENEDICTION:** Monday to Friday 4.00pm; Saturday 6.00pm

### LENT PROJECT: CONGRATULATIONS!

With the Lent Project closing this Sunday, the final total will be in next weekend's newsletter. We have already far exceeded the two overseas targets we were reaching for. The current **grand total is £28,091**. Of this £18,559 is for *Bhola's Children* and £2,260 is for the pews of St Martin de Porres' Parish, Lukome, Uganda but with the further £4,602 in the kitty to be divided between *Bhola* and the pews it means that ***Bhola* has £20,860** and the **pews have £4,561!** We were originally seeking £12,000 for *Bhola* and £4,000 for the pews.

### WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY –

Thank you to all those who donated to the World Communications Day collection last weekend. £319.45 was raised as our contribution to the costs of running the Communications Office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

### SHELTER THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Tues 22 May there will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the whole of The Shelter Project Hounslow in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm with refreshments (cakes, snacks, tea, coffee and soft drinks). All are welcome as the Project is supported by your prayers and donations as well as by the time effort and care of the many volunteers. It provides an opportunity for joint reflection, commemoration and celebration of the past season together with volunteers and supporters from across the Borough that make the Project possible. Over the season, thirty one men came fully on to the Shelter Project as guests and were supported with casework, and another seven were provided with shelter and food in the worst of the weather. To date, two guests have been housed, twenty one have been found work or training, and sadly two of our guests died this season. After such a season, it is good to take the time to share both our sorrows and joys experienced in helping our homeless guests and to draw strength and hope for our future work.

### WARNING: THIEVES OPERATING IN CHURCH! –

Please be vigilant, as after having some money stolen from the church during Mass it's useful to remind ourselves that we must be vigilant with what is ours. The church CCTV has enabled us to spot the incident and the culprit and file the matter as a crime to the Police. The person, not a parishioner, is known to visit other churches too on busy Sunday mornings seeking opportunities. Let us pray for conversion and contrition and also be circumspect and vigilant.

### MOTHERS' PRAYERS –

The Mothers' Prayer group meets each Thurs from 9.30am to 10.30am in the Priests' House. Mothers with young children are welcome to bring them. Phone Jacqueline 07776 175194. Info: [www.mothersprayers.org](http://www.mothersprayers.org)

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING** - If any child who has made his/her First Holy Communion would like to train as a new altar server, please come to the church with a parent at 4.00pm for one hour on Sunday 10th June.

**THE SISTINE CHAPEL CHOIR**- The Holy Father's personal choir performs a sacred choral music concert from the repertoire they sing in the Vatican on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 8.00pm in Westminster Cathedral. The concert is an hour and **free of charge (no tickets required)**. All are welcome.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION** – Our annual Blessed Sacrament Procession around Turnham Green will be at 1.15pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June after 12.15pm Mass.

### YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE SUMMIT –

The 'Summit' is not in the Himalayas but in Hounslow. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service it's a chance for young people (14 to 18 yrs) to socialise, share a meal, learn more about their faith and be introduced to a deeper level of prayer and adoration with contemporary worship music. On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm to 9.00pm, at the parish church, 94 Bath Rd, TW3 3EH. See [www.dowym.com](http://www.dowym.com)

### YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE CARDINAL –

The Cardinal invites young adults, aged 18 to 30, to join him at Archbishop's House for a further two meetings (29th May and 19th June at 6.30pm) to explore the theme of vocation, with an opportunity for prayer, input, discussion and question and answer. All are welcome to attend whichever meeting(s) they can. More details can be found on the youth section of the diocesan website ([www.dowym.com](http://www.dowym.com)). If coming along, please let us know by sending a quick email to [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk).

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fr Mike is leading the Chiswick group who will all be in the same hotel. If you have ever wondered about going to Lourdes or returning, *this is the year!* From Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, full details and application forms in the Parish Office or phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666.

### BARN DANCE WITH A DIFFERENCE –

From 7.00pm to 11.00pm on **Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May** in the Parish Centre there's a Barn Dance with the popular live band, *Skinner's Rats*, who will do all the calling as well as providing the music and song. Tickets at £15 per adult (accompanied children go free!) includes the fresh buffet supper. Full bar available. Great fun, great value, and a great, great cause: organised by the parish's Comboni Missionary Prayer Group the evening is supporting the work of the community of Comboni Sisters who are living as refugees *with* refugees in a UN camp in northern Uganda for South Sudanese fleeing the civil war and its murderous gangs. The refugees' plight is pitiable and the sisters are in desperate need of funds to provide a ray of light through material provision, welfare, healthcare, education and even a covered prayer space. Be inspired: go to <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/south-sudanrefugeesappeal> and/or to buy Barn Dance tickets, phone 020 8994 1220 or email [dance@combonisc.co.uk](mailto:dance@combonisc.co.uk)

### CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY (CTS)

**BOOKLETS/LEAFLETS** – are on a stand at the back of the Church. **Prices are marked on each booklet/leaflet. Money in the brown collection box marked 'CTS' at the back of the Church.**

### GUNNERSBURY NOTES

#### MASSES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday & Thursday, 9.30am

**CAFOD** writes to thank you for the donations from the Lent Fast Day. Please see the letter at the back of the Church.

### SPONSOR REFUGEES TOGETHER? –

*Caritas Westminster* and *Sponsor Refugees*, are hosting a Community Sponsorship Evening on Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> May from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Vaughan Hse, 46 Francis St, just behind the Cathedral offering ways to welcome new families, the emphasis being on *community* sponsors eg a parish, rather than individuals or families. If interested, RSVP [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk) or 020 7931 6077 or go to [www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.rcdow.org.uk)

### CENTERING PRAYER –

The group will be meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm in St Edward's Rm. Contact John O'Brien for info: 07747611616 or [john@jobrien.co.uk](mailto:john@jobrien.co.uk)

### PRAYERS FOR LIFE –

25<sup>th</sup> May is the date of the referendum on abortion in Ireland and the Irish bishops write: *All human life is worth cherishing equally. We invite people of faith to pray earnestly that Ireland will 'choose life' and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country.* For further info: [www.chooselife2018.ie](http://www.chooselife2018.ie)

### ST. EDWARD'S CLUB –

The next meeting takes place tomorrow, Monday. A social group for over-55s which meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays each month (excluding Bank Holidays) from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at the Parish Centre. It's an opportunity to have a cup of tea, chat, play bingo, quizzes etc. All welcome.

### CHARITY PLANT SALE TODAY –

After all Sunday Masses, outside the Parish Centre, healthy plants at low prices with money going to a good cause.

### LOST IN CHURCH –

Last Saturday during the First Holy Communion a gold cross and chain was lost by one of the children. If found, pls call Parish Office.

### ST. JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP

Boys' Camp 8 to 13 years, Girls' Camp 9 to 12 years, running during the holidays in July and August. Info and Application Forms available from the Parish Office.

### REPOSITORY –

Confirmation cards, First Communion cards & gifts & many other items. Open after Sunday morning Masses / 10.00am Mass some weekdays.

### CHURCH CLEANING ROTA -

This week the Wednesday Cleaning Group will be cleaning the church. Thank you.

### TEA & COFFEE MORNINGS –

after 10.00am Mass on Tues, St Edward's Rm, and Fri in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

### TEA & COFFEE AFTER 9.45am MASS

will be served in the Catholic Centre, Duke's Avenue **today**. Visitors, children and adults of all ages are most welcome.

### Collections for last weekend:

Chiswick: £4,778.78

Gunnersbury: £218.84

Thank you for your generosity.