



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

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24th May 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Fr Michael Dunne
Fr Mike Maguire
Mike Guthrie
Sharon Bowden

Parish Priest
Assistant Priest
Seminararian
Administrator (on furlough)

CARDINAL VINCENT'S VIDEO – The Cardinal recorded a message to us all last Thursday, the Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension, which helps join the first disciples as they were told to await the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. He invites us all, at some stage of next Saturday evening, the Vigil of Pentecost, to join in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The video can be viewed on the parish website www.ourladyofgracechiswick.org or the diocesan website www.rcdow.org.uk

CENTERING PRAYER – In the current lockdown the Centering Prayer group has found a new way to convene via the internet platform Zoom. The group is meeting EVERY Monday at 7.30pm so if you would like to join please phone or email John O'Brien who will be happy to assist: 07747611616 or john@jobrien.co.uk

THURSDAY MASS for NHS & CARE HOME staff & the SICK – The next live-streamed Mass to be celebrated by a Diocesan Bishop on behalf of the Bishops' Conference is at 7.00pm Thursday 28th May: Bishop Terence Draine, Middlesbrough Cathedral

BAPTISMS, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION – It is impossible to determine an exact timetable for the re-opening of churches though if all goes according to the Government plan the weekend beginning 4th July would be the first back in church, and even then, the social distancing measures are likely to be prohibitive. The return to large and festal occasions such as First Holy Communion or Confirmation Masses is more distant. However, it is conceivable to see that soon after the re-opening of churches then Baptisms postponed could be rescheduled as social distancing would not present an insurmountable obstacle provided guest numbers were limited. Rescheduling the First Holy Communion and Confirmation Masses is very likely going to have to wait for as near a return to normality as possible perhaps in the Autumn. The parish will swiftly contact parents and guardians of existing candidates for these sacraments as soon as the Church and State authorities give appropriate direction.

PARISH ASSOCIATION WITH THE CATHOLIC UNION – Our parish has become the first in the country to have a formal association with The Catholic Union www.catholicunion.org.uk and many more will follow where there is shared interest. Fr Michael much recommends going to the website to sign up for their news briefings directly emailed completely free of charge. The news from parliament is always interesting if often worrying with initiatives to challenge the common good. Other briefings are more specifically pertinent to Catholic life and seasons.

FEELING VULNERABLE AND NEEDING HELP? – Some parishioners are offering to shop and deliver groceries etc for any others who may not feel strong enough to shop for themselves. If you would like this help, please phone the Parish Office and leave a message. You are not alone! Help is at hand! 020 8994 2877

CAN YOU OFFER HELP? – If you'd be happy to volunteer to assist particularly elderly, isolated or isolating parishioners with just one or two errands each week as you are about your own, please also email or phone the Parish Office. You must be known to the priests and other parishioners from attendance at Mass. We'd be aiming to match postcodes of volunteers and recipient.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat 23/5	Easter Feria	•Maria Harrison •Major Peggy Elliott	Ints Ann
Sun 24/5	7 th SUNDAY of EASTER	•Catherine Malone •People of the Parish living and deceased/ and Mrs Dawson	Sick Ints/ Sick
Mon 25/5	St. Bede the Venerable	•Mary Markovitch •Jim O'Grady	Ann Sick
Tues 26/5	St. Philip Neri	•Rose Braniff •Barbara Gale	Ann Sick
Wed 27/5	ST. AUGUSTINE of CANTERBURY	•Ian Manson •Esther Pereira	Ann RD
Thurs 28/5	Easter Feria	•Maria Harrison •Frontline NHS & Care Home workers; the sick & their families	Ints Ints
Fri 29/5	Easter Feria	•Fr John Twist SJ •Isobel Walsgrove	Sick RIP
Sat 30/5	Easter Feria	•William Foster •Dr John Robinson	RIP Ann

LET US PRAY

For those who are sick: Sandra Bocca, Cecil Pocock, Romeo Monthoy, Fr. Noel O'Boylan, Celine Duignan, Andy Cronin, Eulalie Raymond, Jim O'Grady, Greta Gribben, Jim Ryan, Mike O'Farrel, Bridget Hayden, Alaina Embling, Hannah Thomas, Lauren, Anna and Joseph Mullan, Ewa Blonska, Phoebe Rodriguez, John Moylan, Cyril McKeefrey, Wanda Jeziorska, together with all those suffering in the pandemic.

For those recently deceased: Ann Walker, Mary Graham. May they rest in peace.

LENT PROJECT 2020 – Our charities this year are: Friends of the Holy Land www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk ; The Cardinal Hume Centre www.cardinalhume.org.uk ; The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal www.rcdow.org.uk . The current total for the Lent Project is an astonishing **£9,580** between the three charities. *Thank you!*

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND - DOUBLE YOUR DONATION in their PENTECOST CHALLENGE. Of the £9,580 raised in the Lent Project Appeal above, £3,400 has been given by parishioners specifically to Friends of the Holy Land (FHL). Amazingly, with FHL's current 'Pentecost Challenge' three of their wealthiest donors are pledging to DOUBLE any other donation up to £100,000! This means that **when we send our donation in before end of May, our £3,400 will be doubled to £6,800! But why stop there?** Now is the time to consider either going directly to FHL's website to donate (which would also be doubled) or make a donation through the parish and increase our total which itself would also be doubled. Christians in the Holy Land are suffering dreadfully from the devastation of Coronavirus. Visit the website to see. The religious tourist industry in 2019 generated 4.5 million visitors to Christian sites. This year, total collapse. 200,000 daily workers needing visas to work in Israel have had visas withdrawn. This is why FHL is pulling out all stops for as much support as possible in this poverty. In the land of Pentecost, can you support the Pentecost Challenge?

CAFOD SAYS THANK YOU – 8th March was the Second Sunday of Lent and CAFOD's Lent Collection. With all the unheaval since, it's not surprising they're a little late in thanking the parish for sending them **£1,394** but it was duly received and put to great work.