

Church of Our Lady and St Christopher, Cranford

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

13th/14th March 2021

Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 136; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3: 14-21

Next week: Fifth Sunday of Lent: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 50; Hebrews 5: 7-9; John 12:20-30



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TIMES OF SERVICES

Saturday evening: 6pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday), Sunday: 8.30am (Private), 10am and 11.30am

No Masses - Monday to Saturday morning

The Ethnic Chaplaincy Masses are suspended until further notice.

Confessions: will be available on request on Saturday and Sunday

Mass is available at other churches online at www.churchservices.tv



LENT AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S

FRIDAYS IN LENT

The Church Porch will be open from 9.30am to 1.00pm every Friday during Lent for personal private prayer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As it is not possible to have public worship of the Stations of the Cross, we encourage you, as an individual or as a family, to pray the Stations of the Cross one day of the week during Lent. Here are some links to websites: www.churchservices.tv (Westminster Cathedral have Stations every Friday at 18.05hrs),

www.youtube.com.

Also, there are sheets with short meditations on the Stations at the back of Church, please take one to use for your personal reflection.

LENTEN ALMS – The Cardinal's Appeal

This year our Lenten Alms will go towards the Cardinal's Appeal and the next collection will be taken up on Holy Thursday. There are envelopes on the table at the back of church for your donations.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Thank you for your generous donations last week. The collection will remain open until Easter. CAFOD envelopes are available at the back of Church for your donations for those of you who weren't able to donate last week.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

The Novena to St Joseph is underway and if you didn't get a booklet last week there are copies available as you leave church. The feast day is on Friday 19th March.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

To you God entrusted his only Son;

In you Mary placed her trust;

With you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,

Show yourself a father

And guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,

And defend us from every evil. Amen.

(This prayer was specially composed by Pope Francis for the Year of St Joseph;
8 December 2020 – 8 December 2021)

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SERVICES

The schedule for services during Holy Week will be published next week. Please note that **during the Triduum you will only be able to attend ONE of the services on the three days.** If the service you wanted to come to is full, try another day. This is the only way we can get as many parishioners to attend Church at this time. Please do not try and book in another family member's name, as you will be turned away by the Ushers. We hope to have 3 Masses on Easter Sunday so you will have a chance to book for that day as well.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

All Sacramental Preparation i.e. Baptisms, Weddings, First Holy Communion 2021 and Confirmation 2021 have been suspended until further notice.

BAPTISMS - Following the recent guidelines received, Baptisms will resume in the church, **not earlier than 17th May.**

PLANNED GIVING 2021-22

Thank you to all the Parishioners that collected their Planned Giving envelope boxes (green envelopes) for 2020-2021 or who have set up a Standing Order account. It is greatly appreciated. Those who had not collected their boxes for 2020-21 these will not be issued this year. If you would like to continue to donate through Planned Giving Envelopes, please fill in a new form, or you can set up a Standing Order account. If you are a gift aider and giving your offertory donation via the weekly envelopes why not consider giving by standing order? If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE

Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course (based on Jeff Cavin's Catholic Bible Study) delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on **7th April 2021** at 7pm (Eight Wednesday evening sessions).

Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Reynaldo Talavera, Maureen Powley and Josic Dias who passed away recently.

Reynaldo Talavera RIP – His Requiem Mass will be here on **Thursday 18th March** at 1pm

Maureen Powley RIP – Her Requiem Mass will be here on **Friday 19th March** at 11am

The Covid restriction of 30 mourners only is permitted.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

We also keep in our prayers their families and friends who mourn them.



Happy Mother's Day to all mum's

