

# Church of Our Lady and St Christopher, Cranford

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## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 91; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

Next week: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year: Job 38:1, 8-11; Psalm 106; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41



For parish matters please contact Florie, the Parish Secretary on 07395 954905  
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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:** available on request on Saturday and Sunday before Mass

**Mass is available at other churches online at [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)**

### MASS ATTENDANCE

In view of the latest government guidelines regarding the Indian Variant we now accept a maximum of **60** people at each Mass with no waiting list until the situation improves. If people turn up at the door they will be turned away. It will be strict 2 metre distancing.

If you were not able to get a booking, please note that the Sunday obligation is still suspended so please stay home and watch Mass online.

We strongly recommend that everyone get tested and those of you who are eligible but have not yet had the vaccine to do so as soon as possible. Please continue to wear your masks (covering your mouth and nose), do not mingle with people outside of your household.

### SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms:** are now allowed with up to 30 people present (However because of the Indian Variant this is now limited to 15 including baby, parents and godparents). **Please note enquiries are only accepted from parishioners living within the parish boundary of Cranford.**

A warm welcome to Caelan D'Mello, Ethan Rodrigues, Ariella Vas, McArthur Miranda, Riley & Raisa De Souza and Daelyn Vaz and offer our congratulations to their parents.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation** preparation for 2021 is suspended until further notice.

The two groups for **First Holy Communion 2020** that were postponed due to lockdown will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> July a 11am and 1.30pm.

**Weddings** – please speak to Florie – remember you need six (6) months' notice so please do not come in asking for documents with a month or under before your wedding date. Only 30 people allowed including bridal couple until June 21<sup>st</sup>.

### PLANNED GIVING 2021-22

A number of you have signed up for boxes and these are awaiting collection. Please see Florie after Mass.

### REV. TIM MANGATAL

Rev. Tim Mangatal will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am. You can watch this celebration live on churchservices.tv/Westminster. Please keep Rev. Tim in your prayers in these final weeks leading to his ordination. He was a local Cranford boy and an altar server for many years.

### HOME TESTING KITS

The Government is encouraging all households to regularly test for Covid-19 at home by offering test kits free of charge. These kits can be ordered through the Gov.uk website, by calling 119 or by visiting participating pharmacies. Please see the parish website for further details.

**Anyone showing Covid symptoms must self-isolate along with all family members residing with them.**

### DAY FOR LIFE 19/20 JUNE

This day, inaugurated by St. John Paul II, presents an opportunity to pray for the gift of life from conception to natural death, to raise awareness of the precious gift of life, and to support the work of protecting life in its most vulnerable stages through the annual collection. This assists pro-life organisations who raise awareness, engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach. These funds are distributed by the Department of Social Justice of the Bishops' Conference. If you wish to donate towards this cause, the Day for Life website is <https://www.dayforlife.org/>.

### RICHARD REYNOLDS COLLEGE

"Would you be interested in this exciting opportunity to teach Physics or support Physics teaching with us? Or you may know of someone recently graduated or retired in the field of Physics.

In addition to this, we are looking at strengthening our A-level Economics welcome any interest in this role.

If you are or know someone who fits either of these criteria, or indeed would like to find out more, please email Mrs Simmons at [s.simmons@srrcc.org.uk](mailto:s.simmons@srrcc.org.uk) by Friday 18th June."

### Prayer to St Anthony (Feast Day 13 June)

O holy St Anthony, gentlest of Saints,  
your love for God and charity for His creatures,  
made you worthy, when on earth,  
to possess miraculous powers.



Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety.  
Encouraged by this thought, I implore of you to obtain for me (make your request).

The answer to my prayer may require a miracle,  
even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.

O gentle and loving St Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen

### Prayer for the Year of St Joseph

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 as Father and guide us on the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.