

Church of Our Lady and St Christopher, Cranford

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th/20th June 2021

Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Job 38:1, 8-11; Psalm 106; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41

Next week: 13th Sunday of the Year: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; Psalm 29; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43



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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

MASS ATTENDANCE

The lifting of restrictions has been extended to 19th July. As the Indian Variant is still prominent in the Hounslow area we are still accepting a maximum of 60 people at each Mass with no waiting list until the situation improves.

The Sunday obligation is still suspended so please stay home and watch Mass online if you cannot get a booking.

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 Chrisley Domingos Braganza and Rayzel Fernandes who were baptised during the week 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 24th 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 July 19th.

PLANNED GIVING 2021-22

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

MARRIAGE CARE

<https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/about.html> is a well-regarded Catholic resource for couples with marital problems including those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced who want help to try again. The next virtual weekend is 1st- 4th July <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/> founded in the Diocese of Westminster, Marriage Care provides a donation only counselling service for couples.

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. These funds are distributed by the Department of Social Justice of the Bishops' Conference. If you wish to donate towards this cause, the website is <https://www.dayforlife.org/>.

REV. TIMOTHY MANGATAL

Rev. Tim Mangatal will be ordained to the Priesthood on **Saturday 26th June** at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am. You can watch this celebration live on www.churchservices.tv/westminster. Please keep Rev. Tim in your prayers in this final week leading to his ordination. He was a local Cranford boy and an altar server for many years. See poster at the back of Church.

Fr. Tim will be coming to Cranford on **Sunday 4th July** to celebrate both the Masses and bestow his blessings on you. If anyone would like to contribute towards a gift please put it in an envelope and give to Florie during the week or next weekend.

THE SPONSORED WALK

A massive 'thank you' to all those who kindly supported me and my sisters Beverly and Penny when we undertook the Pentecost Challenge sponsored walk.

Through your generosity we raised £3,000 (donations and gift aid) which has been passed on to the charity 'Friends of the Holy Land' for the benefit of those who are struggling with the pandemic and the economic situation. On their behalf – Thank you very much. God bless you all. Natalie

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.*



Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen. (author unknown)

Prayer to St. John the Baptist (24 June)

*Oh God, you gave St. Elizabeth, in her old age, the gift of a son, St. John the Baptist, who would prepare the way for Jesus to begin His ministry here on earth.
Lord, Fill Your people with the joy of possessing graces like those of Saint John the Baptist, and direct the minds of all us in the way of salvation and peace. St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so may we Dear God, energetically profess our Faith in You, and help us to lead others to Your Way, Your Truth, and Your Eternal Life. Amen.*



Happy Father's Day

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