

Church of Our Lady and St Christopher, Cranford

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th/11th July 2021

Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 84; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

Next week: 16th Sunday of the Year: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 22; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34



For parish matters please contact Florie, the Parish Secretary on 07395 954905
or by email cranford@rcdow.org.uk. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE SAFEGUARDING EMAIL**

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

As the Delta Variant is still prominent in the Hounslow area we are only accepting a maximum of 65 people at each Mass.

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 10 including baby, parents and godparents). **Please note enquiries are only accepted from parishioners living within the parish boundary of Cranford.**

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.

PLANNED GIVING 2021-22

A number of you have signed up for boxes and these are still awaiting collection. If your name appears on this list, please see Florie. Anita Fernandes (165), Zenya Fernandes (147), Santana Fernandes (164), Francisco Fernandes (157), Adwin Fernandes (17), Custodio Gama (101), Macon Serra (168), Jeronio Fernandes (30), Mrs A Mascarenhas (161), Petronila Pinto (93), Carmen Rebelo (130), Rebecca Pires (90), Inacio Souza (76), Elisa Rivera (170), Peter D'Mello (171), Valente Silveira (162) and Sydney Da Cunha (172).

MARRIAGE CARE

<https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/> founded in the Diocese of Westminster, Marriage Care provides a donation only counselling service for couples.

OPEN EVENTS – ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

For admission to Year 7 in 2022 – **Thursday 23rd September 2021**
For admission to St Paul's Sixth Form (Year 12) in 2022 – **Wednesday 29th September 2021**. *Further information to follow.*

THANK YOU

On behalf of Fr Bernard, the Parish Council and Finance Committee I would like to thank all those who contributed towards Fr Tim's gift (Confessional stole and money), to Sally and her family for the delicious cupcakes, to the ushers and volunteers and all who attended and made last Sunday so special. It was a proud moment for us to have Fr Tim celebrate Mass. *Florie*

PARISH JUBILEE MAGAZINE

The Parish Magazine in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Church is ready and will shortly be available in a PDF format on our website. If you would like a hard copy please let Florie know. A big thank you to Joshua De Souza and Neil De Mendonca for their hard work and effort in putting this together and to all who contributed articles, photographs, etc. Copies of the magazine are available in the sacristy for you to have a look.

VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE SANCTUARY OF LOURDES

Whilst we cannot travel to Lourdes, Lisa and Lina from Tangney Tours have prepared a virtual tour of the Sanctuary of Lourdes. Over the coming weeks we will be able releasing a number of short videos giving you virtual access to the Sanctuary of Lourdes. This will be published every Tuesday and Friday at 13.45hrs following by the live Rosary from the Grotto. Join us on Facebook facebook.com/tangneytours

SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at Sea. Stella Maris is the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Please visit www.sellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday for more information. If you would like to donate please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text SEA to 7046 to donate £5.

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.*



Intercessory Prayers for Seafarers

This is the year of St Joseph, who Pope Francis in 'Patris corde' describes as 'a working father, a father in the shadows'. Let us pray for all those who labour unseen, especially for those seafarers whose toil on far-off oceans is vital and yet so rarely noticed, as they work hard to transport the world's good and to provide income for their own families. *Lord hear us.*

We pray for the welfare of seafarers and fishers, whose rights and dignity are too often overlooked and ask God to comfort those who feel lonely and far from loved ones. *Lord hear us*

We pray for all those who have been injured in accidents, those who are ill-treated and frightened and for all those lost at sea. *Lord hear us*