

Church of Our Lady and St Christopher, Cranford

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th/18th July 2021

Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 22; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

Next week: 17th Sunday of the Year: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 144; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15



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

STEP 4 OF THE ROADMAP FROM 19TH JULY

The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales have set out some guidelines post 19th July.

- Sanitising of hands on entry to churches
- Wearing of face coverings will continue
- Social distancing will be reduced gradually in Cranford
- Numbers attending Mass will gradually be increased by the end of July providing Covid cases have not risen further.
- Online booking for Mass will continue
- Sunday obligation is still suspended and it is hoped, all being well, at least until the First Sunday of Advent.
- We, in Cranford, will continue to use stewards and continue to follow the one-way system currently in place.

Please note that we are sticking to some of these measures as the variant is still high and not everybody has had both vaccines and some have not had any. This is to protect ourselves, our visiting priests and you.

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: although the restriction on numbers has been lifted, we in Cranford are limiting this to 10 while the variant is still high.

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. Please keep them in your prayers as their special day is fast approaching.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING

Although the church is sanitised after each Mass and occasionally hoovered, to maintain the place we need to do regular hoovering, dusting, mopping. If anyone has an hour or so to spare on a Tuesday or Friday morning please speak to Florie, who is currently gathering a list of names.

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.

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.

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.*

