

Church of Our Lady and St Christopher, Cranford

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th/29th August 2021

Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; Psalm 14; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Next week: 23rd Sunday of the Year: Isaiah 35:4-7; Psalm 145; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37



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



Welcome back after the summer break. We pray for all our children at the start of the new school year later in the week, those going to university or starting work. God Bless you, guide you and be with you all.

STEP 4 OF THE ROADMAP FOR ST CHRISTOPHER'S

- Sanitising of hands on entry and exit
- Wearing of face coverings will continue
- Social distancing will be reduced gradually in Cranford
- Numbers attending Mass has gradually increased and we hope that by September people are more confident to gather in larger numbers, providing Covid cases have not risen further.
- Online booking for Mass will continue for a while
- Track and Trace, stewards and following the one-way system will continue as usual for a few more weeks.
- Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind.
- Sign of Peace is still suspended.
- Hopefully, choirs and music, readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers will resume in September.
- Sunday obligation is still suspended and it is hoped, all being well, at least until the First Sunday of Advent. Parish Mass Books and Hymn Books will be available from the First Sunday of Advent too.

We are keeping to 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.

CHURCH MINISTRIES

We hope to resume our ministries by mid-September and I ask all Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Choir groups, Money Counters, Flower Arrangers to speak to Florie if you would like to continue with your ministry or take up one of these ministries.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you to those who offered to help with church cleaning. Please could you come on Friday, September 3rd at 10am.

SACRAMENTS

For Baptisms and Weddings please speak to Florie

First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes are suspended until further notice.

TOILETS

The toilets have been open for emergency only and will re-open fully in September. However, we have found, on a couple of occasions, that the taps (especially in the gents) have not been turned off thereby wasting gallons of precious water. This has happened again this week with so much water overflowing that the floor was wet. PLEASE BE SENSIBLE AND RESPONSIBLE.



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.*