

# CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST CHRISTOPHER CRANFORD

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1 (Page 127):** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11;  
John 2:1-11

**Next week: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 129):** Nehemiah 8:2-, 8-10; Psalm 18;  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



## Parish Team

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## Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on [www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)

## MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please call Florie or visit the office on a Tuesday or Friday 10.30am-11.00am.

## ONLINE MASSES

Mass and other liturgies live streamed from Westminster Cathedral and other parishes are available at [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

## MASS TIMES

**Sunday Masses:** Saturday Evening 5.00pm (Vigil Mass), 9.00am and 11.00am

**Monday to Thursday:** 10am Mass

No Mass on Friday or Saturday morning

**Confession:** Saturday 4.15pm-4.45pm and on call

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Dear Friends

## The Bride of Christ – where prayer and action meet

We are now very firmly in that period of the Church's Year which is called either "Ordinary Time" or "Time through the Year". We are focussing this week on the beautiful Gospel of the Wedding Feast at Cana. You will also see in this week's Newsletter a short piece entitled "Motivation". This is a reflection on the Gospel passage as a preparation for a deeper appreciation of what the Gospel is saying to us as an individual. It can form part of a style of prayer called Lectio Divina, in which we read each line of a scripture passage slowly and meditatively and allow a word or phrase to sink into our hearts and minds. During the day or week which follows we can keep coming back to that particular word or sentence and consider what God might be saying to me. "Do whatever He tells you".

This is a very good preparation for what we do each day. Our prayer life should inform our daily life and become part of it. The two should not be kept away from each other but increasingly join together. During Lent, I propose to use these short messages in the Newsletter to consider, albeit briefly, various aspects of prayer, always remembering the maxim "pray as you can, not as you can't".

Have a blessed week.

## Father John

**Peace Sunday** follows the international World Day of Peace and is celebrated in the parishes of England and Wales on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. The theme is taken from [Pope Francis' message for the 55th World Day of Peace](#): *Dialogue between Generations, Education, Work and Dialogue: Tools for Building Lasting Peace*.

Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, takes the lead in providing resources for Peace Sunday. Its National President, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon of Liverpool, says:

"This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other.

The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times."

## Prayer

O God of peace, who are peace itself  
and whom a spirit of discord  
cannot grasp,  
nor a violent mind receive,  
grant that those who are one in heart  
may persevere in what is good  
and that those in conflict  
may forget evil and so be healed.  
Amen

## UPDATE ON THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PROGRAMMES

Dear Parents,

As advised last week we had to delay the start of both the First Communion and Confirmation programmes.

All parents were advised by email.

We are pleased to announce that the First Holy Communion meetings will commence on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and Confirmation on 29<sup>th</sup> January as per the timetable given before.

Any questions please email

[CranfordFirstCommunion@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:CranfordFirstCommunion@rcdow.org.uk) - First Communion parents

[CranfordConfirmation@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:CranfordConfirmation@rcdow.org.uk) - Confirmation parents -

## NEW COVID GUIDANCE FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

With respect to the current situation with the Omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our church:

- People displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- For Weekend Masses, Holy Days of Obligation and special Feast Day Masses please continue to use the online booking system. For Weekday Masses please complete the Track and Trace Register as you enter Church.
- Please continue to use the hand sanitiser when attending Church.
- HM Government has made the **wearing of face covering mandatory in Places of Worship from 10<sup>th</sup> December covering (both nose and mouth) unless you are exempt.**
- There is good ventilation and air throughput in the building. However, because of climatic conditions, you should remember to wrap up well in church!
- If you have not been vaccinated, we encourage you to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able whenever possible.
- Distribution of communion will be at the usual time during Mass. Communion to be received on the palm of your hand only.
- Two Altar Servers at each Mass.
- Readers and Eucharistic Ministers to be kept to a minimum for the time being.
- Choir/Music Group allowed but no congregational singing.
- Masses continue to be available online for those who are vulnerable or shielding or self-isolating. The Sunday Obligation remains suspended.
- Please adhere to government and local guidelines and maintain social distancing. Do not linger outside or mix with people outside of your group after Mass. Please go straight home.
- There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of this variant's viral transmission is through aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. As such the strict regimes that were recommended at the beginning are no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

With immediate effect, Florie will no longer be doing flowers or routine church work. We obviously need volunteers for these roles (flowers, repository, sacristy, etc.) so please speak to Fr John if you are able to help.

## GOSPEL MOTIVATION FOR JOHN 2:1-11

"If you have ever been to a wedding, you will know the excitement and anticipation of sitting together with the other guests before the ceremony starts, waiting for the bride to arrive. We are in a similar situation now as we prepare for this moment of Lectio. Our eternal bridegroom is about to reveal himself to us in his Word. Let us sit with that excited anticipation for a moment. In the Gospel we are about to read, we will see Jesus' first sign that he is not just human, but also God. And he is a God that not only provides for us, but chooses to give us the very best of the best. He chooses to give his very self to us. We must prepare ourselves now to meet this bridegroom. With careful attention let us focus our gaze upon him. Let us open our hearts to welcome his Word. Do not let this special moment pass you by. Behold, here he comes."

## WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Our warmest congratulations to Franzen Rodrigues and Priscilla Noronha who celebrated the sacrament of marriage during the week.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

Daily Mass Readings can be downloaded on to your phones using the following app *Hallow* or download <http://Universalis.com>.

We have also ordered a few copies of the booklet *Day by Day* which gives daily readings and a short reflection. These will be available in February and cost £1.00 each.

## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all who stayed on after Mass last week or came back to help remove the decorations, put them away and clear/tidy up. I do however need help to remove the star in the presbytery porch.

## HELP REQUIRED

Fr John is seeking volunteers to help during the weekday Masses at the altar and also with other small tasks around the Church and presbytery. This is your parish and we need to work together as a community.

## EILEEN BERKELEY RIP

It is with sadness we learnt of the passing of Eileen Berkeley a former parishioner. Eileen and her husband Tony were very active members of the parish since the parish was built. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Coronation Street, South Ascot, SL5 9HG. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome. We pray for the happy repose of Eileen's soul and also keep Tony and her children and their families in our prayers.

## FCJ SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

The Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) offer quiet days of prayer, monthly retreats and other programmes right through the year. They are based in Somers Town close to Euston Station in London. A copy of the programme is on the notice board or check them out on Facebook: FCJ SPIRITUALITY CENTRE, LONDON.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**New Year Morning Masses:** Loose: £598.70

**Jan 1-2:** Loose £361.70 Envelopes £379.00 Total £740.70

**Jan 8-9:** Loose £265.95 Envelopes £357.70 Total £623.65

**Epiphany:** Loose £30.00; **Late Christmas Offering;** £168.00

**Crib Appeal for Catholic Children's Society:** £769.21

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