

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST CHRISTOPHER CRANFORD

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th/30th January 2022

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1 (Page 132): Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 70;
1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13; Luke 4:21-30
Next week: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Page 135): Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;
Luke 5:1-11



Parish Team

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Monday 2pm-5pm

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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

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

MASS TIMES

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

Tuesday to Friday: 10am Mass, **Saturday:** 12.30pm
No Mass on Monday or Tuesday morning from 7th February

Confession: Saturday 4.15pm-4.45pm and on call

This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699

Dear Friends

Light in the darkness

On Wednesday of this week, we will celebrate the feast of Candlemas, on which day the longer Christmas season ends. Candlemas is when we recall the Feast of the Presentation when the parents of Jesus took Him, still a baby, to the Temple and there made the traditional offering for a first-born son. Every night the Church prays the Song of Simeon – the *Nunc Dimittis* – which reminds us that Christ is “the light to enlighten the Gentiles”. He is our light in the darkness and the darkness will not triumph.

Now, Master, you let your servant go in peace.

You have fulfilled your promise.

My own eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples.

A light to bring the Gentiles from darkness;
the glory of your people Israel. (*Roman Breviary*)

Deacon in Formation

On Saturday 5th February we welcome Roly Leon to the parish. Roly is a Deacon in Formation for the Permanent Diaconate for our Diocese and all being well, will be ordained this summer. He will be joining us most Saturdays to familiarise himself with the liturgical duties of a Deacon as well as gaining a broader parish experience, besides that which he has already experienced at Feltham, where he will continue to be each Sunday. He is looking forward to being at Cranford and I think it will be a really positive experience for all of us.

Have a blessed week.

Father John

CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASS

This week Mass will be on Tuesday to Friday at 10am and on Saturday at 12.30pm

From **Monday 7th February**, weekday Masses will be on Wednesday to Friday at 10am and Saturday at 12.30pm

NEW COVID GUIDANCE FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE – 27 January 2022

Although Plan B was lifted in full on 27th January the following guidance is offered to the dioceses of England and Wales.

- We thank you for wearing a mask in Church and keeping yourself and others safe. Please continue to wear your masks whilst inside Church (covering both nose and mouth) unless you are exempt.
- People displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 or Omicron should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- Whilst it is not a legal requirement, you are encouraged when in Church to continue to use our phone app.
- Please continue to use the hand sanitiser when entering and leaving Church.
- All ministers of Holy Communion should still sanitise their hands for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Churches should continue to ensure there is good ventilation, balancing this against the need for church heating, especially at this time.
- There is no need for formal social distancing in Church buildings, although those present should be sensitive to the needs of others around them.
- Masses continue to be available online for those who are vulnerable or shielding or self-isolating. The Sunday Obligation is still suspended.

VACANCIES

St Paul's College Sunbury

Teacher of RE with Key Stage Responsibility. Start September 2022. Application packs available at www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College, Richmond

Start September 2022.

Subject leader of Physics (closing date 6 February)

Teacher of English (closing date 4 February)

<https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies>

TALKS AROUND THE DIOCESE

The God who Speak Scripture Festival – St Alban's Cathedral, Thursday 3rd to Saturday 5th February from 10am to 4pm. Find out more www.rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival or on Facebook @TheGodWhoSpeaksScriptureFestival and on Instagram: @ScriptureFestival

Journey through Lent with St Ignatius of Loyola
2nd March – 17 April. Lent Retreat created by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow. Visit www.onlineprayer.net for details

FOR THE SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

Beginning Experience Weekend – a residential weekend to help you heal 8th-10th April at Sion Community, Brentwood. Email: besouthofengland@gmail.com

Restored Lives workshops to support teenagers and young adults: 13-18 yrs Wed 2nd March 5.30-6.30pm, 18-30 yrs Wed 2nd March 7.30-9.30pm.
<https://www.restoredlives.org/yourdirection>

Gospel Motivation for Luke 4:21-30

"The Gospel this week is challenging. It follows on from the Gospel of last week, but reading it seems difficult out of context. Reading through the first reading, the Psalm, and the second reading, a clear message seems to come through: That in all things, we are called to work with God. Without God's love and assistance, I can do nothing, yet He still wants me to prepare, to invite Him in and trust Him freely in the heavenly battle. Which isn't always easy.

Paul says: I can know only imperfectly. Isn't that beautiful? And isn't it true? It is through the grace of God we know this, and often, an examination of conscience will remind us of this humble truth.

So, having reflected on the other readings we'll hear at Mass, we can come to the Gospel with an awareness that the anger and the rage we see Jesus confronted with is a reminder of what can happen when we lash out because we do not understand Him or do not get our way. It seems like they wanted everything He said to them to be affirming, just like we do. But God does challenge us, and gives us our role to play in His work. If we forget to invite Him in, we will be met with our own anger and frustration. Paul sums it up well when he says, if I am without love, it will do me no good whatsoever.

What do you think God is challenging you to do this week? Let Him in, let His praise be your theme, and you will endure and rise to whatever comes. He is always with you, and has marvellous plans for you if you can only trust and let Him be your guide through the good and bad."

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are planning on getting married either in this country or abroad a minimum of six months' notice is required to process the paperwork. Please do not wait until a month or so before your date, especially those getting married abroad, as the necessary permissions will not reach your destination in time. Please call Fr John to make an appointment.

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.

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.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE FORM SIGNING

Please contact Fr John for an appointment for signing of the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Nursery.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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