

# CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST CHRISTOPHER CRANFORD

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## The Baptism of the Lord

8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1 (Page 118):** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10:34-38;  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**Next week: Second Sunday of the Year (Page 127):** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 95; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11



Dear Friends

### A New Year in Cranford!

Firstly, Happy New Year! I pray that this coming year will be a better one for all of us and that we will begin – perhaps slowly - to see a more familiar pattern to parish life.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity over the Christmas period, for which I am really grateful. Thank you as well to all those who worked so hard, often unseen behind the scenes who did so much to bring the Christmas festivities to life in a blaze of light and colour!

We are extremely fortunate to have Our Lady as one of the patrons of the parish and at the start of the year, it is an appropriate moment to ask for her help and her prayers for our parish. One of the oldest prayers to Our Lady is the “Sub Tuum Praesidium”

*We fly to thy protection,  
O holy Mother of God.*

*Despise not our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

May Our Lady guide, protect and encourage us all this year!

Stay safe and have a good week.

**Father John**

*The Parish Office is Open on Tues Morning and all day Thursday this week.*

### Parish Team

*Parish Priest:*

**Fr. John Tabor**

Email: [johntabor@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:johntabor@rcdow.org.uk)

*Parish Secretary:*

**Florie Fernandes**

**Parish Office Open:**

Monday 2pm-5pm

Tuesday 9am-12noon and

Friday 9.00am-4.00pm

*Parish Safeguarding Officer:*

**Natalie Smith**

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Mobile: 07851 390118 (Dedicated Parish Safeguarding Number)

### 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)

### NEW 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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## UPDATE ON THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PROGRAMMES

Dear Parents, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to delay the start of both the First Communion and Confirmation programmes. All parents were advised by email. If you have not received the update, 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 -

Once we have new start dates, parents will be advised

## 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.

## WEDDINGS

**SIX MONTHS NOTICE** is required for marriage paperwork to be completed whether the marriage is here or abroad. Please do not come a month or 3 weeks before your marriage date as you may be disappointed.

## BAPTISMS

Please call or email Fr John ([cranford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cranford@rcdow.org.uk)) if you would like your child baptised.

## 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. Please take and complete the form given to you as you came into Church, think carefully about how you can help and what you can help with, complete and return it during the week or next weekend. This is your parish and we need to work together as a community.

## GIFT AID RETURN

Thank you to all who are signed up for Gift Aid. This year we received from the Tax Office £7,297.81 from the Planned Giving Envelopes and Standing Orders and £2,000.00 from the Loose plate. All this is at no extra cost to you and we would encourage people not signed up for Gift Aid to do so as it will help with building up our finances.

## 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.

## CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

If you need a Certificate or School form signed please speak to Fr John.

## SIXTH FORM AT ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE (SRRCC)

The deadline for SRRCC Sixth Form applications is Friday 14th January. Apply by visiting our website: <https://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-admissions>. We welcome applications from all faiths and none. If you have any questions, we would be really pleased to help. Feel free to email [sixthformadmissions@srrcc.org.uk](mailto:sixthformadmissions@srrcc.org.uk). They also have lots of job vacancies for teaching posts please check the website

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Dec 4-5: Loose £175.69 Envelopes £289 Total £464.69  
Dec 11-12: Loose £229.23 Envelopes £257.00 Total £486.23  
Dec 18-19: Loose £178.34 Envelopes £230.00 Total £408.34  
Dec 26: Loose £74.35 Envelopes £529.87 Total £604.22  
**Christmas:** Loose £1869.05 Christmas Envelopes £589.00  
Total **£2468.05** - Thank you

St Francis Xavier Feast: £133.95  
Standing Orders December: £1485.00  
Online Donations: £247.50 Donations in Church: £130.00

If you wish to donate online please do so directly to our bank, giving your name as a reference.

**HSBC Bank: WRCDT Cranford Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account: 01308637**