

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST CHRISTOPHER CRANFORD

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th/27th February 2022

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1 (Page 144): Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7; Psalm 91;
1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

Ash Wednesday (Page 149): Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 50; 2 Corinthians 5:20,6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Next week: First Sunday of Lent (Page 153): Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 90; Romans 10:8-13;

Luke 4:1-13



Dear Friends

Turning towards the Lord

In a few days' time, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. The word "Lent" comes from an old English word for spring. As the days get longer and we begin to see plants and flowers beginning to grow and in some cases blossom. Lent is a good time for a "spring clean" in our spiritual lives.

Traditionally, we have been encouraged to give things up for Lent – whether in terms of food or drink or a favourite pastime such as social media or television. This is obviously a good thing to do – it reminds us of our complete dependence on God and not just on material things. I would like to suggest another way too, by which we can make a good Lent. We could consider taking something else on – maybe some extra prayer time each day, or coming to Mass on a specific day each week, in addition to our usual Mass attendance. We could also consider some extra outreach – getting in touch with someone we haven't spoken to for a while and checking in with them. "Where love and charity are found, there is God".

Have a good week and let's pray for each other!

Father John

Portuguese Masses

After an interlude of quite some time, the Portuguese Chaplaincy Mass will resume this **Sunday 27th February at 1.00pm**. Thereafter these Masses will take place on every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Fr Carlos is looking forward to returning to Cranford along with the Portuguese Community.

WELCOME TO...

The Right Reverend Paul McAleenan, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster who will be presiding at the 5pm Mass, Fr John Byrne con-celebrating and Deacon Colin Macken to induct Fr John as Parish Priest of Cranford. We also welcome Fr Frans Azzopardi for the 11am Mass on Sunday. I know you will make them all very welcome and we thank them for coming to Cranford.

Parish Team

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Parish Secretary:

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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

Wednesday to Friday: 10am Mass,

Saturday: 12.30pm

No Mass on Monday or Tuesday

Confession: Saturday 4.15pm-4.45pm and on request

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LENT AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S - 2022

This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from the Cardinal for Lent. Please take a copy home as you leave church.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 2nd MARCH

Masses and Imposition of Ashes: 10am and 7pm

This is a day of Fasting and Abstinence when we are asked to act in communion with the whole church. No meat, one meal except those who are exempt.

WEEKDAY MASS IN LENT

Mass will take place Wednesday to Friday at 10am. Saturday Mass will be on 5th and 26th March and 2nd April at 12.30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This devotion will take place on the **second and fourth Fridays during Lent at 7.00pm** when we will be joined by our neighbours from Holy Angels & St Dunstan.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration will take place every Friday during Lent after the 10am Mass for one hour.

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available after **Weekday Mass from 10.30-11am** and **Saturday from 4.15-4.45pm** and at call at any reasonable time.

Please note that there will be no Confessions available during the Triduum so make sure you make your Confession before that.

LENTEN ALMS – The Cardinal's Appeal

This year our Lenten Alms will go towards the Cardinal's Appeal and collections will be taken up on **Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday**. The money raised from the appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster - working to restore hope, enable people to live a life of dignity and word. Please take an envelope, available at the back of church, for your donation.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY CAFOD

Family Fast Day is **Friday 11th March**, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support families around the world. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent). The collection will be taken up on **12/13 March**.

PASSION PLAY

There will be a play here in Church on The Passion organised by the Youth of St Michael & St Martin's Church on **Sunday 20th March at 3.30pm**. This is a free event and all are welcome/encouraged to attend.

RESOURCES FOR LENT

Walk with Me – daily reflections for use by individuals – price £1.00

Day by Day – daily Mass readings with a reflection – Price £1.00

Please put money in the box on the wall by St Jude's statue marked Repository.

Walk with me Calendar – for children, free

CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER LENT

CHALLENGE - There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

COVID GUIDANCE

- 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.

- Please continue to use the hand sanitiser when entering and leaving Church.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Rita Oliver, Joyce Madan** and **Mary Moriarty** who died recently. Both Joyce and Mary and their families were parishioners here but moved away some years ago.

Mary Moriarty RIP: Her Requiem will take place here on **Wednesday 9th March at 11am** followed by burial at 12.30pm at Bedfont Cemetery.

Joyce Madan RIP: Her Requiem will take place here on **Friday 11th March at 11.30am** followed by committal at Hanworth Crematorium.

We keep their families and all who mourn them in our prayers.

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.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, **Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm**. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating **their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary** of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

LOCAL ACTIVITY

The London Borough of Hounslow invite you to join them for an Outdoor Children's Story Time in Avenue Park Playground for a nature inspired story and song: **Dates: Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March from 12noon-12.30pm**. Meet by the Playground.

There will also be a Group Walk in Avenue Park focussing on a new and exciting nature topic each week. **Dates: Wednesday, March 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 12.30pm to 1.30pm**. Meeting Point: outside Our Lady & St Christopher Church.

For more information on either event, please contact Sarah Salisbury on 07565 108901 or sarah.salisbury@lgoal.org.uk

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

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

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