

# CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST CHRISTOPHER CRANFORD

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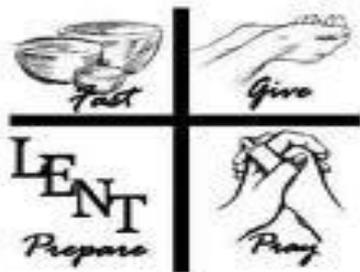
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1 (Page 168):** Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 33; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next week: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Page 176):** Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11



## Parish Team

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*Parish Secretary:*

**Florie Fernandes**

**Parish Office Open:**

Monday 2pm-5pm

Tuesday 9am-12noon and

Friday 9.00am-4.00pm

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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

**Wednesday to Friday:** 10am Mass,

**Saturday:** 12.30pm

No Mass on Monday or Tuesday

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

**Portuguese Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month – 1pm

**Konkani Mass:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - 5.00pm

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Dear Friends

### Mothering Sunday

Today we have a slight pause in our Lenten observances – the purple gives way to the lighter rose – and a reminder too that we are at the halfway point of our Lenten journey and our thoughts will begin to turn towards Passiontide and Easter.

Before that though, there is a moment of joy, especially as we also celebrate Mothering Sunday today.

One of Our Lady's more recent titles is "Mother of the Church". She is our Mother in heaven, who watches over us, cares for us, intercedes for us. Mother Theresa had a very simple but effective prayer which runs like this: "Mary, Mother of Jesus, be a mother to me now". May all our mothers be especially blessed today, and may Our Lady protect us all with her motherly care.

### Contactless Giving

The new financial year will soon be upon us. As part of a move away from cash-based giving, which is being made more challenging with the increasing programme of bank branch closures locally, and reflecting a wider trend towards cashless transactions, we are installing two Contactless Payment machines in the Church. 70% of parishes across the Diocese now have these and it will soon become a requirement for each parish to use these as an additional means of giving. I am aware that this new system of giving will require a period of adjustment, but I am confident that we will soon see the benefits of both ease of access and increased amounts of giving, through your continuing generosity. We will roll the machines out in the period before Easter and in the meantime, please do contact me with any observations or queries.

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

### Father John

**A collection will be taken after Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross on Fridays in aid of the Caritas Ukraine Appeal.**

**Please note: In the event of a Funeral Requiem the Mass intention for that day will be moved to the nearest possible date after and we apologise for any inconvenience.**

## LENT AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S - 2022

### WEEKDAY MASS IN LENT

Mass will take place Wednesday to Friday at 10am.  
Saturday Mass will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Stations of the Cross in Konkani:** every Friday at 11.30am.

### 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.

**Confessions in Konkani in Lent:** every Friday at 11.45am.

*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 the next collection will be taken up on **Holy Thursday**. Please take an envelope, available at the back of church, for your donation.

### THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

### Gospel Motivation for Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

We are now at the halfway point of this Lenten journey. As you listen to today's Gospel, consider how God might be speaking to you about the journey so far... am I feeling enthused, or complacent? Do I want to be transformed this Lent, or is something holding me back? The news from Ukraine is bad – does the fear of what the future might hold, keep me from allowing me to respond freely to the gifts God is offering me at this time, or do I feel I am doing enough already to become a new person? I invite you to listen carefully to the words in the Gospel as they point the way to closer union with Jesus.

The encounter with Our Lord is always both reassuring and challenging. The work of perfection is ongoing, drawing me on to the eternal banquet in heaven of which the Mass and the coming feasts are but a foretaste!

### READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please collect your new Rotas from the sacristy this weekend.

The lists for Reading a Eucharistic Ministry during Holy Week and Easter will be available next weekend.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The Planned Giving Envelopes for 2022-23 are available to collect from Florie this weekend. Envelopes have been renewed for those parishioners who have been actively giving in the last couple of years. **A simpler way** of giving is to set up a Standing Order and forms are available at the back of Church.

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Following a recent Audit, it was recommended that we get one or two additional Safeguarding Representatives in addition to Natalie Smith. They would then each have an area of safeguarding to look after. If anyone is interested in this role, please talk Fr John for more details and to get a copy of a person specification.

### 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.

### CARITAS WESTMINSTER

Please see notice board for information, workshops and events taking place during Lent and an opportunity to volunteer.

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** with the Chiswick Baroque at St Vincent De Paul Church, Osterley TW7 4aj on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. See flyer on wall.

### CATHOLICS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE;

**ETHICS AND PRACTICE.** Please see poster on board for more details.

**LENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS** (aged 18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 2nd April 2022 in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat (10.30am-6.30pm) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, with talks, workshops, prayer, Stations of the Cross, time for confessions and mass. Venue: Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. Register by emailing: [tramy@assumptionreligious.org](mailto:tramy@assumptionreligious.org)

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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

