

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST CHRISTOPHER CRANFORD

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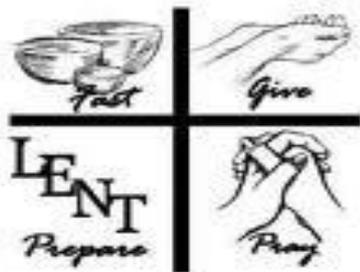


Fifth Sunday of Lent

2nd/3rd April 2022

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1 (Page 176): Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 125; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Next week: Palm Sunday (Page 186): Gospel Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14, 23:56



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/Diocese 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

Portuguese Mass: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month – 1pm

Konkani Mass: 4th Sunday of the month - 5.00pm

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

Dear Friends

Going deeper into myself

We have now arrived at that part of Lent called Passiontide. The Crosses and statues are now veiled and we are invited to move from the desert with Our Lord, to accompany Him now on His journey to Jerusalem, which will reach its climax during the days of the Sacred Triduum. This period of Lent also encourages us to look more deeply into ourselves and perhaps to re-commit in a way to the Lenten journey we began on Ash Wednesday.

No two Lents are the same and certainly this one has been overshadowed by the war in Ukraine and the continuing refugee crisis. This Sunday's Gospel is a reminder that we should avoid judgements on people, but also encourage people to live in an integrated and honest way, by which we can all become broadly-based and well-rounded persons, building up the community around us.

Candles

One of the nicest things I have encountered in this parish is the great atmosphere of prayer, especially in the Church. The sight of the flickering candles on the candle stands is a wonderful expression of this. Once we have the Contactless Payment machines installed in the Church, it will be possible to give your candle offerings via that method, or scan the QR code on your device. In the meantime, please continue to give your cash offerings via the boxes provided. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

There will be Mass on Monday 4th April at 10.00. No Mass on Wednesday 6th April.

Please note: In the event of a Funeral Requiem or other matter arising 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 9th 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

Gospel Motivation for John 8: 1-11

"The continuing warm weather and the bursting forth of new life in the gardens, fields and hedgerows is an indication that in the midst of the continuing bloodshed and suffering in Ukraine and elsewhere, that there is new life and new life in abundance. As you listen to the words of today's Gospel, it is an opportunity to consider how wonderful is God's generosity toward each of us, so constant, so abundant and given freely. How do I give to others in relation to this superabundance? Am I lacking the courage to be generous, do I judge the person rather than the action?

Above all, do I see others and everything in the world around me as created gift, freely given, an expression of God's complete love for me and indeed everyone? "Oh all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord. To Him be highest glory and praise for ever"!"

MASS FOR MIGRANTS

At Westminster Cathedral on **Monday 2nd May. 2pm Banner Procession, 2.3pm Mass**. Principal Celebrant: Bishop Michael Campbell OSA

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 7th 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.

STEPPING STONES – DIGNITY OF WORK

As Catholics we believe in the Dignity of Work. The job market can be a minefield, particularly for those for whom English is not their first language, or who might not be aware of the options available to them. The Upper Room and Caritas Westminster invite you to join their free online 'Stepping Stones' programme to learn how to accompany people into dignified employment. Receive full training and support to become a **Dignified Work Champion** in your parish or outreach project. This programme has been funded by the St John Southworth Fund. [More information, video and registration www.tinyurl.com/workchampions](http://www.tinyurl.com/workchampions) The programme will start after Easter, the **deadline for applications is 15th April 2022**.

THE PASSAGE, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online by 12.00noon on Tuesday 19th April makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22> to support the campaign. The Passage would be grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance in making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.

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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