

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST CHRISTOPHER CRANFORD

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

14th/15th May 2022

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1 (Page 271): Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 144; Apocalypse 21:1-5;

John 13:31-35

Next week: Sixth Sunday of Easter (Page 273): Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66; Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23;

John 14:23-29



Dear Friends

“There and back again”

At the end of their Plenary Meeting on 6th May, the Bishops of England and Wales issued a statement regarding the restoration of the Sunday Obligation from Pentecost Sunday, 5th June. For many of you who have already returned, this will simply be a continuation of what you are doing now. However, there may well be some who have “got out of the habit” of Sunday Mass.

Two years is, after all, a significant amount of time, and much has changed – although the reality of God’s continuing love for each of us, remains. Please do encourage those you might know who have slipped away from regular Mass attendance. Crucially: pray for them and for all our Parish family, that we may be a beacon of light, hope and welcome in this place!

Have a good week and let’s pray for each other.

Father John

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. We apologise for any inconvenience.

If you need a Mass for a special intention (birthday, wedding anniversary) or death anniversary please try and give at least three months’ notice. Our Mass intention book is quite full for the next two months.

Parish Team

Parish Priest:

Fr. John Tabor

Email: johnntabor@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

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



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The Planned Giving Envelopes for 2022-23 are available to collect from Florie. 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.

For those of you who have collected your envelopes please use the correct date and not pick an envelope randomly from your box. If you have not been to Church for a few weeks than you need to put in the money for the weeks you were absent.

CONTACTLESS MACHINES

The Wifi has been installed in Church and the machines will be in place this weekend. The weekend of 21st-22nd May, a member of the Fundraising Department will be at the Masses to give a short talk and demonstrate how the machines work.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Please keep our children and young people in your prayers as they come to the end of their preparations for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The First Holy Communion dates are June 4th and 11th and Confirmation June 3rd and 17th.

RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST

An invitation from the Bishops to Catholics to return to attendance at Mass in person at Pentecost. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example the sick and elderly, for whom this obligation does not apply.

Please take a copy of the statement from the Bishop's Conference. Also available on our website.

PERMANENT DIACONATE –

'COME & SEE' - 21ST MAY 2022

The Permanent Deacon is a man who serves the Church through ministry of Word, Altar and Charity, under the direction of the Bishop and Priest. For men who may be interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate, they are invited to a **'Come & See' Morning on Saturday 21st May, 10am - 12noon** at Church of The Guardian Angels, 377 Mile End Road, E3 4QS. For further information please contact Deacon Adrian Cullen adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or 07961 594725 See also <https://rcdow.org.uk/vocations/permanent-diaconate/>

THE PARADOX OF ABUNDANCE

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System.

See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

KATYN MEMORIAL AND THAMES RIVERSIDE

WALK on Saturday June 4th at 10:30am starting at Gunnersbury Cemetery and going along the south side of the Thames via Kew Bridge and Barnes to Hammersmith followed by a meal (self paid) at the Cross Keys in Ravenscourt. This is open to all parishioners and their families. See poster for more details and email dining@osterley-catena.org to register your interest.

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

We are currently advertising some teacher vacancies on our web-site and would be grateful if you could post the link somewhere in your next newsletter:

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

The current vacancies we have are:

- Primary School Teacher;
- Subject Leader of Design Technology
- Teacher of Religious Education

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY

The following vacancies are available at the college please see website for further details and flyers on notice board and on their website

www.stpauls.surrey.sch.uk.

- Exam Invigilators required – St Paul's Catholic College
- Summer Internship opportunities with Teach South East

GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL ..

..is looking to appoint an enthusiastic Welfare and Attendance Officer with excellent customer service skills. Details of this position can be found on our website www.gumleyhouse.com or by contacting Donna Godwin on dgodwin@gumleyhouse.com

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY - APRIL

2-3 Apr: Loose £395.70 Envelopes £242.95 Total: £638.65
9-10 Apr: Loose £986.91 Envelopes £274.50 Total: £1,261.41
EASTER: Loose £3,135.99 Envelopes: £603 Total: £3,738.99
23-24 Apr: Loose £509.98 Envelopes £174.80 Total: £684.78

Standing Orders April: £1,203.00; Online Donations: £119.24

HOLY PLACES: £1,732.08; CARDINAL'S APPEAL: £1,104.58

UKRAINE upto 30/4: £672.23; CAFOD - £498.00

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

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