

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST CHRISTOPHER CRANFORD

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

21st/22nd May 2022

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1 (Page 273): Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66;

Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

The Ascension of the Lord (Page 277): Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53

Next week: Seventh Sunday of Easter (Page 281): Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 96; Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17, 20;

John 17:20-26



Parish Team

Parish Priest:

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Parish Secretary:

Florie Fernandes

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Monday 2pm-5pm

Tuesday 9am-12noon and

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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

“Peace, but not as the world knows it...”

The motto of the Benedictines is “peace among thorns”. This sounds rather counter cultural and odd to our contemporary ears. Surely, we might think, peace is about tranquillity and the absence of thorny things. However, tranquillity is an incidental by product in the spiritual life, often given to beginners in the Christian journey, but as a source of temporary consolation, rather than as an end in itself.

An interior peace is very hard to arrive at – one way into it is by cultivating the art of silence; itself quite a hard thing to do. We should have real confidence in God’s love and care for us “do not let your hearts be troubled”. God has everything in hand; when we allow Him to speak to us in those moments of quiet – which themselves will take time to become accustomed to – we will find that, although challenges and the daily round remain, we will be able to face them with a new confidence, a renewed hope, borne of our trust in God and His loving Providence.

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

Father John

Contactless Training

We welcome Laura McLellan and Will Wright, my colleagues from the Fundraising Department this weekend who are here to give a training session on the use of the Contactless Machines. I am very grateful to them for taking the time to come and visit us. I know we will make them very welcome!

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.

There is no Mass on Wednesday 25 May at 10am



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This Thursday we celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and Masses will be at 10am and 6.30pm

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Could the following people please collect your Planned Giving Envelope Boxes by 29th May.

Jemima Aboah, Valdanox Da Cruz, Sydney Da Cunha, Eusebio Fernandes, Felix Fernandes, Robby Goes, Felipe Gomes, Jose X Goncalves, Macon Serra and Peter Silveira.

From June no more Planned Giving Envelopes will be issued. Going forward you can pay by Contactless machine or set up a standing order. It is becoming more and more difficult to find a bank branch that is open.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

<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

CATHOLIC LISTENERS

Catholic Listeners is a new telephone helpline created to listen to the troubled or concerned, especially those wishing to reconnect with their faith. Operating 3 days a week 4pm-7pm Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. All calls to the helpline are free 0800 448 0704 or email Ade on

catholiclisteners@gmail.com

THE LONDON EUCHARISTIC OCTAVE

11th-19th June 2022 – Celebrating the Eucharistic heart of the Catholic Church at Corpus Christi Shrine, 1 Maiden Lane, Covent Garden WC2E 7NB

Saturday 11th, 6pm Mass opening the Octave

Monday 13th – Friday 17th – 6.30pm – Mass in various Rites and Uses of the Catholic Church.

Thursday 16-Saturday 18th 7am-Midnight

Quarant'Ore Devotions (maidenlane.org.uk/forty)

Sunday 19th 11am – Corpus Christi Mass and Procession with the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 21	12.30pm 5.00pm	Domingos & Maria De Araujo Richardo RIP (Anniversary) Antonia Ruzada Fernandes RIP (First Anniversary)
Sun 22	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm	Sabina & Joe Fernandes in Thanksgiving – 45 th Wedding Anniversary Dorothy Mithra RIP (First Anniversary) PORTUGUESE MASS KONKANI MASS
Mon 23		No Mass
Tues 24		No Mass
Wed 25		No Mass
Thurs 26	10.00am 6.30pm	Christaline & Alexio Fernandes RIP Querobine & Jose Pereira RIP (Anniversary)
Fri 27	10a.00am	Costabir Intentions
Sat 28	5.00pm	No Morning Mass In Thanksgiving Fernandes Family
Sun 29	9.00am 11.00am	Deceased members of the Stefanowski and Oliver Families RIP Joaquim & Anita Fernandes in Thanksgiving – 25 th Wedding Anniversary

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The Contactless machines is available in the Church. If you wish to donate online please do so directly to our bank, giving your name as a reference.

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