

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST CHRISTOPHER CRANFORD

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

28th/29th May 2022

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 1 (Page 281): Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 96;

Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26

Next week: Pentecost Sunday (Page 294): Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 13; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; Sequence;

John 20:19-23



Dear Friends

WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE

We are now in the season of Ascensiontide – it is a sort of “between time”, following on from last Thursday’s feast and the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles at Pentecost. It is another stage in both our liturgical and spiritual journeys – and for those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on both 3rd and 17th June, it marks a definite point at which they become adult Catholic Christians, sealed and strengthened by the gifts and graces afforded by the Holy Spirit.

We should not consider ourselves merely passive onlookers – the disciples at the Ascension were told to await the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who would equip them for service and mission. This is the message for us too –we can have a founded and trusting hope that God always keeps His word to us. The reality may sometimes be unexpected, but the results, if we choose to co-operate with God’s plans for us, will always be to our good.

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

Father John

Parish Team

Parish Priest:

Fr. John Tabor

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Parish Secretary:

Florie Fernandes

Parish Office Open:

Monday 2pm-5pm

Tuesday 9am-12noon and

Friday 9.00am-4.00pm – Closed on 3 June

Parish Safeguarding Officer:

Natalie Smith

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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

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

Please note that there is Mass on Monday 30th May at the earlier time of 9.30am.

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 full for the next two months.



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

We are still looking for volunteers to join a newly reconstituted Finance Committee. The Parish Finance Committee is a requirement under Canon Law, to act as an advisory body to the Parish Priest and in turn to the Diocesan Trustees.

Each member has a specific area to look after, including Secretary, Treasurer, Gift Aid, Property and Health & Safety. Full training will be given; this is a real opportunity to get involved in shaping the future of the Parish. Please either see me or contact me if you are interested in serving in this way. Interviews with the Parish Support Team will be held on 30th June and appointments will be confirmed shortly afterwards.

TEMPORARY NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

As part of the Wi-Fi upgrade, we have a temporary telephone number, which will enable callers to access the new telephone system.

This number – **0203 005 6364** – will be in use for the next 6-8 weeks. Thereafter we will revert to the existing Parish telephone number.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

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

Jemima Aboah, Sydney Da Cunha, Eusebio Fernandes, Felix Fernandes, Robby Goes, Felip Gomes, Jose X Goncalves and Macon Serra

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.

PRAYING THE ROSARY WITH THE POPE

Some of you will already have seen the news that next **Tuesday, 31 May 2022**, at 6pm (5pm UK time) Pope Francis will be reciting the Rosary in front of the statue of Our Lady Queen of Peace in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome. In doing so, 'he wishes to offer a sign of hope to the world, suffering through the conflict in Ukraine, and profoundly wounded through the violence of so many other theatres of war.'

We are all encouraged to join with the Pope's prayer next Tuesday, the end of the Marian month of May. This could be through a recitation of the Rosary in your homes or elsewhere, praying for peace in Ukraine.

THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom come is a global prayer movement that is inviting Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus from Ascension to Pentecost. For further information, see poster on notice board or <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

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 28	5.00pm	No Morning Mass In Thanksgiving Fernandes Family
Sun 29	9.00am	Deceased members of the Stefanowski and Oliver Families RIP
	11.00am	Joaquim & Anita Fernandes in Thanksgiving – 25 th Wedding Anniversary
	1.00pm	PORTUGUESE MASS
Mon 30	9.30am	People of the Parish
Tues 31		No Mass
Wed 1	10.00am	In Thanksgiving Ephram Almeida
Thurs 2	10.00am	Julietta Morais RIP
Fri 3	10.00am	Barbara Wallace (Intention)
	6.30pm	CONFIRMATION
Sat 4	11.00am	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
	2.00pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
	5.00pm	Chelcia Fernandes in Birthday Thanksgiving
Sun 5	9.00am	Eugene Mannion (Sick)
	11.00am	George Smith RIP PORTUGUESE MASS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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

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