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**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21st & 22nd January**

**Readings:** **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Page 127:** Isaiah 8:23-9:3, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17, Matthew 4:12-23

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Page 130:** Zepaniah 2:3, 3:12-13, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 5:1-12

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| **Parish Team****Parish Priest: Fr. John Tabor**Email: johntabor@rcdow.org.uk**Catechetical Co-ordinator:** Bejoy IgnatiousWorking days: Thursdays 9.00 am – 5.00 pm, Saturdays 11.00 am – 6.00 pm and on Sundays 9.00 am - 2.00 pm. Email: bejoyignatious@rcdow.org.uk **Parish Secretary:** Gillian SatchellWorking days: Wednesday & Friday morningsPlease e-mail parish office with requests and queriesIn-person enquires on Wed & Fri between 10.30 – 11.30 am. Email**:** cranford@rcdow.org.uk **Parish Safeguarding Officers:**Natalie Smith & Pelazia RodriguesEmail: cranfordsg@safeguardrcdow.org.ukEmail: cranfordsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk 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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy)------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**MASS INTENTIONS**If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please email or call/visit the Parish Office on a Wed/Fri between 10.30 – 11.30 am.-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------**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** **Saturday:** 5pm; **Sunday Masses**: 9.00 am and 11.00 am **Weekday Mass Timings**: Please see Mass intentions overleaf**Confession:** Saturday afternoons 4.15 – 4.45 pm **Portuguese Mass**: 12.30 pm on Sundays as advised**Konkani Mass**: 4th Sunday of the month - 5.00 pm*This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699* |  | Dear Friends**Christ the Light of the World** It is almost exactly a month since the shortest day and already we can see a difference – particularly in the late afternoons, which are getting longer every day! It is heartening to think that spring will soon be here – although the recent cold snap is a reminder that we are not yet done with winter. Now, we are facing continuing challenges in this post pandemic reality. The cost of living crisis is going to affect us for some time to come and I think will mean a change in the way we live. We have an opportunity now to live more simply, but also with an eye out for each other. In consultation with a group of you, I have been looking at ways in which we might build up a stronger feeling of community amongst ourselves, while at the same time continuing to offer a welcome to all. As part of this, the monthly coffee mornings will become brunch. Sharing food together is an easy way to bring people together. We will also be having an Easter Party, held in the marquee that we use for the Sacred Triduum. There will be a Committee, which will be looking after this – more details will follow at the beginning of next month. Please let me know if you would like to be involved by sending a short note to the parish email: cranford@rcdow.org.uk Depending on the outcome of this, there is the possibility of a Christmas Party between Christmas and New Year, again utilising the space offered by the marquee.  All of these offer us opportunities to become a stronger community – each of us will have an eye on all of our company and be a beacon of light and hope in Cranford, radiating the light and love of Christ for each of us here and beyond. Have a good week and let us pray for each other.**Father John****Father John Away** I will be away from the afternoon of Monday, 23rd until the afternoon of Tuesday, 31st January. There will be no weekday Masses between 24th and 30th January. Fr Chris will be saying mass on Saturday, 28th January and Fr Frans will be saying the Sunday Masses on 29th January.Goan Chaplaincy is arranging the pilgrimage to Fatima, Santarem and Lisbon from 25th – 29th April 2023. 4 Night/5 Day. Package price from £650 per person. To register your place please contact Fr Patrick – patrickdsouza2008@gmail.com/Tel: 07342 267 878 |

**IMPORTANT DATES: Confirmations: Saturday, 18th February 2023 at 2.00 pm; First Holy Communions: Saturday, 25th February 2023 at 2.00 pm**

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR COUNTERS AND CATECISTS** please advise Fr John if you would like to volunteer.

**CARITAS**, we would like a volunteer to be a Caritas Representative for our parish. Please see notice board at the back of the church and advise Fr John if you would like to help.

**CAFOD,** are looking for people join them in their mission in the Westminster diocese. CAFOD want to raise awareness about their work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice.  Find out more by contacting Tony Sheen at CAFOD for further details. westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208 449 6970.

**MASS OFFERINGS** There are several spaces for February and we are taking bookings up to the end of June 2023. You are encouraged to book anniversary Masses etc. **AT LEAST three months** in advance to avoid disappointment. We recommend three Mass bookings per person at a time, so that everyone receives a fair chance to have Mass requests booked. As the Diocese suggests moving to a cashless system, wherever possible, all payments should be made online through bank transfer into the parish account, quoting the reference “Mass Offering”. Please refer to the bottom of this newsletter for bank details. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we regret we may have to move the mass intentions to another day, please see newsletter for rescheduled mass intention date.

**BAPTISMS** Please request an appointment with Fr John via e-mail cranford@rcdow.org.uk

**POLITE REQUEST** Our insurers have asked us to ensure that only Diocesan approved contractors are engaged in property survey and repairs such as roof clearing, drain inspection etc. related to the church/presbytery.

**MARRIAGE** Couples seeking marriage should inform Fr John **AT LEAST** **six months** before the scheduled wedding date so that there is enough time for all the necessary administration work to be processed. This is a statutory requirement applicable across all parts of the UK and overseas. In the case of weddings scheduled for February 2024, the couple should come and see Fr John during the middle part of July 2023 as both office and Chancery will not be working during the month of August and it is important that a six-month period is kept to avoid difficulties.

**PRIMARY school signing forms (Certificate of Catholic Practice)** If you have missed the assigned dates for CCP forms, please contact Fr John by email to make an appointment. You are encouraged to apply for more than one Catholic school, as the local schools around our area are often oversubscribed. Fr John is required to know the person for whom he is signing the form, so it is important that your child comes with you. There is a reasonable expectation for the parents to be practising Catholics and be supportive of the parish.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| Sat 21 |  5.00 pm | Mericia Abreu - Thanksgiving |
| Sun 22 |  9.00 am11.00 am12.30 pm 5.00 pm | Rylan Fernandes – Birthday ThanksgivingPeople of the ParishPortuguese MassKonkani Mass |
| Mon 23 | 10.00 am | Lord Camoys – RIP |
| Sat 28 |  5.00 pm | Anunziata Corona |
| Sun 29  |  9.00 am11.00 am12.30 pm | Shanney DsouzaPeople of the ParishPortuguese 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 and indicate if it is for baptism, wedding, mass intention etc. For those that do not have a bank account, charge cards are available.

**Gift Aid:** If you are a UK taxpayer, the Diocese strongly recommends you to Gift Aid your donation, as the government will top up your donation by 25 percent. The parish relies heavily on this extra support, which comes at no additional cost to you. This facility is also available on the contactless device. It takes only just 2 minutes and is a one-time process, meaning all future donations made using the same bankcard will automatically be processed through Gift aid. If you have any questions on Gift Aid, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your continued financial support for your parish church.

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