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**32 High Street, Cranford, TW5 9RG**

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28th & 29th January**

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

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Page 133:** Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

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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**The Universal Call to Holiness**I am writing this on the Feast of St Francis De Sales, a 16th Century Bishop of Geneva who taught that we are all capable of attaining holiness, whatever our state of life. In his book “Introduction to the Devout Life”, St Francis makes the following observation “in your contradictions say “this is the way to heaven””. In other words, when we feel overwhelmed by the daily round, we can remind ourselves that this is how God is allowing us to grow in holiness, by recognising our dependence upon Him!Have a good week and let us pray for each other. Father JohnThank you to Frs Frans Azzopardi and Chris Wallbank who are very kindly covering the three Masses this weekend. I know you will make them very welcome as always!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. **Counters** **please note** there is a revised Counters Rota available from the office.

**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 28 |  5.00 pm | Anunziata Corona |
| Sun 29 |  9.00 am11.00 am12.30 pm | Shanney Dsouza - BirthdayPeople of the ParishPortuguese Mass  |
| Wed 01 | 10.00 am | Angela Fear - RIP |
| Thu 02 | 10.00 am | Antonio Luis Fernades – Birthday Anniversary |
| Fri 03 | 10.00 am | Anne Goode - RIP |
| Sat 04 |  5.00 pm | All Souls of Fernandes & Pereira Family |
| Sun 29  |  9.00 am11.00 am12.30 pm | People of the ParishThe Butler FamilyPortuguese 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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