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**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18th & 19th February**

**Readings:** **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Page 139:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18, 1 Corinthians 3:16-23, Matthew 5:38-48

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Page 142: Isaiah 49:14-15, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Matthew 6:24-34

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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 (Cranford@rcdow.org.uk) 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**Journeying Together**In a few days’ we will arrive at the start of the Lenten season. It is a time to begin again, with its emphasis on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This season is a time for personal and spiritual renewal and the opportunity to take a step back – as far as possible – from the treadmill of the daily round.We are also starting the main body of the Sacramental Programmes from this weekend – namely Confirmation classes and, from next weekend, First Holy Communion classes. These give the opportunity for all of us as a parish community to journey together with the candidates, their families and their sponsors. It is a, therefore, a lived experience of the Synodal (from the Greek to journey together) Pathway, as each of us has the opportunity to go deeper into our Christian way of life. Please do make use of this season to think about ways – both spiritual and practical – in which you can come closer to Our Lord. We will be having a Holy Hour after Mass on each Friday in Lent as well as Stations of the Cross at 6.00pm on Fridays, with a special Musical Stations, led by the Sunday 11.00 am Mass choir on Friday 17th March. There will also be an opportunity for Confessions on the evening of Thursday 30th March. Full details will appear in the newsletter.Have a good week and let us pray for each other.**Father John****Saturday 5.00pm Mass 18th February** We welcome once again Fr Chris Wallbank MAfr, Superior of the White Fathers in Little Ealing, to celebrate the Saturday evening Vigil Mass. I know we will make him very welcome. |

**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.

**MUSICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held on Friday, 17th March at 6.00 pm followed by a St Patrick’s Day party afterwards. Volunteers to assist will be most welcome.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACREMENT OF MATRIMONY – WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, SATURDAY, 1TH MAY 2023 AT 2.30 PM** - The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5**th **10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife’s names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). Details of attendees will be sent to family@rcdow.org.uk

**MASS OFFERINGS -** **We have spaces in March and up until the end of June 2023.** Please send your requests via email to Gillian at Cranford@rcdow.org.uk. You are encouraged to book anniversary Masses etc. **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 18 |  5.00 pm | George Smith - RIP |
| Sun 19 |  9.00 am11.00 am12.30 pm | Noah Fernandes-Water – BirthdayVentura & Sarah Engson – ThanksgivingPortuguese Mass |
| Mon 20 | **11.00 am** | Aine Hosey - Funeral  |
| Tue 21 | 10.00 am | Estella Pies & Elvis Conha - RIP |
| Wed 22 | 10.00 am | Michael Mannion – Good Health |
| Fri 24 |  9.30 am\*  | Deceased Member of the Mannion & Kilmartin Families**\*9.30 am mass followed by Holy Hour** |
| Sat 25 |  5.00 pm 6.00 pm | All Souls in Purgatory – Dedicated by Kiwi FernandesStations of the Cross |
| Sun 26  |  9.00 am11.00 am12.30 pm 5.00 pm | Marianinha Dias – RIP First AnniversaryDavid Payne – RIPPortuguese MassKonkani 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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