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**2nd Sunday of Easter – 15th & 16th April 2023**

**3rd Sunday of Easter – 22nd & 23rd April 2023**

**Readings: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Year A) Page 255: Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31**

3rd Sunday of Easter (Year A) Page 258: Acts 2:14, 22-33, 1 Peter1:17-21, Luke 24:13-35

4th Sunday of Easter (Year A) Page 262: Acts 2:14, 36-41, 1 Peter 2:20-25, John 10:1-10

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| **Parish Team**  **Parish Priest: Fr. John Tabor**  Email: [johntabor@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:johntabor@rcdow.org.uk)  **Catechetical Co-ordinator:** Bejoy Ignatious  Working 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](mailto:bejoyignatious@rcdow.org.uk)  **Parish Secretary:** Gillian Satchell  Working days: Wednesday & Friday mornings  Please e-mail parish office with requests and queries  In-person enquires on Wed & Fri between 10.30 – 11.30 am. Email**:** [cranford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cranford@rcdow.org.uk)    **Parish Safeguarding Officers:**  Natalie Smith & Pelazia Rodrigues  Email: [cranfordsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:cranfordsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)  Email: [cranfordsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:Cranford@rcdow.org.uk)) or 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  **“Doubt no longer but believe”**  This Sunday’s Gospel contains the story of Thomas, the doubting apostle. His desire to see and touch Our Lord is, on one level, understandable. He wants to be reassured that what he has heard about the Risen Christ is real and not imagined. For us, the gift of faith is our means of coming closer to the realty of the resurrection and its promise of eternal life with God. We are an Easter people and should rejoice in that.  I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful Triduum. It all went very well and that is in no small part due to the help of so many of you, especially those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that everything went off smoothly.  I have to mention in particular the choir members and the serving teams. Liturgy is what helps raise our hearts and minds to God. Good liturgy, done well, is especially helpful at raising our thoughts and senses to a higher plane and the drama of the Triduum, with its liturgical complexities, demands the highest standards of liturgical and musical observance. I think we most certainly achieved this, so thank you! I do want to mention one individual – Ignacio, who is in the Choir. Ignacio is a professional florist and very kindly offered to do the flower arrangements, which are beautiful and have added so much to our celebrations.  Although the Easter Octave finishes today, we have another full four weeks of Eastertide to go – “let us rejoice and be glad”!  Have a good week and let us pray for each other.  **Father John**  **Post Easter break**  Fr John will be away from the evening of Sunday 16th April until Saturday 22nd April. Next weekend we welcome once again, Fr David Burke from the Royal Army Chaplaincy Department, who will be saying the three weekend Masses during the weekend of 22nd/23rd April. I know he is looking forward to seeing everyone and, that we will make him very welcome. |

**THANK YOU** to all of you who donated the lovely flowers for the church this Easter. They were very much appreciated.

**CORONATION PARTY –** there will be a Coronation Party on Saturday, 6th May following the 5.00 pm mass to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. Volunteers are most welcome; please contact Pelazia Rodrigues at [cranford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cranford@rcdow.org.uk) if you wish to help.

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

**MASS OFFERINGS -** Please send your requests via email to Gillian at [Cranford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Cranford@rcdow.org.uk). **All payments to 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](mailto: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**.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| **Sat 15** | 05.00 pm | Runa Rebello - Private Intention |
| **Sun 16** | 09.00 am  11.00 am | People of the Parish  Warren & Gordon Carter – Private Intention |
| **Sat 22** | 05.00 pm | Salvador & Santana Coutinho - RIP |
| **Sun 23** | 09.00 am  11.00 am  12.30 pm  05.00 pm | Kenzia Viona Ribeiro - 3rd Birthday  Ventura & Sarah Engson – Thanksgiving  Portuguese Mass  Konkani Mass |
| **Mon 24** | 10.00 am | Private Intention |
| **Thu 27** | 10.00 am | Darren Colaco - Birthday |
| **Fri 28** | 10.00 am | Fazila & Francis Fernandes - Thanksgiving |
| **Sat 29** | 05.00 pm | Antonio Rebelo - RIP (2-year Anniversary) |
| **Sun 30** | 09.00 am  11.00 am  12.30 pm | Clement & Laura Cardozo – Thanksgiving  People of the Parish  Portuguese Mass |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Donations: Good Friday: £2,148.52 (Holy Places), Easter: £5564.31, Contactless: £508.36**

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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