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

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st & 2nd July 2023**

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th & 9th July 2023**

**Readings: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Page 96: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16, RP: Psalm 88:2, Romans 6:3-4, 8-11, Matthew 10:37-42**

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Page 99: Zechariah 9:9-10, RP: Psalm 144-1-2, Romans 8:9, 11-13, Matthew 11:25-30

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Page 102: Isaiah 55:10-11, RP: 64:10-14, Romans 8:18-23, Matthew 13:1-23

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| **Parish Team****Parish Priest: Fr. John Tabor**Email: johntabor@rcdow.org.ukAny required appointment will be at 11.00 am on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.**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 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**Ordinary Time**As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, we are now in the season of “Time through the Year” or “Ordinary Time”. This part of the Church’s Year focusses on what Our Lord did during his life on earth – specifically His three-year ministry. As we are in Year A of the three year cycle, the Sunday Gospel readings are largely drawn from St Matthew (Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi are exceptions with the Gospel readings on these two days taken from St John). St Matthew’s Gospel is now generally held by scholars to have been written after St Mark’s short and to the point Gospel narrative, which is thought to have come first. It might be helpful to take each Sunday’s Gospel, read it slowly and let it sink in. It could well be a springboard to pray, prompted by a word, phrase or idea that comes to mind.We have now come to the end of our Sacramental programmes, which now take a break until the autumn. Once again, I would like to thank all those involved – catechists, candidates, families and indeed everyone who supported the programmes in whatever way.Details about next year’s First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes will be available from the end of August.Let us pray for each other. **Father John** |

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed week commencing 3rd July opening again on 12th July.

**FORTHCOMING MASS INFORMATION –** No weekday masses week commencing 3rd July and no weekday masses from 31st July to 6th September.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR COUNTERS AND CATECHISTS** 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. **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 your mass intention to another day, please see newsletter for rescheduled mass intention date. **PLEASE DO USE Fr John’s personal number or email address for mass requests unless specifically requested by him.**

**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** which is the **minimum requirement** 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 latter part of June 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**.

**IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL –** if you are suffering with COVID/Flu-like symptoms then **please do not come to mass**. Please also bear in mind if you are feeling unwell to wear a facemask.

**PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS AND WALK AROUND IN BARE FEET** – this is unhygienic and against health and safety rules.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| **Sat 01** | 05.00 pm | Holy Souls in Purgatory (De-Mendonca Family) |
| **Sun 02** | 09.00 am11.00 am | Vincent Cardoso – ThanksgivingSofia Dias & her Baby - Good Health & Protection |
| **Sat 08** | 05.00 pm | Zayln Rebello - Private Intention |
| **Sun 09** | 09.00 am11.00 am | Baptista Fernandes – RIPVentura & Sarah Engson - Thanksgiving Mass |
| **Wed 12** | 10.00 am | Francis Ordowa- RIP |
| **Thu 13** | 10.00 am | Rochelle Mendes - Thanksgiving |
| **Fri 14** | 10. 00 am | People of the Parish |
| **Sat 15** | 05.00 pm | Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles (requested by the De-Mendonca Family) |
| **Sun 16** | 09.00 am11.00 am12.30 am  | Valonia Fernandes - Birthday ThanksgivingValonia Fernandes - Birthday ThanksgivingPortuguese 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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