**­­­­­ CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST CHRISTOPHER**

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**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th & 15th October 2023**

**Readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Page 140: Isaiah 25:6-10, RP: 22, Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Page 143: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6, RP: 95 1, 3-5, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, Matthew 22:15-21

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| **Parish Team**  **Parish Priest: Fr. John Tabor**  Email: [johntabor@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:johntabor@rcdow.org.uk)  Any required appointment will be at 11.00 am on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.  **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 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  **Prayers for Peace in the Holy Land**  The news this week about the continued fighting and tragic loss of life in Gaza is sobering, of concern and demands a great deal of prayer. In these times, where there are already so many theatres of war across the world, the temptation can be to hold up our hands in despair. However, we know that God is still with us; He still loves every one of us and that prayer can, and does work. That the violence in Gaza is happening in places where Our Lord himself, lived, worked, taught and preached while here on earth, is especially poignant.  Much of the suffering in the world is caused by fear. St Philip Neri used to say, “The only thing to fear is fear itself”. Christ has conquered death and is with us to the end of time. In these anxious times, we should stay close to Our Lord, Our Lady and St Joseph. Our Lady, Queen of Peace and Counsellor of the Afflicted, pray for us!    Have a good week and let us pray for each other and for those caught up in the fighting in the Holy land especially at this time.  **Father John** |

**WORLD MISSION DAY –** Next **Sunday, 22nd October** is World Mission Day and there will be an **extra collection** at all weekend masses.

**HALF-TERM WEEK** There will be no masses from **Monday, 23rd October – Thursday, 26th October.**

**ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SUNBURY-ON-THAMES** is currently advertising for a Head teacher on ETeach website. If you would like any further information, please email [admin@ascensioncat.org](mailto:admin@ascensioncat.org) or contact Nicola Twose (HR Manager) on 0208 325 4630.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL FORMS** – Fr John will be signing Primary School forms at 10.00 am on Saturday, 6th January 2024. Please make a note now of these dates.

**HOSPITAL** – If you are going into hospital, please let Fr John know and consider being anointed before you are admitted.

**POLITE NOTICE** – Please do not feed you children in the church during mass.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, SERVERS, COUNTERS AND CHOIR MEMBERS** please advise Fr John if you would like to volunteer.

**MASS OFFERINGS –** We are presently booking from November through to the end of the year for weekday and weekend masses. 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 your mass intention to another day, please see newsletter for rescheduled mass intention date. **PLEASE DO NOT USE Fr John’s personal number or email address for mass requests.**

**MARRIAGE** Couples seeking marriage **must contact Fr John plus Fr Patrick, in the case of Goan Weddings, before making any wedding arrangements**, whether the marriage be in the UK or abroad. This ensures 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. *If liaising with Goan priest in Goa regarding any marriage arrangements,* ***please copy Fr John (cranford@rcdow.org.uk) and Fr Patrick (goanchaplaincy@rcdow.org.uk) into the email correspondence.***

**BAPTISMS –** For any baptism enquire please email [cranford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cranford@rcdow.org.uk) with details.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| **Sat 14** | 05.00 pm | Jose Mercina - RIP |
| **Sun 15** | 09.00 am  11.00 am | Anjela Desouza – Birthday Thanksgiving  Crystal De Souza - 5th Birthday |
| **Tue 17** | ***09.00 am*** | Breege Shields - RIP |
| **Wed 18** | 10.00 am | Michael McLoughlin - RIP |
| **Thu 19** | 10.00 am | Private Intention for the De Souza Family |
| **Fri 20** | 10.00 am | Socorina Dias - RIP (3rd Anniversary) |
| **Sat 21** | 05.00 pm | Pierre & Katy Jason (Recently Married) & Ollie & Bronagh Murton |
| **Sun 22** | 09.00 pm  11.00 am  05.00 pm | Teddy Tope - Good Health  Kevin Phelan – Birthday  Konkani Mass |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Contactless total for 9th October: **£**692.17.

The Contactless machine is available in the Church. If you wish to **donate via online banking** please see our details below, 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 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. 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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