**­­­­­ CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST CHRISTOPHER**

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**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28th & 29th October 2023**

**Readings: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Page 146: Exodus 22:20-26, RP: 17:2-4, 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 22-34-40**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Page 149: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10, RP: 130, 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13, Matthew 23:1-12

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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  **Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord**  At this moment, it seems as if world peace is as far away as ever. The news from Israel and Palestine remains bad and the war in Ukraine is continuing. The plight of migrants trying to escape dreadful situations in their home countries, often at the hands of unscrupulous people traffickers, while not headline news, remains a reality. Now, especially, is the tome to put our complete trust in God and His Providence and to live out the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity in our everyday lives. We should also remember that justice requires us to give each person their due.  One place where these virtues come into their own is at Lourdes. The Diocesan Pilgrimage next year runs from 19th-26th July. I have had initial conversations with some of you and I think from these, that it might be possible to put together a group from the parish. It would be helpful to have a more definite expression of interest by the middle of January. In the meantime, I will talk to the Pilgrimage Offices about how to get the best prices. It would be helpful too if we could think about some fundraising ideas as a parish community, as I think this is an important form of community building within the parish.  The November Dead Lists will be available from next weekend. Praying for our beloved dead is one of the most important – and effective – acts of love we can do for them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!  Have a good week and let us pray for each other.  **Father John**  **Half Term**  I hope that those who are now on half term will have a good break and time for rest and some recreation – trips, activities etc. I will be on retreat next weekend – 28th/29th October and back on 31st October. Fr Chris Wallbank will be covering the weekend Masses that weekend and I know you will make him very welcome as usual. |

**THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS’ COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK -** The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to **82** retired priests, at a cost of **£850,000**. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests’ Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

**COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTERS** will give a talk at next weekend’s masses regarding the essential work they do. At the end of each mass, **there will be an extra collection for the Mission Appeal**.

**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 your 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 28** | 05.00 pm | Alex & Maria Josephine Menezes - RIP |
| **Sun 29** | 09.00 pm  11.00 am | For the Souls of the Barreto Family  People of the Parish |
| **Wed 01** | 10.00 am  06.00 pm | DD Meinrad Earley OSB & Gildas Dudonis OSB - Simple Profession  People of the Parish |
| **Thu 02** | 10.00 am | Holy Souls |
| **Fri 03** | 09.45 am  10.00 am | ***Rosary***  **Vocations** |
| **Sat 04** | 05.00 pm | Ashvin Cardos - Thanksgiving |
| **Sun 05** | 09.00 am  11.00 am | Melancy Fernandes & Paulina Fernandes - RIP Anniversary  Luisa Ordona - RIP |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Contactless total for 16th October: £288.12. Up to 26th October: Standing Orders: £462.50, Gift Aid: £729.00, Non Gift Aid: £833.00**

**Contactless payments or online banking (standing order or BACS) is now the preferred method of offertory giving. Cash handling is becoming increasingly difficult as the banks continue their roll out of branch closures.**

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.

**HSBC Bank: Account name: WRCDT Cranford, Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account: 01308Sick & Retired Priests' Fund appeal 2023637**