**­­­­­ CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST CHRISTOPHER**

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 **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18th & 19th November 2023**

**Readings: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Page 155: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, RP: 127:1-5, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, Matthew 25:14-30**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Page 158: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17, RP: 22:1-3, 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28, Matthew 25:31-46

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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.**PLEASE DO NOT USE Fr John’s personal number or email address for mass requests.****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 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**These premises are monitored by CCTV.***This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699* |  | Dear FriendsThis Sunday’s Gospel is the parable of the Talents. Each of us has a unique set of gifts that God has given us. These gifts are precisely that – gifts – and we should feel encouraged by the opportunity to develop our gifts and talents so that we can become the best person we can be. This is a lifetime’s work and is in response to the graces offered by God.**The Church and RAAC**We have been advised that there is a RAAC issue with our church and people are rightly concerned as to how this will affect our parish community.Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (or RAAC) is a material used in construction in many buildings between 1960 and 1990. Unfortunately, our church was built in 1969/1970 and so is affected. With the help of the Property Services Department in the Diocesan Central Services (Head Office), we are advised that we have about 40% RAAC in our church.We are awaiting quotes from three contractors and the parish, together with Property Services will make decisions on how to manage the issue. We will be advised of costs and processes in due course.During this time, the church and hall will only be used for scheduled services. The First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes will take place in Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Heston, until further notice.Please be assured that the church is not about to be closed, but how the church is used will need to change until this matter is resolved.A small group will be formed to support me in managing the situation. We will use the newsletter and announcements at the end of Mass to give updates on this issue as and when we receive them.Have a good week and let us pray for each other.**Father John** |

**ADVENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS** (18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on Sunday, 3rd December 2023 in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat to prepare spiritually for Christmas, with reflections, prayer, adoration, and confessions. Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock, London W8 4BB. Timings: Mass at 12.15pm, Lunch at 1pm, Retreat from 2pm-5.30pm. Donations only. Register: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

**LOCAL JUSTICE & PEACE -** Aleksandra Mikolajczak, will be our point of contact for the Westminster Justice & Peace Commission. The network focuses on promoting action and reflection on topics such as climate justice and the environment, racial justice, housing and homelessness, refugees and migrants, human rights, international development, beginning and end of life, poverty and unemployment, work and welfare and Israel - Palestine. A particular focus is put on the synodality of the Church, which was the topic of the recent Synod in Rome. It explains how important it is to remember that we all, as parishioners, build the Church of Christ and every one of us is important and can make a change to how our future Church will look like. You are therefore invited to attend upcoming events organised by the Justice & Peace network, participate in discussions or join the group. The upcoming events include:

**20th November, 7.30pm:** “Becoming a synodal community”. Free Webinar available under link <https://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/news/practicing-synodality-webinar-series>. Through this link you can also access previously recorded free webinars touching on different aspects of practising synodality.

**26th November, 2-3pm:** Tree planting by His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, Coptic Archbishop of London. Interfaith event at St Mary and Pope Kyrillos V1 Coptic Church, Broad Walk, Hounslow TW5 9AB.

**5th December, 7pm:** PACT Carol Service. Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington. Catholic Bishop Richard Moth and Anglican Bishop Rachel Treweek co-presiding.

**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| **Sat 18** | 05.00 pm | Holy Souls in Purgatory  |
| **Sun 19** | 09.00 am11.00 am12.30 pm | For the Soul of the Godinho FamilyFrancisco Martins Fernandes - Birthday Remembrance Portuguese Mass |
| **Tue 21** | **09.00 am** | Fatima Braganca - RIP |
| **Wed 22** | 10.00 am | Mary McLoughlin - RIP |
| **Thu 23** | 10.00 am | Private Intention |
| **Fri 24** | 10.00 am  | Colin Mawby - RIP - 3rd Anniversary |
| **Sat 25** | 05.00 pm | Gabriel D'Souza - RIP |
| **Sun 26** | 09.00 am11.00 am05.00 pm | Chrisilda Ferrao – BirthdayReva Fernandes - ThanksgivingKonkoni Mass |

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