**­­­­­ CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST CHRISTOPHER**

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**4th Sunday of Advent – 23rd & 24th December 2023**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – 30th & 31st December 2023**

**Readings: 4th Sunday of Advent (Year B) Page 90: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16, RP: Psalm 88:2-5, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38**

**Christmas Eve (Vigil) (Year B) Page 94: Isaiah 62:1-5, RP: Psalm 88:4-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Matthew 1:1-25**

**Christmas Day (Dawn) (Year B) Page 100: Isaiah 62:11-12, RP: Psalm 96:1, 6, 11-12, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:15-20**

**Christmas Day (Day) (Year B) Page 102: Isaiah 52:7-10, RP: Psalm 97:1-6, Hebrews 1:1-6, John 1:1-18**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Year B) Page 105: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14, RP: Psalm 127:1-5, Colossians 3:12-21, Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3**

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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.  **PLEASE DO NOT USE Fr John’s personal number or email address for mass requests.**  **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  **These premises are monitored by CCTV.**  *This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699* |  | Dear Friends  **Joy to the World**  As I write this, the preparations for Christmas are fully underway.  Although much has certainly changed the world this year, the Christmas message of joy to the world and peace to all people of goodwill remains. The Incarnation – the coming of Christ as a baby in Bethlehem – remains the best news the world has ever heard. May our hearts be open to receiving His message of real joy and peace in this most Holy season and may the world hear and heed once more the message of love and life that He brings.  My greetings to you, your families and loved ones this Christmas time.  God bless you.  **Father John**  **Thank you**  I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard in the run up to Christmas to ensure that we celebrate this Feast in an appropriate way. The place has been a hive of activity, from the Church decorating team, the (growing) choir, altar servers, money counters and all those who volunteer each week. It is also good to see a number of new faces, who have brought with them vigour and enthusiasm which is a delight to be part of.  I look forward to an exciting 2024, with the start of the Sacramental Programmes and the liturgical cycle. More information on various suggested initiatives will follow in the New Year, especially fundraising as we look to the future of the Parish over the coming months. |

**PARISH OFFICE – will be closed from 23rd December 2023 until 3rd January 2024.**

**MONDAY, 1ST JANUARY 2024** – there will now be **NO MASS** on this day. **THE KONKANI MASS AT 10.00 PM ON 31ST JANUARY WILL BE THE FIRST MASS OF THE NEW YEAR.**

**THE JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK – UPCOMING - 15th January 2024, 12.45-2.00pm:** “Feedback from COP28” zoom meeting organised by Southern Dioceses Environment Network. Speaker: Neil Thorns (Director of Advocacy, CAFOD). Southern Dioceses Environment Network is a network for all Catholics and our friends who care about creation and protecting our common home. Attend as a one-off or participate regularly. Free tickets available under link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/southern-dioceses-environment-network-feedback-from-cop28-tickets-763861880447?aff=oddtdtcreator>

**PRIMARY SCHOOL FORMS** – Fr John will be signing Primary School forms at **10.00 am** on **Saturday, 6th January 2024 and Saturday, 13th January.** Please make a note now of these dates.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| **Sat 23** | 05.00 pm | Rocha Fernandes - Birthday |
| **Sun 24** | 10.00 am  01.00 pm  03.45 pm  *07.00 pm*  07.30 pm  10.00 pm | Rosy Fernandes - RIP  Portuguese Mass  Children's Mass  *Carols around the Crib*  Midnight Mass  Konkani Mass |
| **Mon 25** | 09.00 am  11.00 am | People of the Parish  People of the Parish |
| **Tue 26** | 10.00 am | Antonio Ordona - RIP |
| **Sat 30** | 05.00 pm | Roque Fernandes & Valintina Fernandes - Thanksgiving - Wedding Anniversary |
| **Sun 31** | 09.00 am  11.00 am  13.00 pm  10.00 pm | People of the Parish  Anacleto Mendes - RIP  Portuguese Mass  Konkani Mass |
| **Wed 03** | 10.00 am | Scanlon and Racheal - 1st Wedding Anniversary |
| **Thu 04** | 10.00 am | Remmy & Judith Fernandes – Wedding Anniversary |
| **Fri 05** | 10.00 am | Elizabeth Fernandes - RIP (Anniversary) |
| **Sat 06** | 05.00 pm | Doreen Byrne - RIP (1st Anniversary) |
| **Sun 07** | 09.00 am  11.00 am | Andrew Rodrigues – RIP  People of the Parish |

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| **Monthly Donation Report – November 2023** | |
| Standing Orders | 899.50 |
| Online Donations | 2,568.40 |
| Loose Plates | 2,218.13 |
| ***Total*** | ***£5,686.03*** |
| **Weekly Collection Report as at 10th December 2023** | |
| Standing Orders | 260.00 |
| Online Donations | 636.11 |
| Loose Plates | 607.49 |
| ***Grand Total*** | ***£1,503.60*** |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**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**