**­­­­­ CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST CHRISTOPHER**

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 **First Sunday of Lent – 17th & 18th February 2024**

 **Second Sunday of Lent – 24th & 25th February 2024**

**Readings: First Sunday of Lent (Year B) Page 148: Genesis 9:8-15, RP: Psalm 24:4-9, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15**

**Second Sunday of Lent (Year B) Page 151: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18, RP: Psalm 115:10, 15-19, Romans 8:31-34, Mark 9:2-10**

Third Sunday of Lent (Year B) Page 154: Exodus 20:1-17, RP: Psalm 18:8-11, 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

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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 – 1.00 pm, Fridays 9.00 am – 1.00 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 mornings.Please e-mail parish office with requests and queriesIn-person enquires Wednesday between 10.30 – 11.30 am. Hybrid working Friday afternoon.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 Wednesday 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 Mass is at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, 15 The Green, Heston Road, Heston, TW5 0RL at 5.00 pm.** **Heston Mass Times: Sunday: (Sat 7pm), 8.00 am, 9.30am,** **11.30 am, 5.30 pm. Weekday: 9.30 am, 7.00 pm****Confessions: Sat 10.00-10.45 am and on request.****These premises are monitored by CCTV.***This Parish is part of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust (WRCDT) Registered Charity No: 233699* |  | Dear Friends**The Season of Lent** Lent began last Wednesday. It is a penitential season: an opportunity for us to turn back to God and through the traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, put God and others first and recognise our need for God’s love and mercy in our lives.**“Cranford at Heston”*** I will say weekday Masses that have been booked in the Presbytery. The Saturday evening “Cranford Mass at Heston” will be for those intentions already booked in for those times.
* There are NO Masses in the Church at Cranford for the duration of the RAAC remedial works. This work is due to take between 6 and 8 weeks to complete. The contractors have moved on-site and works have started.

**Other works at Cranford*** Two years ago, plans were approved to refurbish the Sanctuary area in the Church. This work includes levelling the sanctuary floor, placing handrails on the steps and re-siting the tabernacle to its original position on the back wall behind the altar. Thanks to a grant received in 2022, for £10,000, this work can go ahead at the same time as the RAAC remedial works.
* Additionally, a new gate has been installed at the entrance to the car park, which will enhance the security of the site. This is part of a wider project funded by the Places of Worship Scheme, that also included the CCTV installation in the Church just before Christmas.

**Fr John away** I will be on retreat at Belmont from Tuesday 20th, until Monday 26th February. On Saturday 24th February, we will welcome Fr David Burke once again, who will say the 5.00pm Cranford Mass at Heston. Bejoy will be in the office at Cranford on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday. I wish you a blessed beginning of this Lenten season.**Father John****CRANFORD PARISHIONERS** **are very welcome to attend the Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Heston Stations of the Cross each Friday at 6.15pm, followed by Mass at 7.00pm.**  |

**JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORK – UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**14-24 February**: 10-Day Vigil for the Climate - outside Parliament for Lent 2024. Organised by Christian Climate Action, Green Christian and others.

**18 February, 12 noon**: 10-Day Vigil for the Climate - Multi-faith Gathering outside St John’s Church Waterloo for reflections and prayers from a variety of faith traditions. Followed by a meditation walk to join the CCA Vigil outside Parliament. Meet at St John's Church, 73 Waterloo Road, SE1 8TY, at noon.

**23 February**: CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD’s Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the Fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. You can use the envelope available in church or give online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. You can hear James story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFWxJpczass>

**FROM THE CARDINAL -** As we are all aware, the situation in the Holy Land has not improved since I last wrote, with failed negotiations, increasing humanitarian distress and a rising death toll. As Lent begins, I would like to urge that we continue our efforts, not least in prayer. And so I ask that, on Friday 8 March, there is a special focus of prayer for the Holy Land across the diocese. This could take the form of a dedicated time of prayer, perhaps before the Blessed Sacrament, for peace in the Holy Land. It could be as simple as making any regular Lenten devotions you may be having on that day for this intention. Whatever you decide, please make your parishioners aware, and encourage them to make a special effort to take part.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Place** | **Intention** |
| **Saturday, 17th February***Lent Feria* | **05.00 pm** |  | Runa Rebello - RIP |
| **Sunday, 18th February*****+First Sunday of Lent*** | **No Mass** | ***Private Mass*** | Thanksgiving (Private Intention) |
| **Monday, 19th February***Lent Feria* | **No Mass** |  |  |
| **Tuesday, 20th February***Lent Feria* | **No Mass** |  |  |
| **Wednesday, 21st February***Opt Com St Peter Damian* | **No Mass** |  |  |
| **Thursday, 22nd February** *THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE* | **No Mass** |  |  |
| **Friday, 23rd February***Feria or Opt Com St Polycarp* | **No Mass** |  |  |
| **Saturday, 24th February***Lent Feria* | **05.00 pm** |  | Maryana Rodriques Fernandes - RIP |
| **Sunday, 25th February*****+Second Sunday of Lent*** |  | ***Private Mass*** | Noah Fernandes-Waters – Birthday |
| **Monday, 26th February***Lent Feria* | **No Mass** |  |  |
| **Tuesday, 27th February** *Lent Feria or St Gregory of Narek* | **No Mass** |  |  |
| **Wednesday, 28th February***Lent Feria* |  | ***Private Mass*** | George Smith - RIP - 3rd Anniversary |
| **Thursday, 29th February***Lent Feria* | **No Mass** | ***Private Mass*** | Lawrence C Gonsalves - Birthday/Good Health |
| **Friday, 1st March*****ST DAVID, PATRON OF WALES*** | **No Mass** | ***Private Mass*** | Filipinas Ventura - RIP |
| **Saturday, 2nd March***Lent Feria* | **05.00 pm** |  | Beverly Smith - Thanksgiving |
| **Sunday, 3rd March*****+Third Sunday of Lent*** | **No Mass** | ***Private Mass*** | C.Ezeani - Thanksgiving |

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| **Weekly Collection Report as at 5th February 2024** |
| Standing Orders | 165.00 |
| Online Donations | 19.66 |
| Loose Plates | 175.40 |
| ***Grand Total*** | ***£360.06*** |

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**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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