**­­­­­ CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST CHRISTOPHER**

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 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd & 4th February 2024**

**Readings** **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Page 134: Job 7:1-4, 6-7, RP: Psalm 146:1-6, 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23, Mark 1:29-39**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Page 137: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46, RP: Psalm 31:1-2, 5, 11, 1 Corinthians, Mark 1:40-45

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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 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 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***Cranford at Heston***This weekend we are in a new place, albeit a temporary one, as we come together as the Cranford Parish Community at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, here at Heston. Although the surroundings are different, our parish remains the same. We are very grateful to Fr Luigi and the parishioners of Heston for their kind and gracious welcome to us during these weeks.**Some practical points:*** Weekday Masses: I will say those that have been booked in the Presbytery. The Saturday evening “Cranford Mass at Heston” will be for those intentions already booked in.
* There are **NO** Masses in the Church at Cranford for the duration of the RAAC remedial works. This work is due to last between 6 and 8 weeks.
* Gill will be in touch with those who have given their contact details, in case they wish to reschedule their Masses once the Church is re-open. This will apply to both the weekday and Sunday 9.00 am and 11.00am Masses.
* Ash Wednesday – 14th February: Fr Luigi has invited us to join the Heston Parish evening Mass on that day at 7.00pm. There will be distribution of ashes in the usual way at this Mass.
* As I said last week, I continue to be at the presbytery and the office remains open in the usual way.

**The Church and RAAC at Cranford** On 12th November 2023, I wrote the following piece in the newsletter “As you know, the concrete in the Church roof has been tested and found to have RAAC at 40%. The Diocesan Property Services Department are presently sourcing quotes from approved contractors to ascertain the cost of remedial works. As part of this, the Diocesan Health & Safety Officer has asked that the Church and Hall be used only for scheduled services until the matter is resolved”. As we now know, John Laing, a Diocesan approved contractor has been appointed to undertake the work following the Tender Process used by the Diocese across the Diocesan estate. The cost of this work is £75,000, which will be paid back by the parish. The Diocese has approved a loan of £100,000 over 10 years.  In terms of fundraising, the Easter Party last April raised £1,000; the travelling statue of Our Lady Help of Christians has raised £3,000 since August 2023 and there has been a donation of £300. The parish carol singing raised £86. Thus far, the total raised towards the loan is £4,386. The Diocesan Fundraising Department is researching grants and trusts – as RAAC is a recent phenomenon this will take time. |

**THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, HESTON –** are holding **Nursery Open Days** to promote their faith-filled education for children. The nursery embodies the same values of kindness, compassion, and a strong foundation in Christian faith that are central to the parish community. The Open Days will allow families to explore the classroom, meet passionate staff, and discover the nurturing environment cultivated for pupils. Open Days are on: 22nd February and 27th February at 9.30 am plus 6th February and 4th March at 2.00 pm.

**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON** is holding a Divine Mercy Afternoon of Reflection on Saturday 10th February 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Georges R.C. Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road London SE1 7HY. The Reflection will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Way of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Place** | **Intention** |
| **Saturday, 3rd February***Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore* | **05.00 pm** | **Heston** | Vicente Conceicao Afonso – RIP  |
| **Sunday, 4th February*****+Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** |  | *Private Mass* | Manuel Miliges Fernandes – RIP |
| **Monday, 5th February***St Agatha* | **No Mass** |  |  |
| **Tuesday, 6th February***St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs* |  | *Private Mass* | Aine Hosey - RIP (1st Anniversary) |
| **Wednesday, 7th February***Feria* | **No Mass** |  |  |
| **Thursday, 8th February** *Ss Jerome Emilani & Josephine Bakhita* |  | *Private Mass* | Jeannine Fernandes - Birthday |
| **Friday, 9th February***Feria* |  | *Private Mass* | Mabel Fernandes - RIP |
| **Saturday, 10th February***St Scholastica* | **05.00 pm** |  | Special Intentions for the De-Mendonça Family |
| **Sunday, 11th February*****+Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** |  | *Private Mass* | Kingsley & Bernishal Rodrigues - 1st Wedding Anniversary |

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| **Monthly Donation Report – January 2024** |
| Standing Orders | 995.00 |
| Online Donations | 1,960.01 |
| Loose Plates | 2,228.78 |
| ***Total*** | ***£5183.79*** |
| **Weekly Collection Report as at**  |
| Standing Orders | 160.00 |
| Online Donations | 270.89 |
| Loose Plates | 802.10 |
| ***Grand Total*** | ***£1,232.99*** |

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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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