**­­­­­ CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST CHRISTOPHER**

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter – 27th & 28th April 2024**

**Readings: Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B) Page 254: Acts 9:26-31, RP: Psalm 21:26-28, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8**

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B) Page 266: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, RP: Psalm 97:1-4, 1 John 4:7-10, 15:9-17

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| **Parish Team**  **Parish Priest: Fr. John Tabor**  Email: [johntabor@rcdow.org.uk](about:blank)  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.**  **Parish Secretary:** Gillian Satchell  Working days: Wednesday mornings.  Please e-mail parish office with requests and queries  In-person enquires Wednesday between 10.30 – 11.30 am.  Hybrid working Friday afternoon.  Email**:** [cranford@rcdow.org.uk](about:blank)    **Parish Safeguarding Officers:**  Natalie Smith & Pelazia Rodrigues  Email: [cranfordsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](about:blank)  Email: [cranfordsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](about:blank)  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](about:blank)  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **MASS INTENTIONS**  If you wish to offer a Mass intention, please email ([Cranford@rcdow.org.uk](about:blank)) 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**](about:blank)  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  **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  **“A week of Good News”**  I am delighted to be able to share with you the news that we will be returning to Cranford and the church will open from 11th May. The usual pattern of Sunday Masses will resume with the Saturday evening Mass at 5.00pm on Saturday 11th May and the 9.00am and 11.00am Mass on Sunday 12th May. I want to express our heartfelt thanks to Frs Luigi and Rionelle, and the Heston parish community for their generous welcome to us over the past three months, which has made for such a straightforward adjustment.  **“Cranford at Heston and back to Cranford”**   * I am continuing to say weekday Masses that have been booked in the Presbytery. The one remaining Saturday evening “Cranford Mass at Heston” will be for those intentions already booked in at those times. * Please do feel free to continue booking in Masses to be said by me at Cranford. This is an important part of sacramental ministry in the parish. * There are NO Masses in the Church at Cranford until 5.00pm on Saturday 11th May. Weekday Masses will resume on Wednesday 15th May at 10.00am and will revert to the previous pattern of Wednesday-Friday.   We welcome our new bookkeeper Monika Ludwinek-Bilska, this week. Monika also works at Heston, Brentford, Chiswick, Hanwell and Northfields parishes as bookkeeper, so brings a mature understanding of Diocesan procedures and processes to the role.  **Church works at Cranford**  1. The mitigation components have been installed and tested by the structural engineering team. The red metal supports are painted white along with the planks to which they are attached.  2. The Sanctuary works commenced on Wednesday 10th April and are moving forward accordingly. There remain a couple of outstanding items to be completed, but this does not affect our ability to use the Church.  3. A new boiler is being installed in the Hall area, which will service the Hall, bar and kitchen as well as the toilet area. This has been made possible by a grant from the Awards for All Scheme, which is part of the National Lottery.  Have a good week and let us pray for each other.  **Father John**  Some of you may remember Sr Katherine O'Reilly who passed away on 12th April. The Requiem will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Botwell Lane, Hayes UB3 2AB at 12 noon on Wednesday 15th May 2024. |

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** – will be held at Cranford on 11th & 18th May and Confirmations will also be held at Cranford.

**FUNDRAISING AT CRANFORD -** Thank you very much for the offertory donations you are continuing to give to the parish while we are celebrating Mass at Heston each week, and for the fundraising activities that are happening in tandem. Every penny goes to Cranford parish and counts towards our bottom line.

When the Church works are complete and have been signed off, we will know the actual amount of the loan needed by the parish. Loan repayments will start soon afterwards, so if you have any fundraising ideas or if you might be able to support the parish with its loan repayments, please contact Fr John in the first instance via the parish email with the subject line “Fundraising Suggestions”.

**VACANCY: EXAM INVIGILATORS AT GUMLEY HOUSE SCHOOL** - We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic Exam Invigilators with excellent customer service skills to join our vibrant community at Gumley. Salary Scale:  £13.50 an hour. If you are interested in this position please email Donna Godwin (PA to Headteacher) at [dgodwin@gumleyhouse.com](mailto:dgodwin@gumleyhouse.com)

**EVANGELISATION AND FAITH CAFOD PILGRIMAGE -** CAFOD is organising a pilgrimage for young adults aged between 18- 40 from **Friday 12th – Sunday 14th July,** in a special way in this year of prayer and lead up to the year of Jubilee. Reconnecting with their faith through worship, prayer and journeying as a pilgrim together. The pilgrimage will include a two-night residential stay at the Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough, NN9 5UH. On the Saturday they will be walking from Our Lady Help of Christians & St Lawrence, Olney to The Church of the Holy Child in Bedford, a distance of approximately 13.5 miles.  **For more information:** [Young Adults Residential Pilgrimage (cafod.org.uk)](https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/sponsored-challenge-events/pilgrimages/young-adults-residential-pilgrimage) **Sign-up link:** [Young Adults Pilgrimage July 24 - Formstack](https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/young_adults_pilgrimage_july_24)

**HOME START VOLUNTEERING** - If you are a parent or grandparent (or have similar experience), you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run in Hampton Wick from 9.45am-2.30pm, on Thursdays from 9th May to 20th June (not half-term 30th May). After the course, volunteers visit and support a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Erin on [erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk](mailto:erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk) or [volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk) or 07884 536161.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Place** | **Intention** |
| **Saturday, 27th April**  *Easter Feria* | **5.00 pm** | **Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Heston** | Theresia Ngwiben Tala - RIP |
| **Sunday, 28th April**  ***+FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*** |  | ***Private Mass*** | Betty & Julia Ordono - Thanksgiving |
| **Monday, 29th April**  *St Catherine of Siena* | **No Mass** |  | - |
| **Tuesday, 30th April**  *St Pius V, Pope* | **No Mass** |  | - |
| **Wednesday, 1st May**  *St Joseph the Worker* | **No Mass** |  | - |
| **Thursday, 2nd May**  *St Athanasius* |  | ***Private Mass*** | Sr Katherine O’Reilly - RIP |
| **Friday, 3rd May**  *SS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles* |  | ***Private Mass*** | Michael D'Souza & Family |
| **Saturday, 4th May**  *THE ENGLISH MARTYRS* | **5.00 pm** | **Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Heston** | Steve Fernandes - Good Health |
| **Sunday, 5th May**  ***+SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*** |  | ***Private Mass*** | Amala Lawford - RIP - 1st Anniversary |

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| **Weekly Collection Report as at 22nd April 2024** | |
| Online Donations | £105.19 |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**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.** 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.

**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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