Diocese of Westminster

OUR LADY & ST CHRISTOPHER

Paired with Our Lady Queen of Apostles – Heston

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17TH MAY 2026 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (p. 275)

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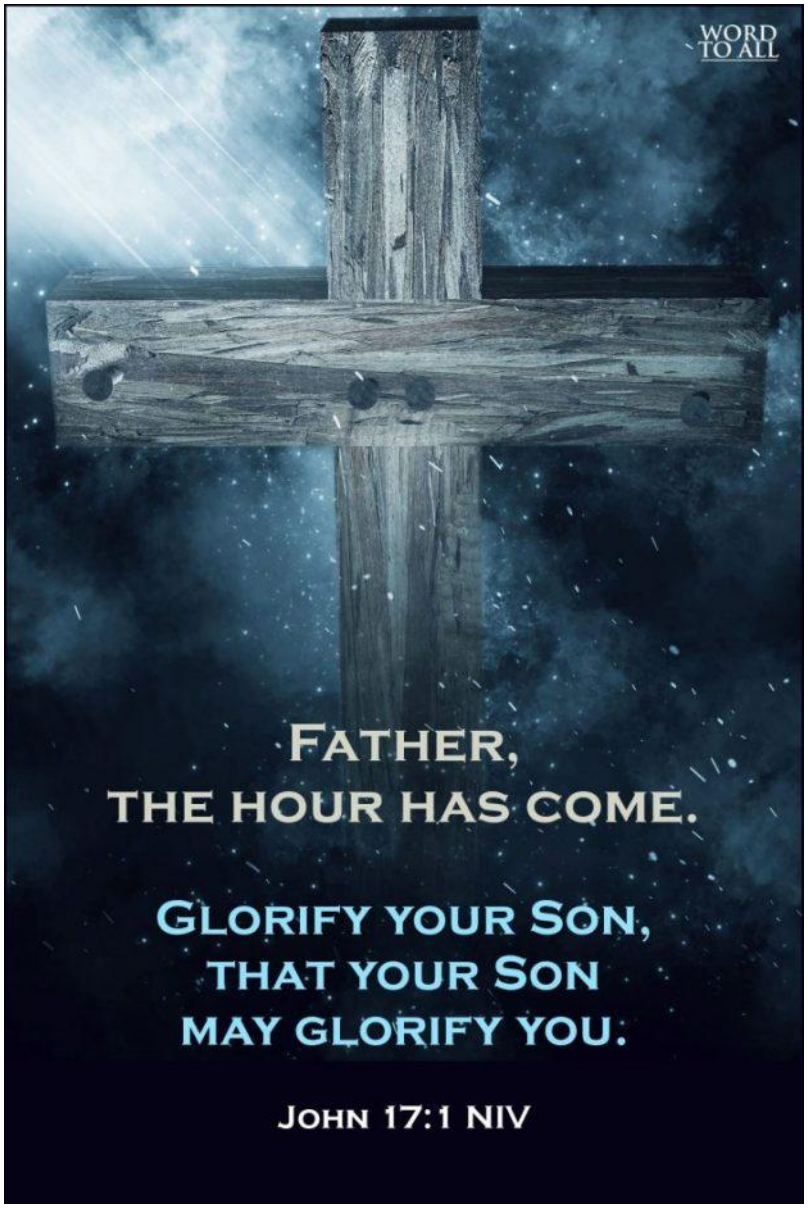

Lord our God,
Your Son Jesus Christ
carried out the mission You had given Him,
without fear and in all faithfulness to You.
God, give us a taste of His sense of mission.
Give us the strength of the Spirit to speak Your word as it is, bold and demanding, without compromising or giving in to the changing moods and fashions of the day. And may our lives be like an open book in which people can read Your word.
We ask You this through Christ our Lord.

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REMINDER…

It has been noted by both Priests and Eucharistic Ministers that not everyone seems to be following the normal standards of receiving Holy Communion. You can receive either on the tongue (recommended) or on the hands, however, you need to indicate clearly how you are receiving as we are not mind readers. When you approach Holy Communion: if you are receiving on the tongue you open your mouth and leave the tip of the tongue out so the host can be placed there; if you receive on the hands, these need to be flat and clearly visible so the host can be placed there by the minister. Those who receive on the hands MUST consume the host on the spot, you may step aside but Communion needs to be consumed before returning to your seat. For children and those who are not receiving Communion, this needs to be indicated by the arm across the chest or arms crossed on the chest, we are seeing an increasing number of children who simply stay there and we are not sure if they are receiving or not. Parents are responsible to ensure their children know what to do.

NOTICES

MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: The Fourth Sunday of Easter on April 26th will mark the annual Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. To mark the occasion, Archbishop Richard has written a Pastoral Letter, to be read at all Masses, and he will be asking us to begin that day a month-long cycle of prayer for vocations. It is hoped that every parish will be able to make a Holy Hour each week in the company of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for each of these intentions until Pentecost. **We will hold the Holy Hour on Thursday after the morning Mass.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to the Children who received their First Holy Communion last week. Please keep in your prayers those who will be receiving their First Holy Communion next Saturday, 23 May.

NOTE FOR KEY HOLDERS: Having a key to the Church does not mean that the Church can be accessed at leisure and that activities can be carried out with prior permission. If you need to access the Church please inform the Parish Office to seek permission.

CONFIRMATION 2026: Parents, you should have received an email with a consent form for the Confirmation Retreat to take place on Saturday 13 June at Heston. Please return by 6/06.

DRESS CODE: A gentle reminder that, when coming to Church, we need to dress appropriately as we are in a place of worship. Please make sure that you not wearing anything with a low neckline, sleeveless garments which expose the shoulders, clothing that exposes the knees or upper legs (whether sitting or standing), clothing that exposes the stomach or back, or clothing made of see-through material; also avoid excessively tight clothing.

AVAILABILITY FORMS: The Parish secretary has emailed an availability form to the Eucharistic Ministers and Readers for Sundays from May to end of June. If you are a Reader or Eucharistic Minister and want to be added on the rota, please reply to the email. If you have not received an email, contact the Parish Office as we want to avoid constant updating and changing the rota and any possible confusion among ministers. If you are down to read or to serve as Eucharistic Minister and are no longer available, you are responsible to find a replacement.

VOICEMAILS: We are once again receiving a number of voicemails where the message says "Please call me back". When you are calling the Cranford Parish number, your call is forwarded to the office and we do not see the number you are calling from. If you leave a message, please state your name and contact as well as the reason for your call so we can be sure to give priority to those who need it.

STELLA O'CONNOR RIP: Please pray for the eternal rest of Stella O'Connor who passed away on Monday 4th May. We offer our prayers for her family at this time of grief.

COUNTERS NEEDED: As a parish, we are deeply grateful to all those who volunteer their time and energy in service of the Church. We fully recognize that family responsibilities, personal circumstances, health concerns, and unexpected events must always come first, and we sincerely thank our volunteers for all that they give when they are able. One area where we rely on volunteers is Money Counting. At times, when life's demands understandably limit availability, our pool of counters can become quite small. In order to support our current volunteers and ensure this important work can continue without placing pressure on anyone, we are appealing for additional parishioners to consider stepping forward. All necessary training

will be provided, and no prior experience is required. Any time you are able to offer would be greatly appreciated. If you feel you may be able to help, or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office by email at cranford@rcdow.org.uk Thank you for your generosity, understanding, and continued support of our parish community. If you are interested please come along to the meeting being held in the Church on Tuesday, 26th May at 6.30 pm.

GIFT AID: Forms are available at the back of the Church. **If you used to donate via envelopes and have filled up a form in the past, please complete a new one so we know how many envelope boxes we need.** Gift aiding your donations will help the Parish to receive an extra 25% off your donations at no cost to you. You can use the same form to set up a Standing Order which will allow you to transfer funds from your account directly into the parish account. **If you are interested in donating via envelopes and/or gift aiding your donations please contact the Parish Office for more information or speak to one of the priests.**

CANDLE FIRE SAFETY: All are reminded about safe practice in the lighting of candles at church. Please read the guidance near all the candle stands and help to keep the church and our parishioners safe.

PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN: The May procession will take place on Sunday May 10th at 3pm, and the Preacher will be Fr Nigel Woollen, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. The intention of the Procession is the Protection of London, and for Peace.

MASS INTENTIONS: Mass Intention Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Once completed put them in the black Letter Box marked Mass Intentions. Together with the suggested date **please provide a phone number or email address for the Secretary to arrange alternative dates with you if needed.**

PILGRIMAGES: A Day with Mary is organising pilgrimages to Fatima and Italy. Pilgrimage to Fatima (8 July to 15 July 2026) Closing date 28 April 2026. Pilgrimage to Italy (1 September to 10 September 2026) Closing date 23 June 2026. Further information is available at https://www.adaywithmary.org/

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Justin, all the Angels and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION OF ST JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO

O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: If you wish to arrange the Baptism of your child or children, please contact the Parish Office, the secretary will provide you with necessary details. Give at least a month notice for your suggested date, please note Baptisms are celebrated only on Saturday. The celebration of Baptism will resume after Easter.

MARRIAGE: For Marriages to be celebrated in our Church we need to have minimum a 6 months' notice. For Marriage Papers you will be required to present documents which need to be dated within six months from the date of your Marriage, do not request them to early especially if you need to get them abroad as we may not be able to use them. A Marriage Course is also needed, this can be arranged via the Parish Office. **In case there is a prior marriage whether civil or religious DO NOT arrange future Marriages unless the matter has been dealt with and you have a Decree of Nullity from a Church Tribunal. If this is the case, contact the Parish at once.** You can find more info on our website.

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

DATE	TIME	CHURCH	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 16th	**5 pm**	**Cranford**	**Jelast & Thereza Gracias (11th Wedding Ann)**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Sunday 17th SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	*8 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	9 am	**Cranford**	**Antonio F Xavier Fernandes – 78th Birthday**
	9:30 am	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	11 am	**Cranford**	**Luigi Cornini - RIP**
	11:30 am	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	5:30 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Monday 18th	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Tuesday 19th	*9.30 am*	*Heston*	*No Mass*
	10 am	**Cranford**	**Rosada Dias - Birthday**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Wednesday 20th *St Bernardine of Siena*	*9: 30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Thursday 21st *St Christopher Magallenes*	*9.30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	10 am	**Cranford**	**Joe & Sabina Fernandes (49th Wedding Ann)**
	10:30 am	**Cranford**	**Holy Hour for Vocations**
	6 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Hour for Vocations*
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Friday 22nd *St Rita of Cascia*	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Saturday 23rd	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	11:30 am	**Cranford**	**First Holy Communion Mass Group 2**
	5 pm	**Cranford**	**D'Souza & De-Mendonça Families**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Sunday 24th PENTECOST SUNDAY	*8 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	9 am	**Cranford**	**Jeronimo Fernandes - RIP**
	10:30 am	*Heston*	*International Mass*
	11 am	**Cranford**	**May-Sienna Jacila Fernandes - Birthday**
	5:30 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
The Portuguese Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 12.45 pm			
Konkani Mass held every fourth Sunday at 5.00 pm.			

DONATE TO OUR PARISH

Leave a Legacy: Please consider including our parish in your will or leaving a legacy for the parish. For further details please email us on: cranford@rcdow.org.uk

Online Giving/Standing Order: To make your donation online please visit: www.parish.rcdow.org.uk/cranford/donate/

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To make a one-off donation please use the parish bank account details:

HSBC Bank, Account Name:
WRCDT Cranford, Sort Code: 40-05-20, Account: 01308637

If you are a UK taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation. The government will top up your gift by 25 per cent, meaning a £20.00 offering becomes £25.00, at
NO cost to you. Gift aid forms are available at the back of the Church or online on the Parish website.

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