

Diocese of Westminster

OUR LADY & ST CHRISTOPHER

Paired with Our Lady Queen of Apostles – Heston

Served by the Society of Divine Vocations

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20TH SEPTEMBER 2026 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (P131)

PARISH DETAILS

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Please note that the Parish Office is at

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: 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.

MARRIAGE: A minimum of 6 months' notice is required for marriages in our Church. Marriage documents must be dated within 6 months of the wedding; please do not request them too early, especially from abroad. A Marriage Course is also required and can be arranged through the Parish Office. If there has been a previous civil or religious marriage, please contact the Parish before making any wedding arrangements, as the matter must first be resolved by a Church Tribunal and, where applicable, a Decree of Nullity obtained.



Every year, the 20th of September marks the anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of St Justin Russolillo. This year we are celebrating the 113th Anniversary. This of course a day of high significance for us, as it was on the day of his ordination that he made a vow to God to offer and dedicate his life at the service of Vocations. While prostrating, St Justin promised to God that he would give his everything to Him and to the Church to cultivate and promote vocations especially among the poor. Throughout the years of his formation St Justin discovered that many were not listening to God's call for fear that their families' financial situation would be an impediment to their call, for this reason he was then inspired to found a Religious Congregation that would serve to this purpose but also recognise that, while parents are the first benefactors, they cannot be forced to pay or contribute towards the costs of priestly formation. He went on to found in 1920 the Fathers and in 1921 the Sisters branches of the Society of Divine Vocations.

This day, and today's celebration, should be a reminder that vocations are the answer to a free act of God who chooses and calls men and women to server Him in the Church or among the people so that His Name may prevail and His Kingdome come. Today's Gospel is also a reminder that God's generosity cannot be taken for granted, but we should rather acknowledge that God gives to each in measure of His love but also what each deserves, and above all to care and cherish our relationship with Him

Have a blessed Sunday and a good week ahead!

Fr Luigi

PRACTICAL INFO…

When you are receiving Holy Communion on the hand, please consume it immediately while you are in front of the minister. Do not take it with you to your seat. For those who are not receiving Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. This is to be indicated by placing one or both arms on your chest. Parents you are responsible to ensure your child indicates clearly that they are to receive a blessing. If the priest or the Eucharistic Minister are unsure they will give a blessing.

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.

PARISH INFORMATIONS AND NOTICES

CATHECHETICAL PROGRAMMES 2026/27: We have a few places available on our programmes. The Communion Programme is for children who, in September, will be in Years 3-6, while Confirmation is open to those in Year 9 up to 17 years of age. Applications are to be submitted online, via our website. If you have a problem please contact the Office. We will give priority to the applications received from Cranford parishioners. The deadline has been extended to Friday 25 September.

SCHOOL FORM SIGNING: In order to arrange for the signing of the Certificate of Catholic Practice for your child please make an appointment with one of the Fathers via this link: Bookings - Heston - Our Lady Queen of Apostles - Outlook Please make sure you **bring along the Mass Attendance card, Certificate of Baptism and a latest photo of your child to the meeting otherwise the forms will not be signed.** The link to book your appointment is available on the website together with the pre-filled Certificate of Catholic Practice.

FLAME 2027: Westminster Youth Ministry is joining 10,000 young people in the OVO Arena, Wembley, on the 6th of March 2027 for the return of the CYMFed Flame Congress! Taking place in the same year as World Youth Day, Flame 2027 theme reflects the call to TAKE COURAGE! To 'Take Courage' is a call to Hope and Courage rooted in our faith of the resurrection- not a passive optimism but a bold confidence grounded in the living presence of Christ! Featuring epic testimonies, inspiring young talent, music, and so much more, this is not something to miss out on. If you are interested please speak with one of the priests or contact the Parish Office. We will provisionally book 10 places, if possible we will try book more. The minimum age to attend the event is 15.

FR LUIGI FURTHER STUDIES: From 21st September, Fr Luigi will be beginning a period of further studies in Canon Law with KU Leuven in Belgium. The programme will be undertaken primarily remotely, with a few weeks of intensive teaching in Leuven, requiring him to travel there. At least one day each week will be dedicated to his studies, while ensuring that this will not interfere with his pastoral ministry in the parish. Fr Rionelle and Fr McDonald will also be available to offer further pastoral support whenever needed. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins this new chapter.

THANK YOU FROM THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP: Christian greetings and the Peace of our Lord be with you always. We thank you by allowing our group to come to your church and sell the olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families which raised £8373.00. Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We don't have enough words to thank you and your parishioners, but make sure that you are always in our prayers. If anyone has missed the carvings display, you can place an order online directly from them at www.tbng.co.uk. God bless you all. Love and blessings from The Bethlehem Nativity Group.

COME & SEE VOCATIONS MORNING: Saturday, 17th October, 10.30-1.30 at Ealing Abbey, Charlbury Grove, W52 DY. Could God be calling you? If you have ever wondered whether God might be calling you to serve the Church as a Priest or Permanent Deacon, come and learn more about the Priesthood and Permanent Diaconate. Hear from those already serving in their vocations and meet others who are also discerning their vocation. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and register your attendance:

contact Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Ian Edwards Assistant Director, Permanent Diaconate ianedwards@rcdow.org.uk

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TO LONDON'S UNIVERSITIES: Are you a student at one of the universities or colleges in London, or in Hatfield? Our Catholic Chaplaincy is for you! It's based at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. We have Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. And in many of the universities and colleges we also have campus-based Catholic societies and activities. Go to: www.universitycatholic.net or our Instagram page: @newmanhouselondon to find out more. If you are a full-time student (undergraduate or graduate student) heading to a university outside London, then why not take a look at https://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/ to identify the Catholic chaplaincy in your place of study.

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.

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.**

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES

AVAILABILITY FORMS: If you are a Reader or Eucharistic Minister please return the form by 24 September the Latest.

CARITAS PARISH REP: Caritas Westminster are seeking someone to act as a point of contact between Caritas and the parish. Parish Reps can also support new and existing initiatives in their parish, are invited to various gatherings and webinars with Caritas and other Reps, and can network with each other. The role is flexible, and maybe only ~ 4 hours per month. If you're interested or would like to know more, please contact our Caritas liaison Sr Silvana - silvanadallanegra@rcdow.org.uk 07921 471506

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you are keen on helping the Parish in various roles or ministries, please contact the Parish Office via email and the Secretary will direct you to the relevant people if there are other who are responsible for the group. You can volunteer to join the Choir, become a Catechist, offer your voice at Mass with Reading, or help with Counting. If you are interested please contact us. Please note that your email may end up in the spam folder, so make sure the Subject says clearly that you are a volunteer. If you do not receive a reply, try contacting again.

COUNTERS NEEDED: We are deeply grateful to all our parish volunteers for the time and energy they give to our Church. We understand that family, work, health, and other commitments must come first, and we appreciate every contribution. We are currently looking for additional volunteers to help with Money Counting, as our team can sometimes become quite small. No experience is required, and training will be provided. Any time you are able to offer would be greatly appreciated. If you can help or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at cranford@rcdow.org.uk Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish community.

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.

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 19th	**5 pm**	**Cranford**	**Salvador & Santana Coutinho - RIP**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Sunday 20th 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	*8 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	9 am	**Cranford**	**Milagrin Palaha - RIP**
	10:30 am	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	11 am	**Cranford**	**Clavia's Father - RIP**
	5:30 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Monday 21st *St Matthew, Apostle*	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Tuesday 22nd	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	***NO MASS***
	10 am	**Cranford**	**Joao Pinheiro – Good Health**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Wednesday 23rd *St Pius of Pietrelcina*	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Thursday 24th *Our Lady of Walsingham*	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	***NO MASS***
	10 am	**Cranford**	**Riya Lobo – Birthday**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Friday 25th	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Saturday 26th *Ss Cosmas & Damian*	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	5 pm	**Cranford**	**Pascoal & Estefania D'Souza – RIP**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Sunday 27th 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	*8 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	9 am	**Cranford**	**Antonio Miguel Fernandes & Angnelo Goes – Birthday**
	10:30 am	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	11 am	**Cranford**	**Thanksgiving for all Blessings**
	5:30 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*

The Portuguese Mass is celebrated every Sunday at 12.30 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/

Bank Transfer (BACS):

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

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