

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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11TH OCTOBER 2026 – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (P140)

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.



In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 22:1–14), Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a wedding banquet. The invitation is generous, the table is ready, and yet some refuse to come. Others are invited from the streets, showing us that God's invitation is offered to everyone.

How often do we become so occupied with work, worries, responsibilities, and daily routines that we leave little room for God? He continues to invite us to the banquet of His love, especially through the Eucharist, where He nourishes us with His Word and His very Body and Blood.

But accepting God's invitation involves more than simply showing up. The wedding garment reminds us that our response must be visible in the way we live—with faith, love, mercy, forgiveness, and genuine concern for others. We cannot celebrate God's goodness on Sunday while refusing to practise it throughout the week.

The Lord has prepared a place for us at His table. Will we accept His invitation? Let us not allow the distractions of life to make us miss the joy He offers. May we come to the Lord with open hearts and put on the garment of a life transformed by His grace.

The invitation has been given. The banquet is ready. Let us respond wholeheartedly: "Lord, I come to You!"

-Fr Rionelle, SDV

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

SDV MISSION APPEAL: This weekend the Father will conduct a Mission Appeal on behalf of the SDV to raise money for Vocationist Missions and to support the work the Congregation undertakes in mission areas and to help and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

MISSIO: Next weekend, as we are celebrating World Mission Sunday we will have a second collection for MISSIO.

MASS ON TUESDAY, 13TH OCTOBER WILL BE AT 9.30 AM INSTEAD OF 10.00 AM. Please also note that there will be no 9.30 am Mass at Heston on Tuesday, 13th October and Thursday, 15th October.

MASS CARDS: When signing School Forms, we have had a number of parents who have shown up with only a handful of stickers claiming stickers were not given or not distributed. Stickers are given to Children who are present at Mass and we always have volunteers at the back of the Church distributing them. At the same time, many of these cards had no pictures and this may be the reason why a sticker was not given. Parent, please ensure that you have a picture on the card and your child collects their sticker.

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.

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

MATHS TUITION FOR YEARS 1-9, GCSE & A LEVEL: Classes will be held in the upstairs hall at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, 15 The Green, Heston, TW5 0RL every Saturday from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. Please contact Joseph on: 07714 203973 or at ajajoseph@hotmail.com for more details.

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 10th	**5 pm**	**Cranford**	**Special Intention (De-Mendonça Family)**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Sunday 11th	*8 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
28TH SUNDAY	**9 am**	**Cranford**	**Joaozin Braganza – RIP (1st Anniversary)**
IN ORDINARY	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
TIME	**11 am**	**Cranford**	**Cheyne Rodrigues – Good Health**
	11:30 am	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	5:30 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Monday 12th	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
St Wilfrid	*7 pm*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Tuesday 13th	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*No Mass*
St Edward the Confessor	**9:30 am**	**Cranford**	**Frenoy Jofiel Rodrigues – 2nd Birthday**
	11:30 am	*Heston*	*Funeral Mass*
	7 pm		*Holy Mass*
Wednesday 14th	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
St Callistus I	*7 pm*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Thursday 15th	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
St Teresa of Jesus	**10 am**	**Cranford**	**Mark Blackwell – RIP**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Friday 16th	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
St Margaret Mary Alacoque	*7 pm*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Saturday 17th	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
St Ignatius of Antioch	**5 pm**	**Cranford**	**Bonnie & Vera De-Souza – RIP**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Sunday 18th	*8 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
29TH SUNDAY	**9 am**	**Cranford**	**Asta Dias - Birthday**
IN ORDINARY	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
TIME	**11 am**	**Cranford**	**Margaret Fernandes – RIP**
	11:30 am	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	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

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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