

Diocese of Westminster
OUR LADY & ST CHRISTOPHER

Paired with Our Lady Queen of Apostles – Heston
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18TH OCTOBER 2026 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (P143)

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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 For more information, please visit our website.



In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes. Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favoured the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities. Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites. Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God. Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?

https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/29th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-a-sunday-connection/

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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A READER AT MASS? If so please come to a meeting in the Martyrs' Chapel (use car park entrance) at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, 15 The Green, Heston, TW5 0RL on Tuesday, 20th October at 7.30 pm.

MISSIO: Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the MISSIO envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

MASS CARDS: We have seen many Mass Attendance Cards that have no pictures of the Child, please ensure you have attached one when is presented to the volunteer handing out stickers. Stickers are distributed every Sunday once the Mass is ended and you will find a helper at the back of the Church, mostly by the kitchen area.

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.

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

CHOIR: Do you enjoy singing? We warmly invite new members to join our parish choir and help lead our community in prayer through music. No professional singing experience is needed, just enthusiasm and a willingness to share your voice! Come and be part of this wonderful ministry. For more information, please speak to one of the priests or a member of the choir after Mass.

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.

COULD YOU SERVE AS A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR? The Rosary Catholic Primary School is seeking committed parishioners to serve as Foundation Governors, supporting the school's Catholic ethos, academic excellence and children's faith formation. Appointed by the Bishop, governors need not be education experts, just practising Catholics willing to learn and serve. Interested? Speak to Fr Luigi or contact the school office on 020 8570 4942.

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 17th	**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*
Monday 19th	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
St Paul of the Cross	*7 pm*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Tuesday 20th	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*No Mass*
	9:30 am	**Cranford**	**Socorina Dias – RIP (6th Anniversary)**
	11:30 am	*Heston*	*Funeral Mass*
	7 pm		*Holy Mass*
Wednesday 21st	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Thursday 22nd	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
St John Paul II	**10 am**	**Cranford**	**Linton Fernandes – RIP**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Friday 23rd	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
St John Cap	*7 pm*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Saturday 24th	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
St Anthony Mary	**5 pm**	**Cranford**	**Savio & Tina Braganza – Wedding Anniversary**
Claret	*7 pm*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Sunday 25th	*8 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
30TH SUNDAY	**9 am**	**Cranford**	**Elora Furtado – 1st Birthday**
IN ORDINARY	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
TIME	**11 am**	**Cranford**	**Lazaro De Souza & Maria F Marcelos- 30th Wedding Ann**
	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.

BY CARD: As we have new Contactless Machines, you will need to re-enter your detail if you have gift aided donations in the past.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE DONA WEBSITE DONATION PAGE AS WE ARE NO LONGER USING THE PROVIDER, IN COMING WEEKS WE WILL PROVIDE A NEW LINK WHERE YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE.