

Diocese of Westminster
OUR LADY & ST CHRISTOPHER

Paired with Our Lady Queen of Apostles – Heston

Served by the Society of Divine Vocations
32 High Street, Cranford, TW5 9RG
Telephone: 020 8759 9136; Email: cranford@rcdow.org.uk
Website: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/cranford/
Instagram: @olsc_cranford **Facebook:** facebook.com/olsccranford
Telegram: https://t.me/olsc_cranford **WhatsApp:** https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vb7Ikyh9RZAcuyGiti54

15TH NOVEMBER – 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (P155)

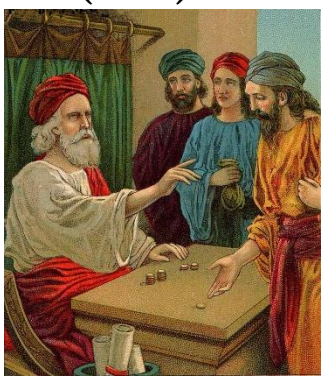
Parish Priest
Fr Luigi Morrone, SDV
Phone: 02085701818 ext. 1
Assistant Priests
Fr Rionelle Hinampas, SDV
Fr McDonald Ibekwe, SDV
Phone: 02085701818 ext. 3
Parish Secretary
Gillian Satchell
Email: cranford@rcdow.org.uk
Please note that the Parish Office is at
Our Lady, Queen of Apostles,
15 The Green, Heston, TW5 0RL
Office Hours: Tue - Fri
9.30 am to 1.00 pm.
Parish Bookkeeper
Monika Ludwinek-Bilska

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS
Natalie Smith
Email: cranfordsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk
Mobile: 07851 390118 (Dedicated Parish Safeguarding Number)
Sally De Mendonça
Email: cranfordsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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.



This Sunday's Gospel is a reminder to us all on the importance of remaining faithful to God as well as being obedient to his commands. The men of the parable, knew their master and how he operated, it was clear therefore that what he had entrusted to them was not a gift or a request to safeguard and keep safe, they had to use those talents in order to produce more. It is no wonder that the master, upon his return, is not happy with the third servant. He is the only one who rather than using his talent, hid it away. The other two are rewarded as they have proved their fidelity and loyalty.

This is a parable that should speak to us all and make us think over our life and how we conduct ourselves. We have all received talents, each according to our ability. What we do with them is the proof of our fidelity to God but also our commitment to Him. God did not give us talents so that we may sit comfortably and enjoy our life, or keep our talents for ourselves. What we have received is to be shared, used, it needs to produce fruit for the Church, for the Kingdom of God. Our talents, when used well and wisely, can not just bring us closer to God, they could help others find God in their lives and inspire them to use their own talents to serve and honour God.

When we think of talents, we cannot simply think of riches and wealth. "St. Teresa of Calcutta, or John Paul II, or Thomas Aquinas, or Augustine accomplished so much simply by meditating on the word of God, without riches or worldly means. They accomplished more than those who had these things. Yet each full-faith Catholic has all the same things at his disposal."

What remains to ask ourselves is: what am I doing with what God has entrusted to me?

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

DAMAGES IN CHURCH: We have unfortunately noticed more and more that items around the Church are damaged or broken and we come to know when it is a bit too late. More recently, the plug of one of the contactless donations has been broken. This is not a damage that may have not been noticed, the USB port was completely snapped off and this can only happen through the use of force. As always, no one seems to know what happened. This is an invitation to parishioners and visitors to try be more careful but also show more care to our Church. There are many among us who do everything possible to care for the place and acts like these are disrespectful towards the hard work that they put in.

SECOND COLLECTION – SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND: Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can make a one-off donation or set up a regular gift and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at rcdow.org.uk/SRP – the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

MASS INTENTIONS: We do not have any more Masses available for 2026 as those to be celebrated all have an intention. However, you can start now requesting Masses for 2027. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to submit your request or use the Mass Intention envelopes at the back of the Church. Keep in mind that we only have one intention per Mass.

ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL, EALING: is pleased to introduce the Exceptional Talent Humanities Pathway Scholarship for Sixth Form entry in September 2026. This new scholarship is designed for academically ambitious students currently attending maintained schools who are predicted to achieve the highest GCSE grades (typically 8–9). It offers the opportunity to join our high-achieving Catholic Sixth Form and pursue a programme of Humanities A levels supported by structured academic enrichment and preparation for university study. The Pathway is available to students wishing to study one or more of the following A level subjects: Philosophy, Ethics and Religion; English Literature; Medieval and Early Modern History; Classical Civilisation; Latin; French, Spanish or German; and Music. Means-tested bursaries will be available for families who qualify. Families interested in learning more about the Exceptional Talent Humanities Pathway Scholarship are warmly invited to contact Mrs Helen Ridard, Head of Admissions at St Benedict's School, at admissions@stbenedicts.org.uk for further information about the application process.

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.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER: The Goan Community will be celebrating the feast of St Francis Xavier on Sunday, 6th December 2026. A Konkani Mass will be held at 1.00 pm at Heston followed by a social in the Pope John Centre immediately thereafter. In order to purchase tickets please contact Gabriel Fernandes 07424318717, Shweta Viegas 07417487038, Diogo Fernandes 07970978360, Salette Coutinho 07884958907. All Profits will be distributed as always to local charities and charities in Goa. Do come along and support this year's feast celebrations.

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 14th	**5 pm**	**Cranford**	**Zayln Rebello – Thanksgiving**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Sunday 15th 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	*8 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	9 am	**Cranford**	**Nickson – Thanksgiving**
	9:30 am	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	11 am	**Cranford**	**Angelina Fernandes – RIP**
	11:30 am	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	5:30 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Monday 16th *St Edmund of Abingdon*	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Tuesday 17th *St Elizabeth of Hungary*	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*No Mass*
	10 am	**Cranford**	**Snovia Fernandes – Birthday**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Wednesday 18th *The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul*	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Thursday 19th	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*No Mass*
	10 am	**Cranford**	**Souls of Steve Fernandes & Family**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Friday 20th	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Saturday 21st *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*	*9:30 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	5 pm	**Cranford**	**Gabriel & Isabela D'Souza – RIP**
	7 pm	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
Sunday 22nd OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	*8 am*	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	9 am	**Cranford**	**Savio Diniz – RIP**
	9:30 am	*Heston*	*Holy Mass*
	11 am	**Cranford**	**Lawrance Rodrigues - 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.

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.