



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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13 January 2019

Mass Times:

Sunday Masses

6.00 pm (Saturday)

9.15, 11.00 & 12.30

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues., Fri & Sat.:

9.30 am

Wed.: 7.00 am

Thurs: 7.00 pm

Holy Days of Obligation

Mass: 9.30 am & 8.00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Sat 10.00-10.45 am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

First Saturday: 8.45 am

Legion of Mary

Every Friday after the 9.30 am Mass.

Rosary

After daily Mass during the week

Confessions

Sat 10.15-10.45 am,

5.15-5.45 pm

or by request

Baptism

See Parish Priest

Preparation obligatory

Marriage

See Parish Priest

Six months' notice required

Preparation obligatory

Last week's collection

£1,186.47

Thank-you

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Baptism of the Lord – Year C



Fr. Mark writes: We are so inclined to stand upon our supposed rights and dignity. Jesus is God, and shows us a far better way. That is what the Christmas season was all about: 'Although He was in the form of God, He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant.' Out of pure love, God humbles Himself to become one of us, for our salvation. This willingness to associate with us, to do whatever is necessary to lead us to the Father is seen throughout His public ministry, starting today, with His Baptism by His cousin, John. Unlike us, Jesus does not need to be baptised – there is nothing to be forgiven in His case – but He wishes to give us an example. If God acts like this, then perhaps we should be a little more humble.

Pro-Life Appeal

Having just celebrated the feasts of the Holy Child and His Mother, it is right we remember the plight of mothers struggling to keep their children in our own society, and assist them with our prayers and practical support. There will be a second collection at all the Masses today for the work of the Good Counsel Network. Based close by in London, it is a life-affirming women's organisation offering moral support and practical help (including accommodation and funding) to any mother wishing to keep her child. They rely entirely on donations to fund the tremendous work they do in saving lives.

First Holy Communion Parents

There is a meeting for the parents of the First Holy Communion children in church at **7.30 pm** tomorrow **Monday, 13 January**.

Good Shepherd School

We welcome the children from KS2 of the Good Shepherd School who join us for Mass at **9.30 am** this **Tuesday, 15 January**.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP)

Every parish in the past had its SVP, which did excellent work helping those in any kind of need – and this was very much true of Shepherd's Bush. We very much need new volunteers to carry that work into the future. There will be a presentation with refreshments at **8.00 pm** on **Tuesday, 15 January** when members of the SVP will talk about their work. Please do consider coming along so we can reach out to more people who need to experience Christ's love.

A Year with Mary: Music for Mary's Meals

The Magdalen Consort will sing at **7.30 pm** this **Wednesday, 16 January**. We will follow Our Lady's life from her Immaculate Conception to the Assumption with the music of Palestrina, Monteverdi and others. Proceeds support the work of Mary's Meals, feeding 1.3m hungry children daily, and towards the Good Shepherd School's goal of £3,500 to feed children in a school in Malawi. Entry is free with be a retiring collection. Please join us at the reception at the Good Shepherd School afterwards. Reception tickets are £10 each, available after Sunday Mass or from the parish or school office.

Adoremus

The next evening of candlelit prayer in the church will be **5-6 pm** next **Sunday, 20 January**. We open the church doors to the street, inviting all in to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, light a candle or just be still. There is the opportunity for Confession, and we finish with Benediction.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Charlotte Micklem, who is baptised this weekend.

The next baptism preparation sessions for parents attending Mass here who wish to have young children baptised will be in the Parish House at **7.30 pm** on **Wednesday, 23 and 30 January**. If parents attend both sessions, we can arrange a date for the baptism at the second session.

Parish Office

Mon - Wed: 10:00 - 14:30
 Friday: 10:00 - 14:00

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Planned giving scheme
 (envelopes/standing orders)
 Gary O'Brien
 07392 203005

Text giving scheme
 Text 'Parish SHEPB' to
 70800

St. Vincent De Paul (SVP)
 Mobile: 07925 560538

Young mums group
 Meets Thursday evenings
 monthly.
 Call or text Laura on
 07944 135275

Young dads group
 Meets Thursday evenings
 monthly
christopher.p.morrison@gmail.com

Crib Offerings

The basket by the Crib is for donations to the Catholic Children's Society which supports disadvantaged children across the Diocese. (There are Gift Aid envelopes available for use by UK taxpayers.)

Abraham Somers Cocks RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Abraham Somers Cocks, and for his family. The funeral has yet to be arranged.

Readings at Sunday Mass*Year C – Volume 1, pages 118-122*

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Psalms Response: 28 The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:
 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
 Alleluia!**

Church cleaning: Next Saturday (19 January): *Tracy, Pulcherie, Akosua.*

Mass Intentions for Week 12 January - 20 January 2019

Saturday, 12 January	18.00	John Keane, Anniv.
Sunday, 13 January	9.15	Pro populo
<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	11.00	Yvonne Bernard, RIP
	12.30	Bridget Kennedy, RIP
Monday, 14 January	9.30	Sr. Mary Corban, FMM, RIP
Tuesday, 15 January	9.30	Norah Brick, int.
Wednesday, 16 January	7.00	Holy Souls
Thursday 17 January	19.00	Della Panting, int.
<i>St Anthony</i>		
Friday, 18 January	9.30	Tommie Godley, int.
Saturday 19 January	9.30	Sue Pellegrini, RIP
	18.00	Sean, Tommy & Kitty Gleeson, RIP
Sunday, 20 January	9.15	Micky O'Connell, Anniv.
	11.00	Pro populo
	12.30	Mary McGilligan, RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Alfie Bartlam, Janet Berens, Christopher Browne, May Carter, Pasquale de Stefano, Sheila Dineen, Mary Fletcher, Bill Kilmartin, Bridie McEvoy, Bridget McMorro, Peggy O'Rourke, Della Panting, Gemma Sweeney, Doris Williams, Sarah Williams & the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents.

Izaak Tanna

We welcome Izaak Tanna who will be working with us as the parish Catechetical Co-ordinator until the summer, when he hopes to begin training for the priesthood. Izaak is from West Yorkshire, has degrees in History from King's, London and Theology from Durham and has spent time teaching.

PDQ: Pizza, Drinks, Questions

Singles or young couples (18-35ish) yet to start a family are invited for pizza and drinks in the Parish House after **6 pm** next **Sunday, 20 January**. You may wish to attend the prayer in the church first, or just turn up to the Parish House afterwards. It is an opportunity to meet, socialise and ask questions.

Sauvignon for the Soul

This group for mums with children of primary school age or under meets monthly to help support one another in friendship, family life and faith. The next meeting is in the Parish House at **7.30 pm** on **Thursday, 24 January**. (If free, you are very welcome to the 7 pm Mass beforehand.) We will share pizza, a glass of wine and reflections on Sherry Weddell's book, *Forming Intentional Disciples*. All welcome. Please call or contact Laura on 07944 135275, if you wish to attend.

Marriage Preparation

Catholics called to marriage should seek God's blessing and sacramental grace in a church wedding. This does not have to be expensive or complicated. Whether marrying here or elsewhere, you need to complete documentation and attend a marriage preparation course. We offer one course each year. Couples hoping to marry in 2019 should plan to attend the two afternoon sessions on **Saturday, 2** and **Saturday, 9 February**. Please contact Fr. Mark if you wish to attend.

Confirmation

Bishop John Wilson will confirm our young people here at **3 pm** on **Sunday, 23 June**. The programme is for those in school Year 9 and above who attend Mass. It begins with a parents' meeting on **Monday, 28 January**. Candidates then meet on Monday evenings in term time and go on a day retreat on Saturday, 23 March. There are application forms at the back of church. Please return with the fee of £30 and, if not baptised here, a copy of their baptism certificate.