



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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6 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

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The Epiphany – Year C



Fr. Mark writes: The Christ Child is only two weeks old. He is still in Bethlehem, cared for by His Mother, Mary. Yet despite His age and tiny size, from the very first moments this Child provokes strong reactions in others. It is not, or should not, be possible to be indifferent or simply sentimental in the presence of this Child. We see that at the Epiphany. Herod, with his murderous intentions, is desperate to find the Child. Evil cannot tolerate the presence of pure goodness, cannot contemplate the possibility of conversion, and therefore seeks to destroy. By contrast, strangers go to great expense and inconvenience to discover the truth of the universe and their own lives. And when they find it, in the Person of this Child, they do not hesitate: they worship Him. What is our response to the Christ Child?

Crib Offerings

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

First Holy Communion

Please pray for our First Holy Communion children who celebrate God's gift of mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of Confession for the first time this **Saturday, 12 January at 2.30 pm.**

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 next Sunday 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.

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 on 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 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 on 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.

Baptism Preparation

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.

Last week's collection

£915.86

Thank-you

Parish Office

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

**Good Shepherd
 Catholic Primary School**
 35 Gayford Road
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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
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2019 Year Book

The Diocesan Directory gives details of parishes, Mass times, clergy and Catholic schools and organisations, and the calendar for the Church's year. It is on sale in the Repository for £4.50.

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

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Psalms Response: 71 All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**We saw his star as it rose
 and have come to do the Lord homage.
 Alleluia!**

Church cleaning: Next Saturday (12 January): *Antonia, Gina, Marjeta.*

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Mass Intentions for Week 5 January - 13 January 2019

Saturday, 5 January	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 6 January	9.15	Mary Murphy, RIP
<i>Epiphany</i>	11.00	Victor Ferns, Anniv.
	12.30	Chris Foley, RIP
Monday, 7 January	9.30	Duggan / Holmes families, RIP
Tuesday, 8 January	9.30	Mary McDonagh, RIP
Wednesday, 9 January	7.00	Tom & Phyllis Cook, int.
Thursday 10 January	19.00	Holy Souls
Friday, 11 January	9.30	Bridget Kennedy, RIP
Saturday 12 January	9.30	Mikie Pat Conway, RIP
	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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Loni Adams, 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.

Parish Catechetical Co-ordinator

As I mentioned last week, Gus De Tommaso left us at Christmas having discerned that his future lies elsewhere. We wish him well. I am delighted that Izaak Tanna has agreed to take on the role of Catechetical Co-ordinator until the summer. Izaak is from West Yorkshire and has degrees in History from Kings, London and Theology from Durham. He has spent some time teaching, and is discerning a vocation to priesthood. Izaak will start in the parish as soon as his contract and safeguarding clearance have been issued.

Settlement Scheme for EU Citizens

Mindful of the vital role that they play in our parishes, the Bishops are very conscious of the uncertainty faced by so many EU citizens who have made their home here. The Government has announced a Settlement Scheme, offering EU citizens living here a legal route to remain. EU citizens must apply if they are to protect their rights and place in our society. Official information on the Scheme can be found at www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families The Church is here to help. Please let us know if you are experiencing problems applying under the Scheme.

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.