



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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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

£1,022.77

Thank-you

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: 'I will give them eternal life.' With so many funerals in the parish currently, it is good to reflect on these words of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. It is an extraordinary promise, words of tremendous consolation. The human being does not cease to exist at earthly death. How can we? We are also spiritual beings – that capacity to love and be creative, to take free decisions. That does not disappear at earthly death.

But what is our destiny? Here is the Son of God telling us that His gift is eternal life: life freed from frustration and misinterpretation, life in its fullness, in relationship, open to the other, open to God.

As the Good Shepherd, Jesus offers this gift to His flock. This presupposes we acknowledge Him as our Shepherd in this life. Indeed, He identifies His sheep as those who listen to His voice and follow Him. That is the challenge for us, here and now: listening to Jesus, putting His will into practice in our lives. We cannot say we do not know His voice. We hear Him in Scripture and in the teaching of His Church, in prayer and in our conscience. But then we need to apply this to our lives. Are we doing this? If this is so, He reassures us repeatedly no one can steal us from Him, nothing can come between us and God.

First Holy Communion Masses

Please pray for our First Holy Communion children. 15 of the children who received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time yesterday and 16 who will do so at **12 noon next Saturday, 18 May**. (There will be no 9.30 am Mass next Saturday, but there will be Adoration, Confessions and Benediction as normal between 10 and 10.45 am.) The First Communion children then come together for a celebration Mass at **11.00 am next Sunday, 19 May**.

Priest Training Fund

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, when we pray especially for priests and priestly vocations. At the end of Mass Pietro Trevisan, who has been visiting our parish since last September, will say a few words about his calling, and then there will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund. This Fund pays for the training of our future priests. There are currently 45 men studying for the priesthood at Allen Hall, 27 for our Diocese. Last year eight men were ordained to serve as priests in Westminster. Your donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to continue the mission of Christ the Good Shepherd. Please return the envelope attached to the newsletter or any other donation in the second collection – or you can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations Please continue to pray for vocations and priests. Thank-you.

Bill Kilmartin, Frances Bello, Richard Blythe, Michael Gleeson & Mary Fletcher, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bill Kilmartin, Frances Bello, Richard Blythe, Michael Gleeson and Mary Fletcher. Bill's funeral Mass is at **9.30 am tomorrow Monday, 13 May**. Frances's funeral service is at North Sheen Cemetery Chapel at **2.00 pm this Tuesday, 14 May**. Richard's funeral Mass is at **9.00 am next Tuesday, 21 May**. Mary's coffin will come into church for Mass at **12.45 pm on Friday, 24 May** before being flown to Ireland for burial. Michael's coffin is being received into church at **7.00 pm on Thursday, 6 June**, and his funeral Mass is at **9.30 am on Friday, 7 June**.

Catholic Curry Club

This group for dads with children of primary school age or under meets to share faith, friendship and curry. The next meeting is in the Parish House at **7.30 pm this Thursday, 16 May**. The group was founded partly in response to requests for a forum to ask questions about the faith in a friendly and informal context. Next week we have the opportunity to do precisely that. Please feel free to ask any question you wish on the teachings of the Church, Catholic practice, prayer and spirituality – anything relating to faith, morals and the attempt to live as Catholics in 21st century London. Questions can be submitted through Chris Morrison at christopher.p.morrison@gmail.com in advance or on the evening, or simply asked directly. Please also let Chris have your curry order in advance of the evening.

Parish Office

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 10:00 - 14:30; Friday: 10:00-14:00

Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School
35 Gayford Road
www.goodshepherdcrc.lbhf.sch.uk
020 8743 5060
Head: Mrs. Imogen Lavelle

Catholic Chaplaincies
Charing Cross Hospital
020 3311 1042
Hammersmith Hospital
020 3313 4574

Safeguarding Officers

07845 448940
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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

Thurs. 7.30 pm monthly.
Call or text Laura on 07944 135275

Young dads group

Thurs. 7.30 pm monthly
christopher.p.morrison@gmail.com

Young adults group

Meets Sun. 6 pm monthly
santiagopise@hotmail.com

A Morning with Mary

May is the month of Our Lady. We will have a Mass of Our Lady followed by the rosary, litany and refreshments on **Monday, 20 May**. Starting at **9.30 am**.

Rags to Riches

Mary's Meals is a wonderful charity which feeds 1.4 m hungry children around the world each day. There will be a clothing collection here at the Masses on the weekend of **15/16 June** to support their work.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17 John 10: 27-30

Psalm Response: 99 We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Next Saturday (18 May): Gina, Tracy, Isioma, Elise.

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Mass Intentions for Week 11 May - 19 May 2019

Saturday 11 May	18.00	McDermott family, RIP
Sunday 12 May	9.15	Mary McNicholas, Anniv
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00	Pro populo
	12.30	Patrick Openibo, Anniv.
Monday, 13 May	9.30	Bill Kilmartin, RIP: Funeral
Tuesday, 14 May	9.30	Sr. Vittoria Vella, FMM, RIP
<i>St Matthias</i>		
Wednesday, 15 May	7.00	Holy Souls
Thursday 16 May	19.00	Margaret Cooney
Friday, 17 May	9.30	Maria Samele, int.
Saturday 18 May	12.00	First Holy Communion Children
	18.00	Sean, Tommy & Kitty Gleeson, RIP
Sunday 19 May	9.15	Pro populo
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00	Micky & Marian McGilligan, RIP
	12.30	William Roche, Anniv.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Alfie Bartlam, Christopher Browne, May Carter, Pasquale de Stefano, Sheila Dineen, Sandra Jones, Bridget McMorro, Peggy O'Rourke, Della Panting, Gemma Sweeney, Doris Williams, Sarah Williams & the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents.

YouCat for Kids

This is wonderful resource helps parents answer questions about God and the faith from the earliest age through primary school and beyond. (It is also useful for RE homework!) It has 228 pages of attractively and clearly presented information. It is available from the Repository at the back of church for £11. Pope Francis says this: 'Dear parents, take this wonderful little catechism and take your time – a lot of time – to study it with your children and to talk about it. Read! Ask! Discuss! Talk about your faith! Tell stories! Do not remain silent when your children besiege you with questions!'

Baptism Preparation Sessions

Children should be baptised within the first few weeks of their life. Unless you have attended baptism preparation sessions here in respect of an older child, you need to attend now. It is good if both parents attend, but only one need do so. It is possible to attend before the child's birth. Requesting baptism presumes that the Catholic parent(s) is attending Sunday Mass. The next sessions are at **7.30 pm on Tuesday, 4 and 11 June**. We can arrange a date for the baptism at the second session.

Corpus Christi: Picnic in the Park

For the last three years we have held a Blessed Sacrament procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi. We will do the same manner this year, starting at the Good Shepherd School, 35 Gayford Road at **3.00 pm on Sunday, 23 June** with Exposition and the children leading us in praying the rosary. The First Holy Communion children are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion clothes. We then process down the Askew Road for Benediction in the church. After Benediction, around 4 pm, we will go to Ravenscourt Park for a Picnic in the Park. All subject to the weather! This is a wonderful and joyful public act of witness to Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and something which helps children appreciate their Catholic identity. And then we have the opportunity to enjoy one another's company subsequently.

Encounter with God

People often ask for information about retreats. It can be especially difficult for families. This retreat is specifically designed for families and is baby and child friendly. It is to help parents and children experience the interior life with Christ. Led by Fr. Matt Blake, Prior of the Oxford Carmelites, it is being held at St. Alban's Academy AL2 1AG from **7 pm on Friday, 7 June to 4 pm on Sunday, 9 June**. For information and registration: www.pulse-retreats.com