



# Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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5 May 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

£947.23

Thank-you

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## Third Sunday of Easter - Year C



**Fr. Mark writes:** The Resurrection changes everything. The apostles do not appreciate that initially. They are like anyone who is grieving – they are not sure what to do with themselves. Peter suggests they go fishing, that they return to their former way of life. But that is not an option for those called by the Lord. They have been given tremendous gifts of peace, forgiveness and eternal life – and also responsibilities. We are called to live life in the way that God asks us, we are called to evangelise, to share these gifts, this message with others. So the apostles are called from their fishing. Three times Jesus confirms Peter's mission and role: to feed His sheep. The apostles do live differently in the light of Easter and Pentecost.

They heal, they teach and tell people what the Risen Christ has meant to them. They give their lives for Him. How do we live differently in the light of Easter?

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Cornelia Pratt, who is baptised this weekend.

### Mass for Migrants

The annual Mass for London's diverse migrant communities is held in Westminster Cathedral tomorrow **Monday, 6 May**. Procession at 10 am; Mass at 10.30 am. All welcome.

### First Holy Communion Masses

Please pray for our First Holy Communion children. 15 of the children receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time at **12 noon** next **Saturday, 11 May** and 16 at **12 noon** the following **Saturday, 18 May**. (There will be no 9.30 am Mass on those two Saturdays, 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** on **Sunday, 19 May**.

### 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** next **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 21<sup>st</sup> century London. Questions can be submitted through Chris Morrison at [christopher.p.morrison@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **Boris Lazarevic, Monica Richmond, Madeline Bruton, Bill Kilmartin, Frances Bello, Richard Blythe & Michael Gleeson, RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Boris Lazarevic, Monica ('Phyllis') Richmond, Madeleine Bruton, Bill Kilmartin, Frances Bello, Richard Blythe and Michael Gleeson. Boris's funeral Mass is at **9.30 am** this **Tuesday, 7 May**. Monica's funeral Mass is at **11.00 am** this **Wednesday, 8 May**. Madeline's coffin is being received into church at **6.00 pm** this **Thursday, 9 May** and her funeral Mass is at **9.30 am** this **Friday, 10 May**. Bill's funeral Mass is at **9.30 am** next **Monday, 13 May**. Frances's funeral service is at North Sheen Cemetery Chapel at **2.00 pm** next **Tuesday, 14 May**. Richard's funeral Mass is at **9.00 am** on **Tuesday, 21 May**.

### 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.

**Parish Office**

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

**Good Shepherd**

**Catholic Primary School**  
35 Gayford Road  
[www.goodshepherdrclbhfsch.uk](http://www.goodshepherdrclbhfsch.uk)  
020 8743 5060  
Head: Mrs. Imogen Lavelle

**Catholic Chaplaincies**  
**Charing Cross Hospital**  
020 3311 1042  
**Hammersmith Hospital**  
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**Safeguarding Officers**

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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](mailto:christopher.p.morrison@gmail.com)

**Young adults group**

Meets Sun. 6 pm monthly  
[santiagopise@hotmail.com](mailto: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**.

**Daily Mass Times**

Mass this Thursday evening will start a little earlier (probably around 6.30 pm) after the reception of a coffin and the rosary. There is no 9.30 am Mass on Saturday because of the First Communion Mass.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41    Apocalypse 5:11-14    John 21:1-19

Psalm Response: 29    I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.**

**Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.**

**Alleluia!**

Church cleaning:    Next Saturday (11 May): Alexandra, Pulcherie, Maribel, Bisirat.

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**Mass Intentions for Week 4 May - 5 May 2019**

Saturday 4 May	18.00	Mary Ellen & Peter Cox, Anniv.
Sunday 5 May	9.15	Thomas O'Keeffe, Anniv.
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00	Pro populo
	12.30	Attilio Antonio Samele, Anniv.
Monday, 6 May	9.30	Mary McDonagh, RIP
Tuesday, 7 May	9.30	Boris Lazarevic, RIP: Funeral
Wednesday, 8 May	7.00	Kathleen Mahony, RIP
	<b>11.00</b>	Monica Richmond, RIP: Funeral
	<b>18.30</b>	Reyes Revenga, int.
Thursday 9 May	9.30	Madeleine Bruton, RIP: Funeral
Friday, 10 May	<b>12.00</b>	First Holy Communion Children
Saturday 11 May	18.00	McDermott family, RIP
Sunday 12 May	9.15	Marie McNicholas, Anniv.
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00	Pro populo
	12.30	Patrick Openibo, Anniv.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:**

Alfie Bartlam, Christopher Browne, May Carter, Pasquale de Stefano, Sheila Dineen, Mary Fletcher, Sandra Jones, Bridget McMorro, Denis 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!'

**The Church**

What is the Church? Not the building, but the Body and Bride of Christ. Why is the Church essential in God's plan for us? And what have we to say about the scandals committed by some in the Church. There is a series of four excellent talks on the Church held at 24 Golden Square W1F 9JR. The first, 'Why the Church?' by Fr. David Barrett, is at **7.00 pm** this **Tuesday, 7 May**. See the poster at the back of church for further details.

**March for Life: Life is from Conception – No Exceptions**

Human life is too often held lightly in our society, viewed as a commodity and valued only to the extent that it is 'useful' to others. The Christian view is very different: all human life is created by God and infinitely precious in His eyes regardless of age or sex, race or class, health or wealth. More than ever, it is important to give public witness to this message. There is the opportunity to do so in central London next **Saturday, 11 May** with the March for Life, which leaves from Church House, 25 Great Smith Street, Westminster SW1P 3BN at **2.00 pm**. Last year this was an enormously joyful event attended by thousands, many of them young. Come along to show that you care. There is no need to register for the march, but there is a morning of excellent speakers from 9.30 am, which you do need to register for if you wish to attend. See [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)

**'As I have loved you'**

'Christ ... has told us Himself ... that the seed must be buried, must be buried deep down in the darkness, under men's feet, under the weight of the earth. That it must be subjected to the winter, to the season of frost and iron, of long darkness and short light. That it must accept the preordained measure, the slow pace and long pause in periods of growth. It is only on this condition that it can bear fruit. It is only on the condition that Christ dies that He rises from the dead,' Caryll Houselander