



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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2 June 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

£1,039.79

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Catechetical Co-ordinator: **Izaak Tanna**

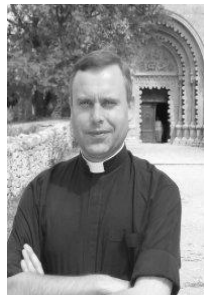
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Seventh Sunday of Easter - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: The first reading is the account of the martyrdom of our patron, St. Stephen. Stephen was a man of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, a deacon dedicated to a life of charity working among widows and orphans. Why on earth was he martyred?

Because, for Stephen, charity and truth cannot be separated. He lives the Christian life, but he knows the basis for this and knows that he is required to proclaim this to others. Knowing that he will be opposed, he nevertheless publicly affirms his belief in the divinity of Jesus, 'standing at the right hand of God.' Even in death, truth and charity cannot be separated for Stephen. In charity, he prays for his murderers, that

this sin might not be held against them. Let us learn from Stephen to be people of charity and truth.

Congratulations

We welcome Joseph Paynter and Yrieix Mézin, who are baptised this weekend.

PDF: Pizza, Drinks, Faith

Our group for young adults (singles or couples yet to start a family aged 18-35) meets at **8.00 pm** in the Parish House this (Sunday) evening. We will watch the DVD 'A Time to Revive: rebuilding the Catholic Faith Today' and have time to discuss and socialise over pizza and a drink.

Confirmation

The rehearsal for next Sunday's Confirmation is in the church at **7.30 pm** tomorrow (Monday) evening. Parents should attend. Sponsors, if they live close by, are welcome to join us for the rehearsal. At the Confirmation Mass next Sunday most of the seating will be reserved for the Confirmation candidates and their guests.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

Children should be baptised within the first few weeks of their life. Unless you have attended baptism preparation sessions here for 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** this **Tuesday, 4 June** and the following **Tuesday, 11 June**. We can arrange a date for the baptism at the second session.

Michael Gleeson & Patrick Murphy, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Gleeson and Patrick Murphy. Patrick's funeral Mass is at **12.45 pm** this **Wednesday, 5 June**. Michael's coffin is being received into church at **7.00 pm** this **Thursday, 6 June**, and his funeral Mass is at **9.30 am** this **Friday, 7 June**.

Mary's Meals: Rags to Riches

Mary's Meals will be coming to our church in two weeks' time to take away our unwanted clothing and bedding (no duvets or pillows please). Please put your unwanted clothes in tied sacks and bring them to Mass with you on the weekend of 15/16 June before **12.30 pm** on **Sunday, 16 June**. Give yourself a little space in the home and benefit a really worthwhile charity at the same time. Mary's Meals feeds children one good meal every day at school in over a dozen countries. Because of their low costs they can do this for as little as £13.90 per child per year!

Catholic Voices

This parish is full of articulate and intelligent people who ought to be exercising their baptismal mission of proclaiming the faith to the world around them, not simply as a means of winning an argument, but bringing people to a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ. Catholic Voices exists to equip people for this mission, training 'ordinary' Catholics to tell the Church's story, creating a generation of confident media and public speakers. They are offering a course of training from late September to early November. If you are interested, please contact info@catholicvoices.org.uk

Parish Office

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

Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School
35 Gayford Road
www.goodshepherdcrc.lbhfsch.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
Lucy Road
shepherdsbushsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk
Cathrin Sarll
shepherdsbushsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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

St. Boniface

'Let us be watchful shepherds, guarding the flock of Christ, preaching to great and small alike, to rich and poor, preaching all that God has decreed to men of all degrees and ages.'

YouCat for Kids

This resource of 228 pp of attractively presented information helps parents answer their children's questions about the faith. (It is also useful for RE homework!) Available from the Repository at the back of church for £11.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Acts 7:55-60 Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 John 17:20-26

Psalm Response: 96 The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;

I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Next Saturday (8 June): *Pulcherie, Antonia, Akosua.*

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Mass Intentions for Week 1 June - 9 June 2019

Saturday 1 June	18.00	Michael O'Sullivan, RIP
<i>St Justin, Martyr</i>		
Sunday 2 June	9.15	Tony Branch, RIP
<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	11.00	Pro populo
	12.30	Patrick Doherty, Anniv.
Monday, 3 June	9.30	Tony Branch, RIP
<i>Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>		
Tuesday, 4 June	9.30	Kitty Keaney, RIP
Wednesday, 5 June	7.00	Sr. Patricia Shepherd, FMM, RIP
<i>St Boniface</i>	12.45	Patrick Murphy, RIP: Funeral
Thursday 6 June	19.00	Sr. Mary Fitzpatrick, int.
Friday, 7 June	9.30	Michael Gleeson RIP: Funeral
Saturday 8 June	9.30	Johnny Matthew Douglas, int.
	18.00	Chris & Kate O'Shea, RIP
Sunday 9 June	9.15	Pro populo
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	11.00	Leo Roach, Anniv.
	12.30	Teddy Mitchell, Anniv.
	15.00	Confirmation candidates

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.

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 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 we have the opportunity to enjoy one another's company.

Faith Summer Conferences

The greatest challenge for young people after Confirmation is for them to own their faith for themselves. Often the best way of doing so is to attend a Catholic youth conference where they are helped to see their faith makes sense and they are encouraged in this by their own peer group. The Faith Summer Session is a five-day conference for those aged 16-35 held in the beautiful surroundings of Woldingham School in the North Downs **29 July-2 August**. A balance of talks, Mass and prayers, and recreation and socialising. Cost including accommodation and meals: £180 (or £155 for students/unwaged). Please let Fr Mark know if you wish to join a group from the parish.

The Faith Movement also organises the Faith Summer Break for those aged 11-15 at Woldingham School 5-8 August. Talks, Mass, discussion groups, sport and a trip to Chessington World of Adventure. Cost: £180.

To book and for more information on both conferences see www.fath.org.uk/events

'Come Away Awhile'

A day retreat for readers and Ministers of Holy Communion led by Sr. Karen Marguerite OP and Sr. Anne Walsh OP at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Saturday, 15 June. Please bring a packed lunch. To register visit livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a message on voicemail at 0207 931 6078.