



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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6 September 2020

Mass Times:

Sunday Masses

6.00 pm (Saturday)

9.15, 11.00 & 18.00

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 -
suspended

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

First Saturday: 8.45 am -
suspended

Legion of Mary

Every Friday after the 9.30
am Mass – suspended

Rosary

After daily Mass during
the week – suspended for
the moment

Confessions

Sat 10.15-11.00 am,
or by request

Baptism

See Parish Priest
Preparation obligatory

Marriage

See Parish Priest
Six months' notice
required
Preparation obligatory

Last week's collection

£646.92

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

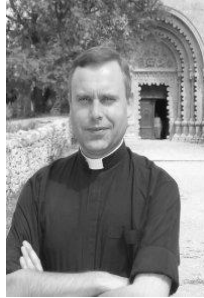
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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



Fr. Mark writes: It was good to be back in the Good Shepherd School last week. As a new academic year begins, it is good to experience an increasing sense of normality. Let us pray that we continue to move forward safely.

We probably all need to take stock as to where we are currently, particularly in regard to our practice of the faith. Of course, the Sunday Mass obligation continues to be suspended. Many people still need to be careful, shielding themselves and others. That is absolutely right. But if we are happy travelling on holiday, shopping and eating out, then we ought to be back at Mass. Receiving Holy Communion and worshipping God together is far more important than a £10 discount on a meal

under Rishi Sunak's deal. A good deal of thought and effort has gone into ensuring that the church is a safe place to be.

Of course, there are likely to be restrictions on the maximum numbers permitted at Mass for some while yet. We have come close at the 11 am Mass, but have yet to reach the limit. That may happen as families return to London for the new school year. Initially, people will be admitted on a first come, first admitted basis. We may then have to consider some form of ticketing system.

Let us continue to have regard to our physical health, but let us not neglect our spiritual health.

Welcome

Congratulations to Thea de Pulford and Arianna Bernal, who are baptised this weekend.

Public Masses

1. A maximum of 68 people is allowed at Mass. We will admit those arriving first. The church doors open 15 minutes before Mass.
2. Face covering are mandatory at all Masses except for those with health conditions and children under the age of 11.
3. The Sunday Mass obligation is suspended. It is fine to watch online or come to a weekday Mass.
4. The 12.30 pm Sunday Mass has been replaced by Mass at 6.00 pm on Sundays.
5. There is no Communion from the chalice, exchange of the sign of peace, congregational singing, hymn books or hand missals – although we will have music at the 9.15 and 11 am Masses.
6. Stewards will guide you to your seat (which may not be your normal seat) and to Holy Communion. Please follow the stewards' directions. We need to fill the church from the front so those arriving subsequently can easily find a seat. Please sit where the green ticks are on the benches. These are arranged so people are 1m apart. Those from the same household can sit together provided there is at least 1m distance from the next person.
7. You can collect a newsletter at the end of Mass, and there are baskets for the Sunday collection for those who usually give by cash or the envelope system.
8. Please only use the loos if necessary, as they will have to be cleaned between each Mass.

Masses – Live Streaming

We have stopped putting the Mass on the Internet. A handful of people were still finding the streamed Masses very helpful, but the numbers viewing had fallen considerably. Also Robert and Daniel are no longer here on a daily basis to take care of this. If you cannot attend Mass in person, there are many options out there on the Internet. One possibility is Westminster Cathedral which streams two Masses each day. See <https://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/> The Cardinal is celebrating a streamed Mass from the Cathedral in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham at 3.00 pm this Saturday, 12 September.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions can be booked as normal. Mass cards are available from the Parish Office. Occasionally, the date of a Mass has to be changed, e.g. when a funeral is arranged. Your Mass intention will always be offered at a later date. If you plan to attend the Mass, especially if you have people travelling from away, please leave a contact number so we can notify you of any change of date.

Parish Office

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

Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School
35 Gayford Road
www.goodshepherdrc.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

07561 588717
Lucy Road
shepherdsbushsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk
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Planned giving scheme

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

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
darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk

Young adults group

Meets Sun. 6 pm monthly
santiagopise@hotmail.com

Saturdays

There will be no Saturday morning Mass for the next three Saturdays. The First Communion Masses are for families only. I am happy to hear Confessions at any mutually convenient time. Please contact me.

Basement Project

We are creating meeting space below the Parish House, enabling us to meet together after Mass on a Sunday morning and for other parish purposes. Plumbing, wiring and IT facilities have been installed. A new kitchen is being installed, and the rooms will be decorated.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Year A – Volume 2, 125-128

Matthew 18:15-20

Psalms Response: 94

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.**

Alleluia

Church cleaning:

Suspended until further notice

Mass Intentions for Week: 5 September - 13 September 2020

Saturday 5 September	18.00	Kate & Chris O'Shea, RIP
Sunday 6 September	9.15	Pro populo
	11.00	Margaret & Jack Stewart, Anniv.
	18.00	Peggy McCormack, RIP
Monday, 7 September	9.30	Anna Zawadzka, RIP
Tuesday, 8 September	9.30	Br. Thomas Mannion, OP
<i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
Wednesday, 9 September	7.00	Fr. Danny Horan, RIP
Thursday 10 September	19.00	Margaret Conney, int.
Friday, 11 September	9.30	Patrick Friel, RIP
Saturday 12 September	12.00	First Holy Communion children – families only
	18.00	Dominic Egan, Anniv.
Sunday 13 September	9.15	Sue Hennessy, RIP
	11.00	Robert Smialek, int.
	18.00	Pro populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Pierina Beltrami, Christopher Browne, May Carter, Agnes Charles, Tom Cooke, Pasquale de Stefano, Sheila Dineen, Michael Evens, Hannah Galis, Tony Inkim, Sandra Jones, Bridget McMorro, Jinny Morris, Kathleen Nee, Imelda O'Sullivan, Maria Samele, Gemma Sweny, Franco Vuoto, Laura Walsh, Ellen White, Sarah Williams and the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents.

First Holy Communion & First Confession 2021

The programme is for the children attending Mass here about to enter school Year 3. We start with a parents' meeting in church at **3.00 pm** on **Sunday, 4 October**. The children will meet in the Good Shepherd School most Sunday mornings during term time. It may not be possible at the moment for them to attend the 11 am Mass together as in previous years. First Holy Communion itself will be at two Masses at noon on Saturday, 15 & 22 May 2021. If you have a child who wishes to join the programme, E-Mail Daniel, the parish catechist, on shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk. He will send you an application form and other details.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Jesus Christ calls everyone to be a full member of His Catholic Church through the sacraments of baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. The RCIA group meets Tuesday evenings, starting at **8.00 pm** on **6 October**. It is for those previously of no faith or other faiths, other Christians who wish to become Catholics, and Catholics who missed out on sacraments when they were younger. It is a chance to reflect on what Catholics believe, how we pray and live our faith in the world. There are no set expectations. If appropriate, the individual receives the sacraments next Easter. If this interests you or someone you know, please E-Mail Fr. Mark at markvickers@rcdow.org.uk for further details.

School References

In applying to Catholic schools, always consult the school's admissions criteria. Priority is given to children from practising Catholic families as determined by the child's baptism certificate and a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) signed by the priest where the family attend Mass. In requesting a CCP, you are asking the priest to confirm you have attended Mass each Sunday over a period of years. (Please notify the priest of any exceptional circumstances if this has not been the case.) Dates for school signings will be advertised shortly. The procedure is the same as in previous years except, of course, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended since March. Mass attendance will refer to the period before March. If you have moved into the parish in the last 12-18 months, it may make sense to have the CCP signed in your former parish.

The Morning Star

'Mary is the dawning, Christ the perfect day. Dark as the world may seem today, it can never be quite dark again since Mary came on earth. Mary, whose birth was the dawning hope for mankind, brought to us the light of the world,' Sr. Mary Jean Dorcy, O.P.