



# Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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31 January 2021

## 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

Please contact Fr. Mark at  
the Parish House

### Baptism

See Parish Priest  
Preparation obligatory

### Marriage

See Parish Priest  
Six months' notice  
required  
Preparation obligatory

## Last week's collection

£484.49

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

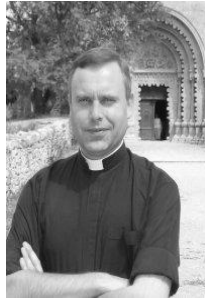
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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B



**Fr. Mark writes:** It was indeed a sobering milestone to learn that the COVID death toll in the UK exceeded 100,000 last week – and to remember that each one is an individual loved by family and friends who might not have had the opportunity to say good-bye and to grieve as they would have wanted.

We join the call to prayer remembering all those affected in this parish and community: those who mourn, those who suffer from isolation or anxieties and those caring for the sick and the dying. We ask the Lord for an outpouring of His grace and love, that they receive strength and courage to move forward, assured that they are never alone. He loves them and is present to them. But most

importantly we also pray for those who have died. Life in this world is only a pilgrimage. Death is not the end. We believe in the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we pray at the Requiem Mass: 'Lord, for Your faithful, life is changed not ended.' We assist our beloved dead on their journey with our prayers and, most powerfully, by the Masses offered for them. And we hope to see them again.

### Tony Inkim, Rosie Hibberd, James Shanley & Maria Samele, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Tony Inkim, Rosie Hibberd, James Shanley and Maria Samele. Their funerals will be for family members only. Please pray also for the repose of the soul of Bishop Pat O'Donoghue, a former Westminster priest and auxiliary bishop in West London, who died in Cork last Sunday.

### Candlemas, St. Blaise and Lent

There are a number of important liturgical feasts and seasons approaching. The pandemic will affect how we celebrate them:

1. Tuesday is the Feast of the Presentation, **Candlemas**, marking the traditional end of the Christmas season. We won't be handing out candles or having the normal procession, but if you wish to bring your own candle to Mass and keep it alight to the end of the Gospel, it will be blessed.
2. 3 February is the Feast of St. Blaise. Rather than have individual **blessings of the throat**, I will give a general blessing at the end of the 7 am Mass.
3. The Bishops have issued instructions for **Ash Wednesday** which falls this year on Wednesday, 17 February. Rather than making the sign of the Cross with ash on the forehead, ashes will be sprinkled on the head of those who wish to receive them, avoiding the need for physical contact. This is already the custom in many Catholic countries.
4. We normally pray the **Stations of the Cross** in church at 7.30 pm on Friday evenings in Lent. It is not possible to process around the church together currently and I appreciate that many of those who normally attend are not coming to church currently. If you are likely to attend, please let me if you want to have Stations of the Cross in church – with people remaining in their seats throughout – or to pray the Stations together virtually. (Zoom is probably the best option.) If there is sufficient interest, I am happy to arrange this.

### Baptisms

The next baptism preparation sessions for parents attending Mass here (pre-lockdown) and wishing to have a young child baptised will be held online at **7.30 pm** on **Tuesday, 2 and 9 February**. If you attend both sessions, we can then arrange a date. E-Mail me and I will provide access details for the meetings. (You do not need to attend if you came to an earlier session here for an older child.)

### Live streamed Masses

Parish Masses can be viewed online at the YouTube channel, Church of the Holy Ghost and St Stephen or at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkngzmIjesVhOV-zegZLUqQ> We hope to stream all parish Masses but not special services (such as baptisms and funerals) unless the family specifically request this. We are still experiencing connectivity problems between the equipment and YouTube. Hopefully, this will be sorted out very shortly.

**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](http://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**

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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  
[dariosposito79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dariosposito79@yahoo.co.uk)

**Young adults group**

Suspended for the moment

**Sunday Scriptures**

Online 8 pm Sundays  
For Zoom access details:  
[jroberts@thetablet.co.uk](mailto:jroberts@thetablet.co.uk)

**Crib Offerings**

The Crib offerings are for the Westminster Catholic Children's Society. It supports mental health professionals working with children facing issues of bereavement, abuse, neglect and family breakdown. It also provides emergency grants to families in crisis.

**St. Blaise**

By the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God preserve you from all harm to the throat and every other ill besides.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20      1 Corinthians 7:32-35      Mark 1:21-28  
Psalm Response: 94      O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.**  
**Alleluia**  
Church cleaning:      Suspended until further notice

**Mass Intentions for Week: 30 January – 7 February 2021**

Saturday, 30 January	18.00	John Keane, Anniv
Sunday 31 January	9:15	Pro populo
	11:00	Maria Dolores & Patrick Egan, Anniv.
	18:00	Roy & Bridget Panting, int.
Monday, 1 February	9:30	Mary & Patrick McDonagh, RIP
Tuesday, 2 February	9:30	Celia Walsh, int.
<b>Presentation of the Lord</b>		
Wednesday, 3 February	7.00	William O'Brien, Anniv.
<b>St. Blaise</b>		
Thursday, 4 February	19.00	Frank & Noreen, Derek, Laura & Cileen Murphy, int
Friday, 5 February	9.30	Holy Souls
<b>St Agatha</b>		
Saturday, 6 February	9.30	Margaret Cooney, int
<b>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b>		
Sunday 7 February	18.00	Sophia Teresa Rose Scott, RIP
	9:15	Camillo Rivera, RIP
	11:00	Christine Beaton & family, 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, Finian & Helen Cox, Pasquale de Stefano, Sheila Dineen, Michael Evens, Rita Ferns, Hannah Galis, Mary Hill, Sandra Jones, Bridget McMorro, Kathleen Nee, Imelda O'Sullivan, Alfred & Gemma Sweny, Timothy Tobin, Franco Vuoto, Laura Walsh, Ellen White and the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents.

**Confirmation**

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish later this year. The programme is for young adults in school Year 9+ attending Mass here. It begins with a virtual meeting for parents at **7.30 pm** tomorrow **Monday, 1 February**. Virtual sessions for the young people start the following week. (I hope that we can move to meeting in person by Easter.)

**Public Masses**

The normal Mass schedule continues.

1. The church opens 15 minutes before Mass begins.
2. For track and tracing, please give your details to the steward or scan the barcode on the posters.
3. At the Sunday Masses please fill the church from the front and sit where indicated by the green ticks. Those in the same household can sit together, ensuring you are always at least 1 metre from the next person/ household.
4. If receiving Holy Communion, please wait to be guided by the stewards.
5. Face coverings (covering mouth and nose) are required except for those with exemptions.
6. Please only use the loos if necessary.
7. Please leave the church promptly after Mass and avoid gathering on the forecourt afterwards.

**Caryll Houselander**

'Not one of us is alone. All are one in Christ, and we can be strong in the realisation that we are together and that we share in all and every grace of one another. We are one, not only with each other, but with all the Church, the saints in Heaven, the faithful on earth and the souls in Purgatory, and we have, all of us, the strength of the adored King, Christ – as our sword: His strength and His meekness, His love and His forgiveness.' Caryll Houselander was an English Catholic artist, writer and spiritual guide.

**Parish Office/Catechist**

The Parish Office is closed until further notice. Sherry is working from home and is available by E-Mail only – [shepherdsbush@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shepherdsbush@rcdow.org.uk) Daniel, the parish catechist is also working from home and can be contacted at [shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk)