



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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Mass Times:

Sunday Masses

6.00 pm (Saturday)

9.15, 11.00 am & 6.00 pm

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

£747.75

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

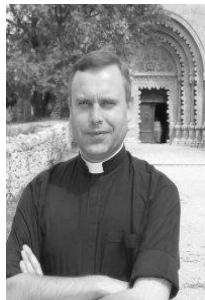
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Second Sunday in Lent – Year B



Fr. Mark writes: Many of the most important events in the Bible take place on mountains. God gives Israel the Commandments on Mount Sinai. By tradition, last week's Gospel occurred on the Mount of Temptation outside Jericho. It is the same with today's readings. The (averted) sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham takes place on Mount Moriah. The Transfiguration of Our Lord occurs on Mount Nebo.

Mountains are places of silence, away from the noise of everyday life, where we are better able to hear God speaking to us. They give us a particular vantage point, we can see the plain spread out beneath us, we gain a new perspective. Having climbed a few mountains in the Holy Land, it can be hard work in the heat and

involve a great deal of effort, like anything worthwhile. How spiritually, if not physically, can we scale the heights this Lent to encounter God and hear His message to us?

Road Map out of Lockdown

Let us pray, as the Prime Minister suggests, that we can indeed return safely to some form of normality by 21 June. Hopefully, restrictions applying to churches will be eased gradually before then. The situation at the moment, however, remains the same:

1. Funeral Masses are subject to a maximum of 30 mourners.
2. Baptisms are only permitted within scheduled Masses.
3. Weddings are only permitted in emergency situations if one of the couple is seriously ill.

Welcome

Congratulations to Laurie Macfarlane, who is baptised this weekend.

Alfred Sweny, Pierina Beltrami & Alan Burrridge, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Alf Sweny, Pierina Beltrami and Alan Burrridge. Their funeral Masses are for family members only.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are being prayed online this year rather than in church. If you wish to join us on Zoom at **7.30 pm** on Friday evenings, please let me have your E-Mail address and I will send you access details.

Lent Fast Day

CAFOD is the Bishops' agency for overseas aid and development. Their Lent Fast Day was last Friday. The idea is that we went without food and donated what we saved to help some of the world's most needy people. Abdella lives in remote and mountainous country in Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He feels his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Giving today helps provide vulnerable communities around the world with water and other vital support.

Donations can be made online at www.cafod.org.uk/give or by returning one of the envelopes from the back of church in the collecting baskets or through the Parish House letterbox.

Sauvignon for the Soul

The next virtual meeting for this group for mums with children of primary school age or under will be at **8.15 pm** this **Thursday, 4 March**. Hosted by Thommy Tillotson and Gersende Mézin, it will be an opportunity to catch up socially, see where we are spiritually and plan for the future. I have sent Zoom access details to members. Please let me know if other mums wish to attend.

Parish Office

The Parish Office remains closed to personal callers, but Paula Lopes McDermid is in the office 11 am-3 pm on Tuesdays and 1-5 pm on Fridays to answer inquiries by phone and E-Mail only – shepherdsbush@rcdow.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.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 Gersende on
07523 501508

Young dads group
Thurs. 7.30 pm monthly
darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk

Young adults group
Suspended for the moment

Sunday Scriptures
Online 8 pm Sundays
For Zoom access details:
jroberts@thetablet.co.uk

Confessions

All Catholics should be going to Confession in Lent. I am happy to hear Confessions at any mutually convenient time. I will also be available **2-4 pm on Saturday, 20 March** in the marquee at the Good Shepherd School.

Weekday Masses

Please note there is no **7.00 am** parish Mass this **Wednesday, 3 March**. The funeral Mass that morning is for family members only.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10
Psalm Response: 115 I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living
Gospel Acclamation: **Glory and praise to You, O Christ!**
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him.'
Glory and praise to You, O Christ!
Church cleaning: Suspended until further notice

Mass Intentions for Week: 27 February-7 March 2021

Saturday, 27 February	18:00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 28 February	9:15	Pro populo
<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	11:00	Rita Davenport, RIP
	18:00	Frances Johnston, Anniv.
Monday, 1 March	9:30	Rose Nutley, int.
<i>St David</i>		
Tuesday, 2 March	9:30	Maria Samele, RIP
Wednesday, 3 March		Alfred Sweny, RIP: Funeral (family only)
Thursday, 4 March	19:00	Anthony Isles, Anniv.
Friday, 5 March	9:30	Holy Souls
Saturday, 6 March	9:30	Neil Panting, int.
	18:00	Kay Gleeson, int.
Sunday, 7 March	9:15	Pro populo
<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	11:00	Tom & Phyllis Cooke, int.
	18:00	Siobhan Panting, int.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Loni Adams, 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, Lorraine & John Searl, Gemma Sweny, Franco Vuoto, Laura Walsh, Ellen White and the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents.

Public Masses

It is good to see numbers gradually increasing as the vaccination programme is rolled out and confidence returns. The Sunday evening Mass remains the quietest Mass.

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.

Visiting

Routine visiting of the sick and housebound remains suspended to prevent transmission of the virus. Hopefully, with the rollout of the vaccine, it will become possible again soon. Priests are available to minister the sacraments in emergency/end of life situations. In a hospital, contact the Catholic chaplain on admission. I am willing to celebrate the Last Rites for anyone at home. Some nursing homes are again allowing this. It is one of the most important spiritual duties we can perform for the dying.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal

Charitable giving to those in need is part of our Lenten discipline. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table. Poverty is deepening across the Diocese and the need for foodbanks and supermarket vouchers has accelerated. Through your generosity the Church continues to provide food to those most in need. You can give by taking one of the donation envelopes from the back of church and returning it in the collecting baskets or through the Parish House letterbox. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code on those envelopes or the posters at the back of church and give online, avoiding the need to handle cash.

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>