



# Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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**10 October 2021**

## 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 & 7.00 pm

### Parish Office

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

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Sat 10.00-10.45 am

### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

First Saturday: 8.45 am - suspended

### Rosary

After daily Mass during the week – suspended for the moment

### Confessions

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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

**£995.72**

**Thank-you**

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

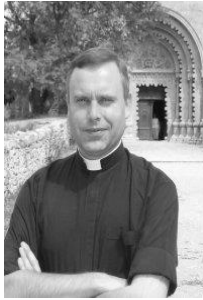
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## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B



**Fr. Mark writes:** 'Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.' It seems a strange request which the Psalmist makes of God. But, in fact, it is one of the most important things of all.

In our youth it never occurs to us that there will be a time, possibly sooner than we think, when we will no longer be on this earth. As we grow older, we appreciate more that this will be the case, but we choose not to dwell on the matter. We should. It would give us a far better sense of perspective and enable us to live life to the full. We would no longer put off ensuring that we are at rights with God and with those around us. There are people we would want to assure of our love, quarrels and

disputes we would want to resolve. We would wish to concentrate on what really matters rather than the trivia we so often concern ourselves with. We would want to tell God that we love Him, and ask Him to forgive anything which needs to be forgiven. We would want to spend time with Him who loves us. Yes, 'make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.'

### Welcome

Congratulations to James Fallon, who is received into full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at the 6 pm Mass today (Sunday).

### Mary Devaney & Norah Brick, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Devaney and Norah Brick. Mary's funeral Mass is at **10.30 am** tomorrow **Monday, 11 October**. (There will be no 9.30 am Mass tomorrow.) Norah's funeral Mass is at **10.00 am** on **Friday, 22 October**.

### Masses – COVID Restrictions

The wearing of face coverings is encouraged. Please use the hand sanitiser provided. If you have the app, you can register your presence using the QR codes at the back of church. We retain the same format of coming forward to Holy Communion, bench by bench, starting with the side aisles and the back, and returning to our seats by the side aisles. It makes for less crowding and a more dignified reception of Holy Communion. Those at the front of the side aisles should lead the way as soon as the priest receives Communion, rather than waiting for him to come down to the altar steps.

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

The RCIA programme is for adults wishing to become Catholics and Catholics who may have missed out on sacraments when younger and who wish to be confirmed or make their First Holy Communion next Easter. If you would like to join the four candidates in the group which meets on Tuesday evenings, please contact Fr. Mark.

### Harvest Fast Day

Thank-you for your donations to CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day. We raised £323.10 in addition to any donations made online or by text. Your generous gifts help people like Invanilde in the Amazon protect our common home.

### Basement

Before the summer we completed a project to turn the basement of the Parish House into rooms to host catechesis and other parish events. We had a beautiful large meeting room with audio-visual equipment and a new kitchen to serve refreshments. We were just waiting for the pandemic restrictions to ease before we began to use it. Then the basement was badly flooded in July and has been flooded again several times in the recent rains. The floor has had to be stripped out. The problem is inadequate drainage in the street and the works Thames Water have been undertaking at the end of Ashchurch Grove. After heavy rain, water is unable to leave the property and backs up. We are investigating various solutions with a view to bringing the basement facilities into use as soon as possible.

**Parish Office**

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

**Catholic Chaplaincies**  
**Charing Cross Hospital**  
020 3311 1042  
**Hammersmith Hospital**  
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**Safeguarding Officers**  
07561 588717  
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Cathrin Sarll  
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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](mailto:darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk)

**Young adults group**  
Suspended for the moment

**Sunday Scriptures**  
Fridays, 4.30-5.30 pm  
For further information:  
[jroberts@thetablet.co.uk](mailto:jroberts@thetablet.co.uk)

**A Day with Mary**

The regular Saturday devotions to Our Lady are resuming. On Saturday, 16 October the Day with Mary is being held at Westminster Cathedral. See the poster at the back of church for details.

**Annual Mass Count**

For the last three Sundays and the next we have our annual Mass count. It will be fascinating to see where we are. In 2019 an average of 649 people attended Sunday Mass here; last year, due to the pandemic, it was just 352.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30  
Psalm Response: 89 Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.  
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: 9 - 17 October 2021**

Saturday, 9 October	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
<i>St John Henry Newman</i>		
Sunday, 10 October	9:15	Imelda O'Sullivan, RIP
	11:00	Mary Davenport, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 11 October	<b>10.30</b>	Mary Devaney, RIP: Funeral
Tuesday, 12 October	9.30	Mary & John Healy and Family, int.
Wednesday, 13 October	7.00	Sandra Crouch & family, int.
<i>St Edward the Confessor</i>		
Thursday, 14 October	19.00	Patrick & Mary McDonagh, RIP
Friday, 15 October	9.30	John, Stephen & Tim Healy & Sean Doyle, RIP
<i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>		
Saturday, 16 October	9.30	Imelda O'Sullivan, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 17 October	9:15	Imelda O'Sullivan, RIP
	11:00	Andrew Duffy, Anniv.
	18.00	Rev. Jan Szponar, RIP

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

Christopher Browne, May Carter, Agnes Charles, Tom Cooke, Finian & Helen Cox, Pasquale de Stefano, Rita Ferns, Hannah Galis, Kay & Rosemarie Healy, Mary Hill, Sandra Jones, Veronica Lennon, Bridget McMorro, Kathleen Nee, Maria Nicholls, Bridget Parker, Lorraine & John Searl, Gemma Sweny, Franco Vuoto, Laura Walsh, Ellen White and the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents.

**School References**

Fr. Mark is available again to sign priest references for applications to Catholic secondary schools: **2-4 pm this Saturday, 16 October** and **7-9 pm, Friday, 22 October**. Just one parent/carer (who comes to Mass here) and the child should attend. Please bring the Certificate of Catholic Practice (one per school) having completed your child's details and your child's baptism certificate (if the baptism did not take place here). We have **an appointment system**. To book an appointment, please E-Mail Laurence, the catechist, at [shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk) letting him know which of the two dates you can make. He will E-Mail you to confirm the time. In seeking a reference, you are asking the priest to confirm that your child is a baptised Catholic and the family have attended Mass each Sunday over a number of years – at least before the pandemic. If you have recently moved into the parish or attend Mass more regularly elsewhere, it makes sense to seek a reference from that other parish. (Primary school references will be offered later in the year.)

**Contactless Giving**

The pandemic has accelerated the trend towards a cashless society. Several people have asked in recent months about contactless giving, and we have installed a card reader by St. Jude at the entrance. You can either donate one of the programmed amounts or enter another sum. There is also an option to Gift Aid donations. We remain happy to take cash!

**Sauvignon for the Soul**

The group for mum with children of primary school age or under resumes meetings in person at **8 pm on Thursday, 21 October** at Gersende Mézin's home. Preparing children for life can be a challenge, but also a joy. Clare Mulvany, a mum of young children from Acton, will speak about her approach, 'Children: Educating Heart & Mind.' There is the opportunity for questions and socialising over drinks and nibbles. If you wish to attend, please call or text Gersende on 07523 501508.

**St. Teresa of Avila**

'Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God, you will want for nothing. God alone suffices.'