



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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3 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

£1,032.95

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

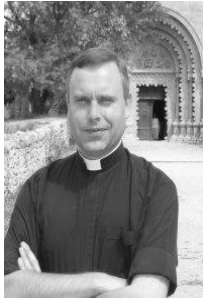
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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B



Fr. Mark writes: The Gospel is Jesus's teaching on marriage. He reminds the Pharisees and us that marriage is not a human construct, not something which Parliament nor even the Church can change on a whim. Jesus cuts through the argument and takes us back to 'the beginning' to recover God's plan for marriage. Marriage is something God-given, written in to human nature as we are created by God. Marriage reflects something of the love and life of the Blessed Trinity. Made in the image and likeness of God, we are called to live out that model of loving in our relationships. Therefore, marriage is indissoluble, it is for life. 'What God has united, man must not divide.' Marriage is about the mutual and complementary

love of man and woman which is fruitful in the gift of children. Sublime teaching, but also difficult for us to fulfil, which is precisely why Jesus gives us the grace of the sacrament, the importance of marrying in church and making this a fully Christian marriage.

Harvest Fast Day

Last Friday was CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day. The idea is that we went without some food and, from what we save, support those in most need. Local experts are helping people around the world adapt to climate change and to protect our common home. Your donations can help those communities worst affected. You can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis or by returning one of the envelopes from the back of church in the collection at the end of Mass. You can also donate £10 by texting CAFOD10 to 70580. Thank-you for your support.

First Holy Communion 2022

The First Holy Communion programme is for the children of families attending Mass here who start school Year 3 in September. The children meet in the Good Shepherd School, 35 Gayford Road most Sunday mornings in term time, attending the 11 am Mass afterwards. The celebration of First Holy Communion itself will be at two Masses on Saturday, 14 and 21 May 2022. The programme begins with a parents' meeting in church at **3 pm** this (Sunday) afternoon.

Michael Evans, Claire Faux, Mary Devaney & Norah Brick, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Evans, Claire Faux, Mary Devaney and Norah Brick. Details of the funeral Masses are: Michael, **11.30 am** this **Tuesday, 5 October**; Claire **9.15 am** this **Wednesday, 6 October**; Mary, **10.30 am** on **Monday, 11 October**. (There will be no 9.30 am Mass on Tuesday or 7 am Mass on Wednesday.)

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 start making their way forward 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

Jesus Christ calls all to be a full member of His Catholic Church through the sacraments of initiation: baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion, believing in Him, living out our faith in Sunday worship and daily life. The RCIA group meets in the Parish House at **8 pm** most Tuesday evenings, starting this **Tuesday, 5 October**. It is for adults previously of no faith or other faiths, other Christians who wish to become Catholic, and Catholics who missed out on sacraments when younger. We reflect on what Catholics believe and how we live our faith. If right for them, the individuals receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, 16 April 2022. If you wish to join the group, please contact Fr. Mark.

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Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

35 Gayford Road
www.goodshepherdcrc.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
 Fridays, 4.30-5.30 pm
 For further information:
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 two Sundays and the next two 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

Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16
 Psalm Response: 127 May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.
 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: 2 – 10 October 2021

Saturday, 2 October	18.00	Margaret & William McGovern, RIP
<i>Guardian Angels</i>		
Sunday, 3 October	9:15	Patrick & Maria Dolores Egan, Anniv.
	11:00	Pro populo
	18.00	Kay Bradley, RIP
Monday, 4 October	9.30	Dan McEvoy, Anniv.
<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>		
Tuesday, 5 October	11.30	Michael Evans, RIP: Funeral
Wednesday, 6 October	9.15	Claire Faux, RIP: Funeral
Thursday, 7 October	19.00	Ruby Roach, int.
<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>		
Friday, 8 October	9.30	Marian O'Donoghue, int.
Saturday, 9 October	9.30	Roy Panting, int.
<i>St John Henry Newman</i>	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 10 October	9:15	Imelda O'Sullivan, RIP
	11:00	Mary Davenport, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo

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 to sign priest references for applications to Catholic secondary schools: **7-9 pm**, tomorrow **Monday, 4 October**; **2-4 pm**, **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 letting him know which of the three 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.

Seminarian

We will welcome Sean Power, a Westminster seminarian from Allen Hall, who will be joining us weekly for the coming year. Sean studied Theology at Durham and Philosophy in Rome, and has worked at Oriel College, Oxford.