



# 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 & 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 9.30 am daily Mass during the week

### 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

£715.58

Crib Offerings

£717.67

Epiphany Appeal

£612.75

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



**Fr. Mark writes:** At the beginning of Jesus's public ministry, St. Paul asks us to appreciate the gifts of the Holy Spirit which are freely available to all who believe and live in Christ. These gifts are extraordinary, but they are an ordinary part of the life of the Church. We should expect them and use them

We are simply asked to be humble. These are, after all the gifts of the Spirit, not own achievements. And it has nothing to do with individualism and pride. The Holy Spirit distributes gifts as He chooses and it is always for the good of the body, the Church as a whole. We should rejoice in the gifts enjoyed by others. We should recognise the gifts we ourselves have received and put them to use to help others. None of us

should say we lack gifts. Faith, as St. Paul makes clear, is a gift. When others are struggling or in doubt, often the witness of our faith in Jesus Christ provides them with tremendous hope and encouragement.

### Welcome

Congratulations to Olivia Nguimbous Adang, who is baptised this weekend.

### Crib Offerings

Thank-you to everyone who gave to the Crib for offerings over the Christmas period to support the work of Westminster Catholic Children's Society. We raised £[ ]. This money goes to support a team of mental health work professionals working in 80 schools with children facing issues of bereavement, abuse, neglect and family breakdown. It supports a Crisis Fund providing emergency grants to families in crisis.

### Epiphany Appeal: Holy Family Hospital, Bethlehem

Thank-you also to those who supported the Epiphany Appeal to help those suffering in the Holy Land. We raised £[ ] for the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem. 80% of locals are currently without wages meaning there are many undernourished children and destitute families to care for. Thank-you for your generosity.

### Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish for our young people at **12 noon on Saturday, 11 June 2022**. The programme is for those in school Year 9 and above who attend Mass here. It begins with a parents' meeting in church at **7.30 pm on 31 January**. The young people then meet on Monday evenings in school term time with a day retreat on Saturday, 23 April. There are application forms at the back of church. Please return with the fee of £35 and, if not baptised here, a copy of their baptism certificate, ASAP.

### White Flower Appeal

Next weekend we have the annual White Flower Appeal on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). SPUC is campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. It is a sad reflection on our culture that not only is unborn life not respected, but there are persistent attempts to silence those who speak out on the subject, e.g. Pro-Life student societies in universities. Please be generous to allow SPUC to defend unborn babies and their mothers.

### Adoremus

We will resume the monthly candlelit hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church at **7.00 pm** this (Sunday) evening. The opportunity to be still with the Lord, with the chance for Confession and finishing with Benediction.

### Raymonde Forde, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Raymond Forde. His funeral Mass will be at **10.30 am** next **Wednesday, 26 January**.

**Parish Office**

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**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**

07561 588717  
Lucy Road  
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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**

Monthly, Sun. evenings  
[shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk)

**Sunday Scriptures**

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

**Repository**

The shop at the back of church is open on Sundays between the two morning Masses and after the 11 am Mass. They have new stock. Do take the opportunity to have a look.

**COVID**

The wearing of face masks (covering nose and mouth) is compulsory in church except for those with health exemptions and those reading or singing in the choir loft.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Isaiah 62:1-5                      1 Corinthians 12:4-11                      John 2:1-11  
Psalm 95: Response:              Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.  
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!**  
Church cleaning:                  Suspended until further notice

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**Mass Intentions for Week: 15 - 23 January 2022**

Saturday, 15 January	18.00	Norah Brick, RIP
Sunday, 16 January	9:15	Micky McGilligan, Anniv. (20 years)
	11:00	Pro populo
	18.00	Doherty & Devaney family & Larry Kehoe, RIP
Monday, 17 January	9.30	Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, O.P., int.
<i>St Anthony, Abbot</i>		
Tuesday, 18 January	9.30	Ann Hamilton, RIP
Wednesday, 19 January	7.00	Nora Carey, RIP
Thursday, 20 January	19.00	Henry Nelson & Eddie D'Arcy, RIP
Friday, 21 January	9.30	John & Peter Sweeney, RIP
<i>St Agnes</i>		
Saturday, 22 January	9.30	Gleeson family, RIP
	18.00	Michael & Agnes Devine, Anniv.
Sunday, 23 January	9:15	Norah Brick, RIP
	11:00	Norah Brick, 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, Colm Nee, Maria Nicholls, Bridget Parker, Lorraine & John Searl, Gemma Sweny, Franco Vuoto, Laura Walsh, Ellen White & the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents.

**Marriage Preparation**

All Catholics should marry in church to receive the graces and blessings we need and which God wishes to give. The process is neither complicated nor expensive. One of the requirements is to attend a marriage preparation course. We have a course here for all those planning to marry here or elsewhere in 2022. It comprises two afternoons: **2-5 pm, Saturday, 29 January and 26 February**. Please let Fr. Mark know if you wish to attend. There is an online course for those unable to make those dates.

**Sauvignon for the Soul**

COVID permitting, the group for mums with children of primary school age or under will meet in person in the Parish House for Sauvignon and nibbles at **8.00 pm on Thursday, 20 January**. It isn't easy being a mother and trying to raise children as Catholics. Caroline Moulinet, the author of 'A Mother's Heart' and the mother of four, will speak on her experience and tips. Please call or text Gersende on 07523 501508 if you wish to attend.

**Young Adults Group: PDQ**

The Young Adults Group, PDQ ('Pizza, Drinks, Questions'), for those aged 18-35, will meet in the Parish House at **7.00 pm on Sunday, 23 January** for refreshments and discussion. At the next session we will reflect on the Church's Pro-Life message. Clare McCullough of the Good Counsel Network will speak to us about what practically the Church is doing to enable mothers keep their babies. Please let Laurence know if you hope to attend: [shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk)

**Catholic Curry Club**

COVID permitting, the group for dads with children of primary school age or under will meet in person in the Parish House at **8.00 pm on Thursday, 27 January**. Fr. John Hemer will speak to us. The Scripture professor at the seminary, and a former missionary in Africa and Pakistan, he is always well worth listening to. Dario will be in contact in due course to collect your curry order. If you are not yet on the mailing list, please send him an E-Mail at [darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk)