



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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9 January 2022

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

£802.54

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

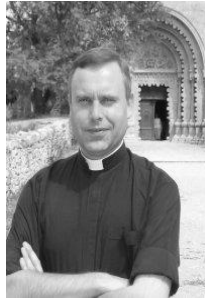
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Baptism of the Lord - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: Today, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, is a good time to reflect on our own baptism. First of all, to give thanks to God. Baptism comes to us as pure gift. At our baptism we receive all that Jesus won for us by virtue of His death and Resurrection. Our sins are forgiven, the Holy Spirit is poured into our souls, we become children of God, members of the Church, the gates of heaven are thrown open to us. So much to give thanks for.

Something profound happens at baptism. In a very real sense we are no longer the same person that we were before baptism. We have been made like Christ. He becomes a part of our life, we become a part of His.

At baptism, the parents promise to raise their child 'in the practice of the faith'. This means something important. Baptism can never be a stand-alone ceremony for those with no real contact with the Church. (Of course, it can be an opportunity to resume or deepen contact.) It is about relationship – relationship with Jesus and with our neighbour – reflected in charity, prayer, the moral life and Mass attendance.

Masses

I am away for five days. Please note that there is no Mass this Monday or Friday morning. I am grateful to Canon Chris Thomas, Fr. Gerard Sheehan and Fr. Robert Marsh for supplying at Mass on the other days in my absence.

Christmas Offerings

The envelopes at the back of church are for Christmas offerings to the parish. (If you are in the envelope system, you have one already in your box.) Unlike the Sunday collection, where 1/3 goes to the Diocese, all proceeds remain for the benefit of our parish.

Crib Offerings

The basket and Gift Aid envelopes by the Crib are for offerings to the Westminster Catholic Children's Society. The charity supports a team of mental health work professionals working in 80 schools with children facing issues of bereavement, abuse, neglect and family breakdown. It also operates a Crisis Fund providing emergency grants to families in crisis. Christmas Crib offerings constitute one of their main sources of income. Please do support them, if you can.

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 Saturday day retreat. 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.

Epiphany Appeal – Holy Family Hospital, Bethlehem

Jesus was born away from home amid uncertainty and hostility. The people of the Holy Land continue to suffer today – not least because pilgrimages, a major source of income, have ceased during the pandemic. The Cardinal has asked us to show solidarity with the Holy Land at this time. At the Epiphany the wise men brought gifts to the infant Jesus. Perhaps we also could bring gifts to Him, in the form of the suffering and needy, through a special Epiphany collection. The money will go to 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. If anyone else wishes to contribute, please take an appeal envelope from the back of church and return it with any donation in the collection.

Raymonde Forde, RIP

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

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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
Cathrin Sarll
shepherdsbushsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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
Monthly, Sun. evenings
shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk

Sunday Scriptures
Fridays, 4.30-5.30 pm
For further information:
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 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
Psalm 28: Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'**
Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Suspended until further notice

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Mass Intentions for Week: 8 - 16 January 2022

Saturday, 8 January	18.00	John Keane, Anniv.
Sunday, 9 January	9:15	Pro populo
<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	11:00	Norah Brick, RIP
	18.00	Sean Carter, RIP
Monday, 10 January	9.30	No Mass
Tuesday, 11 January	9.30	Holy Souls
Wednesday, 12 January	7.00	Holy Souls
Thursday, 13 January	19.00	Holy Souls
Friday, 14 January	9.30	No Mass
Saturday, 15 January	9.30	Larry & Pat Byrne, RIP
	18.00	Norah Brick, RIP
Sunday, 16 January	9:15	Micky McGilligan, Anniv.
	11:00	Pro populo
	18.00	Doherty & Devaney family & Larry Kehoe, 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, 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 those marrying 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.

Adoremus

We will resume the monthly candlelit hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church at **7.00 pm** next **Sunday, 16 January**. The opportunity to be still with the Lord, with the chance for Confession and finishing with Benediction.

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 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

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