



# Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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**8 May 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

Monday, Tuesday, 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

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Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

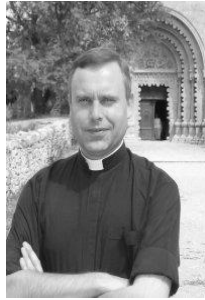
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## Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C



**Fr. Mark writes:** Jesus is both. He is the Lamb once slain Who will die no more. He is also the Good Shepherd. The second reading from the Book of Revelation keeps before us the destination the Shepherd will lead His flock. This is heaven, where the true identity of the Lamb is revealed: Jesus is in majesty upon the throne of God. But He is not alone. He is with 'a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language'. These are those He has led to the 'springs of living water' and 'spread His tent over them'. There is no more suffering or want. What a relief for those in Ukraine; those who know sickness or grief closer to home. In the Gospel Jesus assures us no other person or power can separate His flock from the heavenly Father. Only we ourselves can choose not to follow Him. Yet He knows us; we belong to Him. We are called to listen to Him and follow Him.

### Vocations Sunday

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. Our second collection supports the Priest Training Fund. The Fund pays for the training of candidates for the priesthood.

There are currently 17 men studying for Westminster at Allen Hall (including Sean Power, a first-year seminarian who has been visiting us on Sundays since last September, and Mike Guthrie and Juan Sola who came to Shepherd's Bush in previous years) and a further two men studying in Rome. Last year four men were ordained from Allen Hall to serve as priests in Westminster. Your donations help to ensure we can support those called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd and serve our parishes into the future.

Donation envelopes are available at the back of church. Please take one and return it with any donation in the second collection at the end of Mass. You can also give online using the QR code on the envelopes/posters or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) Thank-you for your generosity.

Sean Power will say a few words about his vocation story at the end of Mass. Please help yourself to the Easter edition of 'Allen Hall Seminary News' at the back of church.

### PDQ: Pizza, Drinks, Questions

The group for young adults aged 18-35 meets in the Parish House at **7.00 pm** this (Sunday) evening. We will share pizza and watch the film 'The Scarlet and the Black', an inspirational true story set in Rome during the Nazi occupation in the Second World War. Please let Laurence know if you wish to attend at [shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk)

### Mary Hoey, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Hoey. Her funeral Mass is at **10.30 am** this **Tuesday, 10 May**. There is no 9.30 am Mass this Tuesday.

### Catholic Curry Club

The group for dads with children of primary school age or under meets monthly. The next meeting is in the Parish House at **8.00 pm** this **Thursday, 12 May**. Freddy Gray is a journalist and parishioner who has recently visited Ukraine. He will speak on the situation he found there. Please contact Dario at [darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk) if you wish to attend, and he will take your curry order.

### A Morning with Mary

We will have devotions to Our Lady in her month of May, including the rosary and litany, following the 9.30 am Mass on **Friday, 13 May**, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

### First Holy Communion

There will be no 9.30 am Mass on Saturday, 14 May or Saturday, 21 May due to the First Holy Communion Masses those days. Please pray for the 20 children who receive Jesus for the first time next Saturday, and the 11 children who receive Jesus the following week.

**Parish Office**

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10:00 -14:00

**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

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**Safeguarding Officers**

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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)

**St. Peter Chrysologous**

*'The good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for the sheep. The force of love makes a man brave, because genuine love counts nothing as hard, or bitter, or serious, or deadly.'*

**Confirmation**

The Confirmation sessions for tomorrow, **Monday, 9 May** and the following week, **Monday, 16 May**, are in the church, rather than at the school – still starting at the same time of **7.30 pm**.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Acts 13:14, 43-52      Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17      John 10:27-30

Psalms 99: Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;**

**I know my own sheep and my own know me.**

**Alleluia!**

Church cleaning: Suspended until further notice

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**Mass Intentions for Week: 7 - 15 May 2022**

Saturday, 7 May	18.00	Michael Gleeson, Anniv.
Sunday, 8 May	9:15	Pro populo
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	11:00	Mary Fletcher, Anniv.
	18.00	David Oliver, RIP
Monday, 9 May	9.30	Antonietta Aubeeluck, RIP
Tuesday, 10 May	<b>10.30</b>	Mary Hoey, RIP: Funeral
Wednesday, 11 May	7.00	Holy Souls
Thursday, 12 May	19.00	McDonagh & Murphy family, RIP
Friday, 13 May	9.30	Mary & family, int.
<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>		
Saturday, 14 May	9.30	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>St Matthias</b>	12.00	First Holy Communion children
	18.00	Holy Souls
Sunday, 15 May	9:15	Pro populo
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	11:00	John Joseph Howard, RIP
	18.00	Sheila Dineen, 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, Bridget McMorro, Colm Nee, Maria Nicholls, Bridget Parker, Elaine Samuels, Peter Sands, Lorraine & John Searl, Jay Sinclair, Gemma Sweny, Franco Vuoto, Laura Walsh, Ellen White & the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents.

**Ukraine**

A number of parishioners have asked about hosting Ukrainian refugees. That is a good and generous thing to do, but think and pray seriously first and discuss your intention with family and others. It is a significant commitment to make for a minimum of six months. The Government has been frustratingly slow in processing applications, but information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/register-interest-homes-ukraine> There is financial assistance and other help available for those hosting Ukrainian refugees. Hammersmith & Fulham has a useful Website: <https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/articles/news/2022/03/hf-ukraine-appeal-help-those-need> and has produced a welcome pack: <https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/community/supporting-refugees-and-asylum-seekers/refugee-and-asylum-seeker-help-and-support-hf>

The Diocese of Westminster is providing an information session by Zoom for those interested in hosting Ukrainian families 6.30-8.00 pm on Wednesday, 18 May. To sign up, visit: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/ukraine-hosting-scheme-supporting-people-seeking-sanctuary-1340.php>

Further information can be found at <https://resetuk.org/toolkits/homes-for-ukraine/useful-links>

Donations can be made at: <https://www.ucc-gb.com/post/helpukraine-emergency-appeal>

**Fatima, Russia and Peace**

This Friday is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, when we recall the appearances of Our Lady to the three Portuguese children in 1917 and the great miracle she worked there. The message of Fatima concerns world peace, Russia and the need for prayer. It is more relevant than ever. In 1917 the killing of the First World War seemed endless. The Pope asked for a novena to Our Lady, Queen of Peace. On the eighth day of that novena, 13 May, Our Lady first appeared to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. She asked that the rosary be prayed daily for world peace. Later she predicted the Second World War, the suffering of the Pope and the need to consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart. It is no coincidence that Pope John Paul II, who did so much to end the Soviet Empire, was shot on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima by a Communist-hired assassin. Certainly, he attributed his survival to Our Lady of Fatima. There are many, many good Russian Christians, but we must heed Our Lady and pray for an end to the evils emanating from the Russian government, whether that be atheistic Communism or aggressive nationalism.