



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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3 July 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

£811.03

Peter's Pence

£352.08

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: If today were not a Sunday, it would be the Feast of St. Thomas. In God's providence, 'doubting Thomas' has his role to play in helping others in their faith journey. So many people can relate to him at one time or another in their lives, finding it difficult to trust in Jesus as a living Person, in His Resurrection and in our hope of eternal life.

We seek to avoid Thomas's scepticism – 'Unless I can see, unless, I can touch ... I refuse to believe' – but we can be thankful for the physical proofs of the Resurrection which Jesus gave so clearly to Thomas. Seeing the wounds, putting his hands in the holes made by the nails and the lance, Thomas no longer has any

doubts: 'My Lord and my God.' Jesus then addresses us in subsequent generations: even more blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. How comforting to those struggling with doubts, how reassuring to those seeking to come to terms with the pain of grief. The Resurrection is for real. Death is not the end. There is personal survival. We can indeed hope for our loved ones.

Ukraine

Thank-you very much indeed to everyone who supported our appeal for refugees from Ukraine. The total came to £3,727.45. If anyone else wishes to support the appeal, please visit the Order of Malta Website www.forgottenpeople.org/support-us

The Order of Malta also offers volunteering opportunities to work with refugees either within Ukraine or in Poland and Hungary if anyone can give a week of their time.

Baptism

Congratulations to Grace Tudhope, who is baptised this weekend.

Rose McKernan & Harri Lewis, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rose McKernan and Harri Lewis. Rose's funeral Mass is at **12.30 pm** this **Friday, 8 July**. Please note there is no 9.30 am Mass this Friday. Harri's funeral Mass is at **9.30 am** next **Friday, 15 July**.

Stella Maris – Sea Sunday

Seafarers and fishermen play a vital role, often working in hazardous conditions. More crews were abandoned by their employers last year than ever before. Many are denied the right to leave their ships when in port. Many seafarers come from Catholic countries. Stella Maris (formerly the Apostleship of the Sea) provides the Catholic chaplains who give crucial spiritual and pastoral support to seafarers in British ports. There is a second collection for their work next weekend, or you can donate at www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate

Summer timetable

Before the pandemic, given the large number of parishioners away over the summer, we reduced the number of Sunday Masses from four to three. To allow social distancing, we kept all four Sunday Masses for the last two summers. We will now return to the former practice. From 31 July to 28 August (inclusive), there will be no 6.00 pm Mass on Sunday evenings. (I am not sure whether this is the right Mass to drop during the summer. Perhaps we could have just one Mass on Sunday mornings. We can revisit the question for future summers.)

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Tomorrow is the Feast of St. Elizabeth of Portugal. Hers is a wonderful prayer for these times of conflict: 'O God, author of peace and lover of charity, Who adorned Saint Elizabeth of Portugal with a marvellous grace for reconciling those in conflict, grant, through her intercession, that we may become peacemakers, and so be called children of God. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.'

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**Good Shepherd
Catholic Primary School**

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Head: Mrs. Imogen Lavelle

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Charing Cross Hospital**

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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

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

Sunday Scriptures

Fridays, 4.30-5.30 pm
For further information:
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Scaffolding

I am hoping that the scaffolding at the front of the church will be gone by the weekend. There have been some repairs needed to the rendering and stonework as a result of the storms earlier in the year.

Flowers

The flowers in church have been donated in memory of Kathleen O'Brien.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Isaiah 66:10-14 Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Psalms 65: Response: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Suspended until further notice

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Mass Intentions for Week: 2 - 10 July 2022

Saturday, 2 July	18.00	Mary Davenport, Anniv.
Sunday, 3 July	9:15	Vincent Patten, Anniv.
	11:00	Steve Morley, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 4 July	9.30	Claire O'Connor, int.
Tuesday, 5 July	9.30	Margarita Mannier, RIP
Wednesday, 6 July	7.00	Sarah D'Arcy, int.
Thursday, 7 July	19.00	Patrick Dineen, Anniv.
Friday, 8 July	12.30	Rose McKernan, RIP: Funeral
Saturday, 9 July	9.30	Ethna Kennon, RIP
	18.00	Christine & Dominic Egan, Anniv.
Sunday, 10 July	9:15	Thanksgiving to St Jude
	11:00	Pro populo
	18.00	Tommy O'Malley, Anniv.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Christopher Browne, May Carter, Agnes Charles, Tom Cooke, Finian & Helen Cox, Pasquale de Stefano, Louise Edgington, Rita Ferns, Hannah Galis, Kay & Rosemarie Healy, Mary Hill, Sandra Jones, Bridget McMorrow, 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.

Roe v. Wade

Not all the reporting of the recent ruling of the US Supreme Court has been accurate. It does not outlaw abortion in the USA. It does return the decision to the individual states. While many states are taking the opportunity to protect the lives of unborn children, others will liberalise their abortion laws still further. On the whole, however, it is a step to be welcomed. As the Vatican has said, by choosing life the US justices challenge the rest of the world to reflect on the future of humanity. Pray God, it will encourage the Pro-Life movement in the UK and Europe in their valiant work to protect all human life, especially the most vulnerable.

First Holy Communion

It was good to have celebrated the Holy Communion programme for the first time in three years with the disruption and restrictions of the pandemic. Thank-you again to the catechists who do so much to help prepare the children.

The 2023 programme for First Confession and First Holy Communion will start with a parents' meeting on 9 October. The programme is for the children of families attending here Mass each Sunday who will be entering school Year 3 in September. The commitment to Sunday Mass – before, during and after the programme – is crucial if we are to practise our own faith with integrity and help our children grow in their faith.

The children meet in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings during school term time (normally alternate weeks) and attend the 11 am Mass together afterwards. The celebration of First Holy Communion itself will be at two Masses specifically for the children at 12 noon on Saturday, 13 and 20 May 2023. Application forms will be available at Mass at the beginning of September.

Caryll Houselander

'Of course we could but fail if we merely try to imitate Him. But that is not what is asked of us, and that is not the meaning of Christianity. What we *are* asked to do is to be made one with Christ, to allow Him to abide in us, to make His home in us, and gradually, through the oneness that results from living one life, and through the miracles of His love, consummated again and again in Communion with Him, to *become* Christs, to live in Him as Our Lady did. When we are changed into Him as the bread into the Host, then with His power we can follow His example,' *The Reed of God*