



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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13 November 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

£1,537.58

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

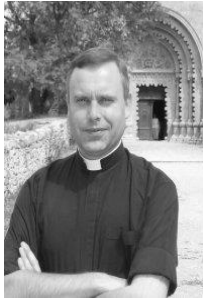
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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: The Temple in Jerusalem was one of the wonders and largest buildings of the ancient world. Little wonder, therefore, that Jesus's disciples express astonishment and are filled with questions when He prophesies its imminent destruction – a prophecy fulfilled just a generation later.

While referring to a general period of tribulation, Jesus does not go into detail.

Rather, He promises His disciples that He will be with them and that their salvation is assured if they remain faithful. Paul's message is similar. It is so easy to become distracted with curiosity and endless questions about the end times. God does not want this. He wishes us to carry on quietly going about our daily Christian lives.

Those whom God finds living their normal lives, fulfilling their duties, in a spirit faith, hope and charity have nothing to fear.

Sick & Retired Priests

Thank-you for supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. We raised £668.69 in addition to any sums given electronically. After lives of dedicated service to their parish, we try to ensure that elderly and sick priests can live out their days with the care they need. If you didn't have the chance to donate, you can do so online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations Thank. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

Theresa Louison, Christopher O'Bryen & Esau Thomas, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Teresa Louison, Christopher O'Bryen & Esau Thomas.

Theresa's funeral Mass will be at **10.30 am** this **Tuesday, 15 November**. Christopher's funeral Mass will be at **10.30 am** this **Friday, 18 November**. (There will be no 9.30 am Mass on Tuesday and Friday this week.) Esau's funeral Mass will be at **10.00 am** on **Friday, 25 November**.

Holy Souls Envelopes

There are Holy Souls envelopes at the back of church. Please take one and return it with a list of your deceased family and friends and any Mass offering. Their names are placed at the foot of the altar, we pray for them during November and Mass is offered for them. Please do not leave money on the altar.

Catholic Curry Club

The Catholic Curry Club is for dads with children of primary school age or under. We meet in the Parish House at **8.00 pm** this **Thursday, 17 November**. I will talk about the religious faith of the Prime Ministers, and there will be the opportunity for questions and discussion over curry afterwards. Please contact Dario darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk if you wish to join us.

Adoremus

We have an hour's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament after the **6.00 pm** Mass next **Sunday, 20 November**, concluding with Benediction at **7.45 pm**. The church doors are open to the street and passers-by invited in to pray and light a candle. There will also be the opportunity for Confessions

Baptism Preparation

The next baptism sessions for families attending Mass who wish to have young children baptised are in the Parish House at **7.30 pm** on **Monday, 21 and 28 November**. If you attend both sessions, we can arrange a date after the second. Please let Fr. Mark know if you wish to attend.

Grave Blessings

There will be no cemetery Mass this year as the North Sheen cemetery chapel is not in use. Together with other priests, however, I will be available with other priests to bless graves in Mortlake cemetery from **2.00 pm** on **Saturday, 26 November**. We will gather in the new section by the river for a few prayers before moving to individual graves.

Parish Office

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
10:00 -14:00

**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
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

Young adults group

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

Sunday Scriptures

Fridays, 4.45-5.45 pm
For further information:
jroberts@thetablet.co.uk

Missio Appeal

Fr. Brian Oswald has written to say thank-you to the 18 new members who signed up last month and the £450 donated to Missio.

Food Bank

Many thanks for your generous donations. Please keep them coming. They are literally a lifeline to many families. We are looking especially for non-perishable foods, toiletries, laundry and cleaning products.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Malachi 3: 19-20 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Luke 21: 5-19

Psalms 97: Response: The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Stay awake, praying at all times

for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Suspended until further notice

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Mass Intentions for Week: 12 - 20 November 2022

Saturday, 12 November	18.00	Cornelius Callaghan, Anniv.
Sunday, 13 November	9:15	Pro populo
	11:00	War dead
	18.00	Michael, Sinead & Dawn Carey, RIP
Monday, 14 November	9.30	Geraldine Ann Sequerah, RIP
Tuesday, 15 November	10.30	Theresa Louison, RIP: Funeral
Wednesday, 16 November	7.00	Holy Souls
<i>St Edmund of Abingdon</i>		
Thursday, 17 November	19.00	Cathal Bonnor, Anniv.
Friday, 18 November	10.30	Christopher O'Bryen, RIP: Funeral
Saturday, 19 November	9.30	Holy Souls
	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 20 November	9:15	Michael Jordan, Anniv.
	11:00	Mary Gannon, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Christopher Browne, Agnes Charles, Tom Cooke, Finian & Helen Cox, Joe Davenport, Pasquale de Stefano, Ruth Faucher, Kay & Rosemarie Healy, Mary Hill, Sandra Jones, Bridget McMorro, 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.

God in Number 10/Mary's Meals

The launch at the Good Shepherd School on 3 November raised £725 for Mary's Meals from book sales and the raffle. Thank-you to everyone who supported the evening. If anyone else would like a copy of the book, it is available online or from Fr. Mark.

Catholic Primary School Applications

Fr. Mark is available to sign priest references for primary school applications: **7-9 pm, Wednesday, 4 January**. The parent/carer (who attends Mass here) should attend. Please bring the Certificate of Catholic Practice (one per school) having completed your child's details and (if the baptism did not take place here) your child's baptism certificate. For an **appointment**, please E-Mail James at shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk He will then confirm the time. In seeking a reference, you are asking the priest to confirm that your child is a baptised Catholic and that the family have attended Mass here each Sunday over a period of years. 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.

Marriage Preparation

All Catholics should marry in church to receive the graces and blessings we need and which God wishes to give for our marriage and family life to flourish. The process is neither complicated nor expensive. One of the requirements is attendance at a marriage preparation course. We have a course here for those marrying at Shepherd's Bush or elsewhere in 2023 over two afternoons: **2-5 pm, Saturday, 28 January and 4 February**. Please let Fr. Mark know if you wish to attend. This will be the only course offered here in the coming year, but there are various marriage preparation courses offered elsewhere for those unable to make those dates.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St. John of God Hospitaller Services, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed, the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa. If you can offer a room in your home and consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, they would love to hear from you. For more information, please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>