



# Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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**20 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

Confessions  
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

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

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## Christ the King - Year C



**Fr. Mark writes:** We end the Church year, as we should, with Christ. What a year it has been ... wars, Prime Ministers coming and going, a cost of living crisis and now a recession. It is good to remind ourselves, therefore, that all these things are passing. We focus on what endures. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the King of the Universe. As disciples of the King, we should concentrate on advancing His kingdom in this world, helping to ensure that peace, justice, truth and charity are more widely practised. Jesus never made any promise that this would happen completely in this world. Yet, by being faithful to Him here, we can look forward to His definitive reign in the world to come.

### Adoremus

We have an hour's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament after the **6.00 pm** Mass this (Sunday) evening, 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** tomorrow **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.

### Esau Thomas, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Esau Thomas. His funeral Mass will be at **10.00 am** this **Friday, 25 November**. (There will be no 9.30 am Mass on Friday.)

### Grave Blessings

Together with other priests, I am available to bless graves in Mortlake cemetery from **2.00 pm** on **Saturday, 26 November**. We gather in the new section by the river for prayers before moving to individual graves.

### Mary's Meals: Double the Love

Mary's Meals is the wonderful charity which feeds 2.2 million hungry children around the world ever day. By offering a nutritious meal in school, children are both fed and receive an education. Their fundraising activities were severely curtailed during the pandemic, so we will have a second collection for the charity after the Masses next weekend, **26/27 November**. Thanks to generous donors, every £ given will be matched, doubling the love.

### Advent

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, starting the time of preparation for Christmas. (We celebrate Christmas itself from Midnight Mass.) Please help yourself to one of the Advent calendars at the back of church. They are Advent calendars with a difference. Instead of receiving a small gift each day of Advent, we pledge (as best we can) to give the item specified to those experiencing poverty, so that by the end of the Advent we have built up substantial food basket. If you bring the basket to church before Christmas, we will deliver it to the food bank in White City.

### Last week's collection

**£1,064.96**

**Thank-you**

### World Youth Day 2023

Millions of young Catholics from around the world gather with the Pope for World Youth Day every two or three years. The next gathering is in Lisbon **31 July-7 August 2023**. If James were to organise a group from the parish, are there those aged 18-35 who would be interested in joining him? The package of basic accommodation (sleeping bag on a school floor, etc.), food and local public transport is 235 Euros. With flight and spending money, it should be possible to do this for under £500. Please contact James for more information at [shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk)

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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**  
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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, 4.45-5.45 pm  
For further information:  
[jroberts@thetablet.co.uk](mailto:jroberts@thetablet.co.uk)

**Envelopes**

Please return envelopes with lists of deceased family and friend and any Mass offering. Mass will be offered for them.

**Food Bank**

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

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

2 Samuel 5: 1-3 Colossians 1: 12-20 Luke 23:35-43

Psalms 121: Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!**

**Alleluia!**

Church cleaning: Suspended until further notice

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**Mass Intentions for Week: 19 - 27 November 2022**

|  |              |                                  |
|--|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Saturday, 19 November                          | 18.00        | Gleeson family, RIP              |
| Sunday, 20 November                            | 9:15         | Michael Jordan, Anniv.           |
| <i>Christ the King</i>                         | 11:00        | Mary Gannon, Anniv.              |
|  | 18.00        | Pro populo                       |
| Monday, 21 November                            | 9.30         | Holy Souls                       |
| <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> |              |                                  |
| Tuesday, 22 November                           | 9.30         | Sandra Roach, int.               |
| <i>St Cecilia</i>                              |              |                                  |
| Wednesday, 23 November                         | 7.00         | Francis family, int.             |
| Thursday, 24 November                          | 19.00        | Holy Souls                       |
| <i>St Andrew Dũng-Lac &amp; Co.</i>            |              |                                  |
| Friday, 25 November                            | <b>10.00</b> | Esau Thomas, RIP: Funeral        |
| Saturday, 26 November                          | 9.30         | Geraldine Carron, RIP            |
|  | 18.00        | Christine & Dominic Egan, Anniv. |
| Sunday, 27 November                            | 9:15         | Arlette Lutchmaya, RIP           |
| <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>                  | 11:00        | John & Michael Brick, 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 McMorrow, 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.

**Children's Liturgy**

Before the pandemic children between Reception and making the First Holy Communion in Year 3 went out of church towards the start of Mass to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in vocabulary and with activities appropriate to their age. This is something we plan to resume in the New Year. Pre-pandemic, Children's Liturgy took place at the 11.00 am Mass. I am conscious, however, that there are probably more young children at the 9.15 am Mass. If you are a parent with children of this age, would you rather see the Children's Liturgy at the 9.15 or 11 am Mass? I am very grateful to the catechists (mainly young parents) who assist with this.

**Catholic Primary School Applications**

Fr. Mark is available to sign priest references for primary school applications **7-9 pm on Wednesday, 4 January**. For an **appointment**, please E-Mail James at [shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk) He will then confirm the time.

**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 isn't complicated or expensive. One requirement is attendance at a marriage preparation course. We have a course here for those marrying 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. There are marriage preparation courses offered elsewhere for those unable to make those dates.

**Confirmation**

All baptised Catholics should be confirmed to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to defend and spread the faith in the world. Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish for our young people at **12 noon on Saturday, 10 June 2023**. 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 16 January**. Starting on **Monday, 30 January**, the young people then meet on Monday evenings in school term time with a day retreat on **Saturday, 22 April**. There are application forms at the back of church. Please return with the fee of £50 and, if not baptised here, a copy of their baptism certificate, by the New Year.