



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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17 September 2023

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

Last week's collection

£1,078.50

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

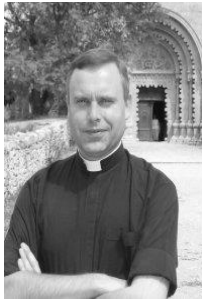
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Fr. Mark writes: Last week Jesus spoke of the need for loving correction of those who do wrong. Unsurprisingly, in today's Gospel He speaks of the need for forgiveness. Where people have been badly hurt, this is part of Our Lord's teaching they find most difficult. Perhaps two things can help. We are being asked to forgive, not to forget. What happened can remain terribly wrong; we are not being asked to pretend otherwise. But Jesus wants to free us from anger and resentment. Then in the Lord's Prayer, He connects our forgiveness of others to God's forgiveness of ourselves. Let us pray for the grace to be able to forgive.

Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday

There is a second collection after the Masses this weekend where the Bishops ask to support the work of sharing the joy of the Gospel in our country. Funds go to produce evangelisation material, pay formation teams and supporting projects at Catholic churches of outstanding architectural interest.

Baptism

Congratulations to Lucia Macfarlane, who is baptised this weekend.

Adoremus

You are very welcome to join us for an hour's prayer before the Blessed Sacrament after the **6 pm** Mass this (Sunday) evening, with the opportunity for Confession, concluding with Benediction at **7.45 pm**.

Young Adults Group

Br. Frano and Ante are two highly impressive young Croatian Salesians studying here in London. They will talk about their founder, St. John Bosco, after the 6.00 pm Mass next **Sunday, 24 September**.

First Holy Communion

The 2024 First Holy Communion programme starts with a parents' meeting on **Sunday, 8 October**. The programme is for the children of families attending here Mass each Sunday who are entering school Year 3. 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 at the Good Shepherd School on Sunday mornings during 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, 11 and 18 May 2024**. Application forms are available at the back of church. Please return these to Jonathan by the end of the month.

Catholic Secondary School Applications

Fr. Mark is available in the Parish House for priest references for Catholic secondary school applications: **4-6 pm, Friday, 29 September; 6-8 pm, Monday, 9 October** and **3-5 pm, Sunday, 15 October**. The parent/carer (who attends Mass here) and child should attend. Please bring the Certificate of Catholic Practice (one per school) having completed your child's details and your child's baptism certificate (if the baptism did not take place here). There is **an appointment system**. To book an appointment, please E-Mail Jonathan, the catechist, at shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk letting him know which of the three dates you can make. He will E-Mail you to confirm the time. In seeking a reference, you are asking the priest to confirm whether you have attended Mass each Sunday here over a number 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. (Primary school references will be offered later in the year.)

Georgina Zivkovic, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Georgina Zivkovic. Her funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am** on **Tuesday, 3 October**.

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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 Officer

Tabitha Brenninkmeijer

07746 697132

shepherdsbushsg@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

Fri. 10.30 am monthly
Contact Charlotte or Izzy
ashchurchmums@gmail.com

Young dads group

Thurs. 8.00 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

Pastoral Letter

There is a Pastoral Letter from the Cardinal relating to next month's Synod in Rome at the back of church. Please help yourself to a copy.

Food Bank

The food bank at Our Lady of Fatima, White City has re-opened. Donations of non-perishable food, cleaning materials and toiletries are very welcome. Please place them in the crate in the church porch.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Psalm 102 Response: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;

you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Saturday, 23 September: Gina, Nancy, Nojan & Ruth.

Mass Intentions for Week: 16 - 24 September 2023

Saturday, 16 September	18.00	Ken Hall, Anniv.
Sunday, 17 September	9:15	Mary Jennings, Anniv.
	11:00	Mary Sweeney, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 18 September	9.30	Darnell Jordan, int.
Tuesday, 19 September	9.30	Tom Cooke, RIP
Wednesday, 20 September	7.00	Clare Carry, int.
<i>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & companions</i>		
Thursday, 21 September	19.00	Mary & Jim Molloy, RIP
<i>St Matthew</i>		
Friday, 22 September	9.30	Aggie Doherty, Anniv.
Saturday, 23 September	9.30	Tom Cooke, RIP
<i>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>		
Sunday, 24 September	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
	9:15	Anne Kennedy, Anniv.
	11:00	Felix Gomesz, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Christopher Browne, Finian & Helen Cox, Joe Davenport, Pasquale de Stefano, Kay & Rosemarie Healy, Mary Hill, Sandra Jones, Maria Nicholls, Bridget Parker, Sally Pilkington, James Roberts, Jay St Clair, Rose Stanislaus, Gemma Sweny, Franco Vuoto, Ashley Walker, Laura Walsh, Ellen White, Natalie Williams, Andrzej Zapasnik & the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents.

Mary's Meals

There will be an appeal at the Masses next weekend, 23/24 September, for the work of Mary's Meals, the charity feeding 2.4 million children around the world every school day.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? RCIA

Jesus calls all of us to the greatest degree of unity with Himself through the sacraments of baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion as members of the Catholic Church. It is reflected in our faith in Him and lives of worship, truth, morality and compassion. In the past these sacraments were normally received at a young age. Increasingly, this may not be the case – the reason for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The RCIA group meets at **8 pm** most Tuesdays, starting on **Tuesday, 3 October**. It is for those previously of no faith or other faiths, other Christians who wish to become Catholic, and Catholics who missed out on First Communion or Confirmation when younger. It is an opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe, how we pray and live our faith in the world. It is a journey of discovery which those in previous years have found enormously fulfilling. There are no expectations. Only if right for the individual, do they receive baptism, Confirmation and/or Communion at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, 30 March 2024. A number of people have already expressed an interest in joining the group in October. If this is of interest to you, please contact Fr. Mark at markvickers@rcdow.org.uk There are yellow leaflets with further details at the back of church.

Catholic Curry Club – Change of Date

This group for dads with children of primary school age or under meets monthly in the Parish House basement. The next meeting has been postponed for a week and is now at **8.00 pm** next **Thursday, 28 September**. The speaker is Danny Kruger MP, an Evangelical Anglican who lives locally. He was in the news recently for defending Christian teaching in Parliament and is publishing a book, *Covenant*, setting out his views. Discussion continues over curry after the talk. If you wish to attend, please contact Dario at darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk

Mass Count

The annual Mass count is today and for the next three Sundays. Before COVID we had over 600 at Mass each Sunday. Last year we were back to almost 500. It will be interesting to see where we settle.