



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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24 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
£1,191.71
Home Mission Sunday
£427.68
Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

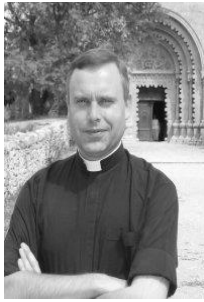
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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Fr. Mark writes: God, fortunately, is in the business of saving souls, rather than saving pennies. His business model in the Gospel is disastrous – paying all workers the same regardless of the hours they have put in. No wonder there are complaints from those who have been working from the outset. The parable, however, isn't about economics, but rather about the sheer generosity of God's love, which exceeds everything we can possibly imagine.

A caveat. Here we see things here from God's perspective. It is not an invitation for us to delay conversion, a relationship of faith with Him. We don't if we will be around at the end of the day. We respond instantly when we first hear God's call.

Mary's Meals

There is an appeal at the Masses this weekend for the work of Mary's Meals, the charity feeding 2.4 million children around the world every school day. There is a second collection at the end of Mass with Gift Aid envelopes and a dedicated card reader available.

Marriage

Congratulations to Keith and Charlotte Viverito, who celebrate their Church marriage here this weekend. We wish them many years of health and happiness together.

Baptism

Congratulations to Mateo Dumaurier, who is baptised this weekend.

Young Adults Group

The Young Adults Group is for those aged 18-35. 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 this (Sunday) evening. We meet in the Parish House basement and there is the opportunity to socialise over drinks and pizza after the talk.

Catholic Curry Club

This group for dads with children of primary school age or under meets monthly in the Parish House basement. The next meeting is at **8.00 pm** this **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

Catholic Secondary School Applications

Fr. Mark is available in the Parish House for priest references for Catholic secondary school applications: **4-6 pm** this **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**.

Parish Office

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10:00 -14:00

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

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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

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

Sunday Scriptures Group

This group meets in the Parish House at **4.45 pm** on Fridays to reflect on the Sunday Scripture readings. You are very welcome to join them.

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

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Matthew 20:1-16

Year A - Volume 2, 131-134

Psalms 144 Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Saturday, 30 September: Akosua, Amanda & Harriet.

Mass Intentions for Week: 23 September - 1 October 2023

Saturday, 23 September	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 24 September	9:15	Anne Kennedy, Anniv.
	11:00	Felix Gomez, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 25 September	9.30	Mary Hamilton, RIP
Tuesday, 26 September	9.30	Stephanie Barrett, int.
Wednesday, 27 September	7.00	John Bergin & family, int.
<i>St Vincent de Paul</i>		
Thursday, 28 September	19.00	Tom Cooke, RIP
Friday, 29 September	9.30	Alun & Sarah Williams, RIP
<i>Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>		
Saturday, 30 September	9.30	Norah Brick, Anniv.
<i>St Jerome</i>		
	18.00	John Burke, RIP
Sunday, 1 October	9:15	Pro populo
	11:00	Mary Sweeney, Anniv.
	18.00	Georgina Zivkovic, RIP

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.

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.

Mass Count

The annual Mass count continues today and for the next two Sundays.

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, the parish catechist, by the end of the week.