



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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11 February 2024

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

£1,253.67

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

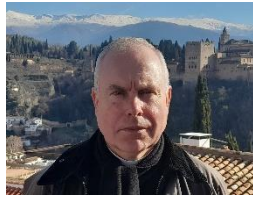
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Sixth Sunday - Year B



Fr. Mark writes: St Paul urges the Corinthians (and us) to take him as our model, as he took Christ as his model. This is the point of the saints. They are those who, not without difficulties, challenges, and setbacks, have followed the example of Christ to a remarkable degree in their own lives. This is not something they have achieved entirely by their own efforts, but by opening themselves up to God's grace. Again, something we are called to imitate.

In following Christ and himself, St Paul urges us never to be offensive. Others can easily be lost to the Gospel if we are. As St Paul and Jesus show us, however, this doesn't mean always agreeing with others. Both were capable of challenging others, being firm, and making some very strong statements. Yet always out of love, for the good of the other.

Congratulations

Welcome to Henry and Eleanor Fromageau Chellis, who are baptised this weekend.

Rite of Signing & Sending Forth

At the 11.00 am Mass today the parish promises to pray for Melissa, Gianpietro, Ina, Hassen, Monique, Suming, Rob and Noelia as they are sent forth to be accepted formally as candidates by the Cardinal at the Rite of Election in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive sacraments at Easter.

Lent

Lent begins this Ash Wednesday. We accompany Our Lord into the wilderness on our journey of purification and conversion that we might celebrate the Resurrection with joy and renewed faith.

1. **Ash Wednesday.** There are Masses with the imposition of ashes at **7.00 am, 9.30 am** and **7.00 pm**. It is a day of fasting and abstinence when we abstain from meat and make do with one simple meal.
2. **Stations of the Cross.** We pray the Stations of the Cross together, following Our Lord on His path to Calvary, in church at **7.30 pm** on **Fridays** during Lent.
3. **Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024.** All funds raised go towards projects across the Diocese. Donations are used to support: Marriage & Family Life, Youth Ministry & Education; and Caritas Westminster. Caritas works for and with some of the most vulnerable people in the Diocese. The Cardinal is grateful to everyone who supports his Appeal. Please take a donation envelope from the back of church. There will be a retiring collection at the end of Mass next week or you can use the QR code to make your donation online.
4. **Mary's Meals** is the amazing charity which feeds 2.4 million hungry children in their schools every day during term time. Their simple formula is 'Food + Education = Hope.' The Good Shepherd School sponsor a school in Malawi as part of the Mary's Meals initiative and we will have a second collection to help feed those children
5. **White City Food Bank.** Sadly, hunger also exists much closer to home. Perhaps you might to focus your Lenten giving on helping the food hub run out of Our Lady of Fatima parish in White City. They are supporting over 100 families each week and rely on donations from parishes such as ours. Donations on non-perishable food, toiletries, and cleaning and laundry products can be left in the crate in the church porch, and taken to the food bank weekly
6. **Confession.** All Catholics should be making use of the sacrament of Confession during Lent. Confessions are heard at the normal times of 10-10.45 am and 5.15-5.45 pm on Saturdays. We also hope to have a visiting priest for the Sunday Masses one weekend during Lent.
7. **We Dare to Say.** Lent should include an increased commitment to prayer. This booklet is available from the Repository at the back of church, price £4. Based on the Lord's Prayer and Scripture, with a series of questions for reflection, and making use of Catholic artwork, it can be used by prayer groups or for individual meditation.

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Good Shepherd**Catholic Primary School**

35 Gayford Road
www.goodshepherdrc.lbhf.sch.uk
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Safeguarding Officer

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Planned giving scheme

(envelopes/standing orders)

Gary O'Brien

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St. Vincent De Paul (SVP)

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Mums & Toddlers

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:

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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

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

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Year B - Volume 1, 137-139

Mark1:40-45

Psalm: 31 Response: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Saturday, 17 February: Akosua, Amanda & Ruth

Mass Intentions for Week: 10 - 18 February 2024

Saturday, 10 February	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 11 February	9:15	Sybil Jordan, int.
	11:00	Coilin Nee, Anniv.
	18.00	Bridget & Denis McMorrow, RIP
Monday, 12 February	9.30	Mary St Pierre, int.
Tuesday, 13 February	9.30	Ruby Roach & family, int.
Wednesday, 14 February	7.00	Ruby Roach & family, int.
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	9.30	Phyllis Cooke & family, int.
	19.00	Sherry & Jo Samele & family, int.
Thursday, 15 February	19.00	Roy & Bridget Panting, int.
Friday, 16 February	9.30	Sean & Kevin McMullan, int.
Saturday, 17 February	9.30	Kay Gleeson & family, int.
	18.00	Noreen Keane, Anniv.
Sunday, 18 February	9:15	Lily Culbert, RIP
<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	11:00	Pro populo
	18.00	Sandra Fröhlich-McCormack, RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Pat Armstrong, Christopher Browne, Dorothy Coker, Joe Davenport, Pasquale de Stefano, Kay & Rosemarie Healy, Mary Hill, Sandra Jones, Anna McCarthy, Maria Nicholls, Bridget Parker, Sally Pilkington, James Roberts, Jay St Clair, Rose Stanislaus, Gemma Sweny, Ashley Walker, Laura Walsh, Ellen White, Natalie Williams, Andrzej Zapasnik, the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents

Young Adults Group

The Young Adults Group, for those aged 18-35 meets in the Parish House basement at **7.00 pm** next **Sunday, 18 February**. We will watch the powerful and challenging Mel Gibson film, *The Passion of the Christ* – a film which changed many lives when it first came out in 2004. A very good way to begin Lent. (A sequel, *The Resurrection*, is due out next year.)

Evangelising Post-Christian Britain

Mgr James Shea, a friend from seminary days in Rome, is President of the University of Mary in the US. A popular and engaging speaker, he is co-author of the book *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission* (distributed in the UK by the CTS, we have a few copies in the Repository, priced £10). It is a compelling analysis of the situation we face in living and spreading faith joyfully in a secular culture. Mgr. James will stay with us next month while on a speaking tour of the British Isles. As well as a day for priests at Westminster Cathedral, there will be an evening open to everyone held in the church at St. James's, Spanish Place W1U 3QY (Bond Street Underground) **7-9 pm** next **Tuesday, 20 February**. I strongly encourage anyone interested in passing on our Catholic faith within the family and the wider community to attend. For booking details, please see the poster at the back of church or you can book online at <https://www.guild-ransom.co.uk/events>

Catholic Curry Club

The Catholic Curry Club is for dads with children of primary school age or under. The next meeting is in the Parish House basement at **8.00 pm** on **Thursday, 22 February**. Fr. Christopher Colven, who helps with the Sunday Masses here, will speak on 'The Confessions of a Convert'. Fr. Christopher was formerly a prominent member of the Church of England, including as Administrator of the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. Since he became a Catholic in 1996 he has worked at the Cathedral, in East London and as Rector of St. James's, Spanish Place. He will reflect on that journey.

Finn Cox, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Finn Cox. His funeral Mass will be at **10.30 am** on **Friday, 23 February**.