



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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18 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

£1,166.74

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

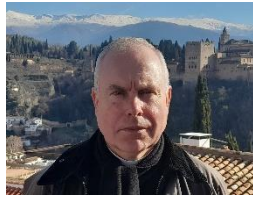
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First Sunday of Lent - Year B



Fr. Mark writes: The readings pointing us towards baptism remind us Lent is about recovering the holiness which is ours by virtue of our baptism. They anticipate our RCIA candidates' baptism at the Easter Vigil. St Peter teaches the crucial importance of baptism. It is never a simple ceremony or rite. It is the means by which the saving power of the Cross and the Resurrection is applied to the person being baptised. Baptism is powerful because it is the action of Christ.

We do well to reflect on our own baptism during Lent and how we are living up to those baptismal vows.

Rite of Election

We continue to pray for Melissa, Gianpietro, Ina, Hassen, Monique, Suming, Rob and Noelia who were accepted by the Cardinal at the Rite of Election in Westminster Cathedral yesterday as candidates to receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Young Adults Group

The Young Adults Group, for those aged 18-35, meets in the Parish House basement at **7.00 pm** this (Sunday) evening. 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.

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 is a retiring collection at the end of Mass today or you can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank-you for your generosity.

Good Shepherd School

We welcome the children from the Good Shepherd School who join us for the 9.30 am Mass this Tuesday.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals 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. We will have a second collection to help feed those children after the Masses next weekend.

White City Food Bank

Sadly, hunger also exists much closer to home. Perhaps you might like 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 of non-perishable food, toiletries, and cleaning and laundry products can be left in the crate in the church porch, and are taken to the food bank weekly.

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. A visiting priest, Fr. Gerard Sheehan, is also available again to hear Confessions at all the Sunday Masses on the weekend of **2/3 March**.

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**

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www.goodshepherdrc.lbhfsch.uk
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Planned giving scheme

(envelopes/standing orders)

Gary O'Brien

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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:

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

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

Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3: 18-22 Mark 1:12-15

Psalm: 24 Response: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Man does not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Church cleaning: Saturday, 24 February: Catherine, Alexandra, Alexandra R. & Carmela.

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Mass Intentions for Week: 17 - 25 February 2024

Saturday, 17 February	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
Monday, 19 February	9.30	Phyllis Cooke & family, int.
Tuesday, 20 February	9.30	Melvin & Marilyn Rangeal & family, int.
Wednesday, 21 February	7.00	Owen Gallagher, RIP
Thursday, 22 February	19.00	Gerard & Patricia Burke & family, int.
<i>Chair of St Peter</i>		
Friday, 23 February	10.30	Finn Cox, RIP: Funeral
Saturday, 24 February	9.30	Patrick Curran, RIP
	18.00	John (Gloss) Gleeson, Anniv.
Sunday, 25 February	9:15	Pro populo
<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	11:00	Michael Nee, Anniv.
	18.00	Sean & Kevin Maolagain & family, int.

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

Evangelising Post-Christian Britain

Mgr James Shea is President of the University of Mary in the US. He is co-author of the book *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission* (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 is on a speaking tour of the British Isles including an evening at St. James's, Spanish Place W1U 3QY (Bond Street Underground) **7-9 pm this 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 <https://www.guild-ransom.co.uk/events>

Catholic Curry Club

The Catholic Curry Club next meets in the Parish House basement at **8.00 pm this 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, and is the Catholic chaplain to Parliament.

Fin Cox, Leonora ('Leo') Skipp & Robert Fairbairn, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Fin Cox, Leo Skipp and Robert Fairbairn. Fin's funeral Mass will be at **10.30 am this Friday, 23 February**. (There is no 9.30 am Mass this Friday.) Leo's funeral Mass will be at **11.30 am on Wednesday, 28 February**. Robert's funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am on Tuesday, 12 March**.

Adoremus

We have an hour's candlelit prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with the opportunity for Confession, concluding with Benediction at 7.45 pm after the 6.00 pm Mass next **Sunday, 25 February**.

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.