



# Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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**14 April 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**

**£1,015.83**

**Thank-you**

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

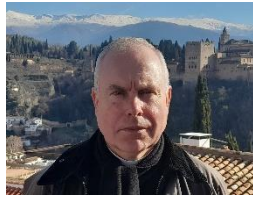
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## Third Sunday of Easter - Year B



**Fr. Mark writes:** Peace, forgiveness, reconciliation, are among the gifts of Easter, as today's readings make clear. God is willing to overlook and excuse so much. That is Peter's message: 'neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing'. This is in continuity with Our Lord's words from the Cross: 'Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do.' It is a message of mercy and encouragement.

It is not, however, the complete message. We are not the puppets of God. He invites participation and responsibility on our part: 'Now you must repent and turn God, so that your sins may be wiped out.' This is completely consistent with Our Lord in the Gospel and St. John. Jesus has given us everything in the Easter event. Now He calls us to live a new life.

### Welcome

Congratulations to Olamide Bello and Alexandre Tudela, who are baptised this weekend.

### Mums & Toddlers Group

The Mums & Toddles Group meets in the Parish House basement at **10.30 am** this **Friday, 19 April**. For further information, please contact Izzy or Charlotte at [ashchurchmums@gmail.com](mailto:ashchurchmums@gmail.com)

### Weekday Masses

There is no 9.30 am Mass, Adoration or Confessions this Saturday, 20 April. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates, who are on their day retreat.

### Priest Training Fund

Next Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for priests and priestly vocations. We have the annual collection for the Priest Training Fund. There are currently 13 Westminster seminarians at Allen Hall seminary (including Ashley Wells, who spends Sunday mornings with us) and another five Westminster seminarians elsewhere. Last year three deacons were ordained for Westminster, including Robert Smialek, who spent a year with us. Your donations help ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Please take an envelope from the back of church and return it with your donation next week. Please pray for vocations and for priests. You can also use the QR code on the posters or make your donation online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) Thank-you for your generosity.

### Holidays

The Children's Liturgy Group at the 9.15 am Mass resumes next **Sunday, 21 April**.

### Youth Group

Ben, the Parish Catechist, and his fiancée, Miriam, are offering to set up a parish youth group to meet monthly in the Parish House basement **7.00-8.30 pm**, starting next **Sunday, 21 April**. The group is for any of the young people in the parish, from those preparing for Confirmation in Year 9 up to and including those in Year 13. The format will consist of games and led discussions, using the *Called to More* resources. Please encourage young people to come along to see what is being offered. For more information, please contact Ben at [shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk)

### Catholic Curry Club

The Catholic Curry Club is for dads with children of primary school age or under. It meets next in the Parish House basement at **8.00 pm** on **Thursday, 25 April**. The speaker is Fr. Marcus Holden, parish priest of St. Bede's, Clapham Park, who is also responsible for the Agency for Evangelisation & Catechesis in the Diocese of Southwark. Fr. Marcus is an engaging speaker, who will talk to us about the formation of lay people which has equal application to us north of the River. For further details or to place your curry order, please contact Dario at [darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk)

**Parish Office**

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:  
10:00 -14:00

**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**

020 3313 4574

**Safeguarding Officer**

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**Planned giving scheme**

(envelopes/standing orders)

Gary O'Brien

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**St. Vincent De Paul (SVP)**

Mobile: 07925 560538

**Mums & Toddlers**

Fri. 10.30 am monthly

Contact Charlotte or Izzy

[ashchurchmums@gmail.com](mailto:ashchurchmums@gmail.com)

**Young dads group**

Thurs. 8.00 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)

**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**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19      1 John 2:1-5      Luke 24:35-48

Psalm 4    Response: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.**

**Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.**

**Alleluia!**

Church cleaning:      Saturday, 20 April: Alexandra, Alexandra R. & Carmela.

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**Mass Intentions for Week: 13 - 21 April 2024**

Saturday, 13 April	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 14 April	9:15	Barney O'Reilly, int.
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	11:00	Katherine Marshall, RIP
	18.00	Eileen Downey, Anniv.
Monday, 15 April	9.30	Sheila & Larry Kelly, int.
Tuesday, 16 April	9.30	Kathleen Hillary, RIP
Wednesday, 17 April	7.00	Agnes, Michael & Breed Devine, RIP
Thursday, 18 April	19.00	Neil, Siobhan & Emma Panting, int.
Friday, 19 April	9.30	Nigel Williams, int.
<b>St. Alphege</b>		
Saturday, 20 April	9.30	No morning Mass
	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 21 April	9:15	Pro populo
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	11:00	John Howard, Anniv.
	18.00	Peggy Hussey, Anniv.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:**

Christopher Browne, Dorothy Coker, Joe Davenport, Pasquale de Stefano, Kay Healy, Mary Hill, Sandra Jones, Anna McCarthy, Maria Nicholls, John O'Neill, Bridget Parker, Harriet Paterson, Michael Phelan, 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

**Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony**

The annual a Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in Westminster Cathedral by the Cardinal at **2.30 pm** on **Saturday, 25 May**. This is for couples celebrating significant anniversaries of Church marriage such as 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+. This is an opportunity to celebrate the blessings of marriage, renew the marriage commitment, and receive the Cardinal's blessing. If you wish to attend, could you please provide husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and E-Mail (or telephone number) by Monday. An invitation will then be sent to you.

**Easter Offerings**

There are envelopes at the back of your church for your Easter offering to the parish. All the proceeds are kept by the parish rather than being 'taxed' by the Diocese. (If you have a box of envelopes, there is an Easter offering envelope there and can ignore this.) Thank-you.

**Church Redecoration**

We hope to redecorate the church this summer. It is twenty years since this last happened. There is significant discoloration on the walls; the paint has been scuffed down to the brickwork at ground level in places. We are taking the opportunity to undertake a limited amount of decorative and repair work. No structural work is proposed. As a listed building, the proposal is out to consultation with statutory bodies. This can be viewed at <https://www.catholic-historic-churches.org.uk/applications/westminster-1133> There are photos of the proposed works on the noticeboard.

**Easter Antiphon to Our Lady**

During the Easter season we sing the *Regina Caeli* to Our Lady at the end of the 11 am Mass and Benediction. Copies of the Marian antiphons are available on the table at the back of church.

**Regina caeli laetare, alleluia;**

*Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia:*

**Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia:**

*For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia:*

**Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:**

*Is risen as He promised, alleluia:*

**Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.**

*Pray for us to God, alleluia.*