



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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21 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

£1,157.82

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

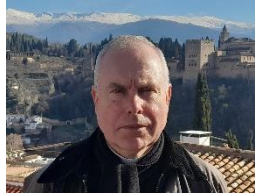
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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B



Fr. Mark writes: 'I am the Good Shepherd.' That is how Jesus chooses to identify Himself and His role. It is telling because of how shepherds were regarded by Jewish society. They weren't seen as wise and benevolent country figures as perhaps was the case in our own culture. Rather, they were outsiders. Those who spent long periods away from their community, those unable to comply with the many social and religious requirements.

Jesus went outside the norms and comforts of human convention, to places we would never expect. He did so for a purpose, for us: to lead His flock, to gather the scattered sheep, ultimately to lay down His life that we might have life. Let us thank the Father that He sent His Son to be our shepherd. Let us pray that He will continue to raise up those who will be shepherd's after the example of His Son.

Priest Training Fund

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, when we pray for priests and priestly vocations. The second collection is 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. Ashley will say a few words at the end of Mass about his discernment of priesthood and journey to seminary. Last year three deacons were ordained for Westminster, including Robert Smialek, who spent a year with us and, God willing, will be ordained priest in June. Your donations help ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. If you didn't take one last week, there are more donation envelopes at the back of church. 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 Thank-you for your generosity.

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy Group at the 9.15 am Mass resumes today.

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 this (Sunday) evening. 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

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** this **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

Parish Easter Celebration

The team serving tea and coffee invite you to join them for an Easter season celebration in the Parish House basement after the 9.15 am Mass next **Sunday, 28 April**. Please come along to meet your fellow parishioners, getting to know those you may sit next to each Sunday. In addition to tea and coffee, cake, cinnamon buns, anchovy toast, sweet and savour biscuits, and a glass of prosecco are on offer.

Antonio Annicchiarico, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Antonio Annicchiarico, who will be buried on Thursday, 9 May.

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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

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Planned giving scheme

(envelopes/standing orders)

Gary O'Brien

07392 203005

St. Vincent De Paul (SVP)

Mobile: 07925 560538

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

Acts 4:8-12

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

Psalm 117 Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Saturday, 27 April: Akosua, Amanda & Harriet.

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Mass Intentions for Week: 20 - 28 April 2024

Saturday, 20 April	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 21 April	9:15	Pro populo
Fourth Sunday of Easter	11:00	John Howard, Anniv.
	18.00	Peggy Hussey, Anniv.
Monday, 22 April	9.30	Imran Khan, RIP
Tuesday, 23 April	9.30	Rose Nutley, RIP
St. George		
Wednesday, 24 April	7.00	Edel Conroy, int.
Ss Erkenwald & Mellitus		
Thursday, 25 April	19.00	Roy & Bridget Panting, int.
St Mark		
Friday, 26 April	9.30	Mary & family, int.
Saturday, 27 April	9.30	Hugh, Peter & Frank McGovern, Anniv.
	18.00	Holy Souls
Sunday, 28 April	9:15	Vladimir Curlej, RIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter	11:00	Diana Costa-Correa, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Christopher Browne, Dorothy Coker, Joe Davenport, Pasquale de Stefano, Kay Gleeson, 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

Church Garden

For many years Francis & Janina Day have done a wonderful job tending the church garden – both the two large tubs by the main church doors and the area in front of the Parish House. I am very grateful to them for all they have done. They now wish to retire. Is there anyone who might be interested in taking over this role? If so, could you please contact me.

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.

The Risen Christ

'It is God's plan, too, that the sacraments are given to us at the hands of men. Those who misunderstand God's tenderness for us boast that they need no priest. They 'go straight to God'. But in the most critical times in our lives, we are normally incapable of such an act of will. At baptism someone must pledge our souls for us. When we are dying, normally we need another human being to help and comfort us, to make our act of contrition for us, to be our voice in God's ears because once again we are inarticulate, to put the Holy Viaticum, the food for the journey, into our mouths for us,' Caryl Houselander

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, 28 April**. Do join us to spend time with the Risen Christ.