



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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28 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

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

£1,178.17

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

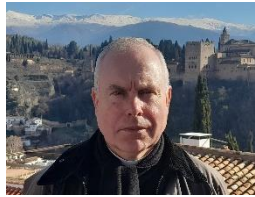
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Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B



Fr. Mark writes: 'When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple.' Their reaction is scarcely surprising. Saul had been persecuting them and trying to destroy Christianity. Think, however, how much would have been lost without the Apostle Paul – the founding of so many churches, all those letters of the New Testament. Fortunately, spoke in his favour.

It is unlikely that anyone is actively excluded from joining the Church, but it may be an implicit message some come away with. No one should be made to feel unwelcome because they are of a different background or what they might have done or been in the past. Be a Barnabas. The invitation is to all: convert, change, and believe in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We may possibly be welcoming a St Paul.

Priest Training Fund

Thank-you to everyone who donated to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. We raised £1,210.96. If you still wish to make a donation you can do so online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations Please continue to pray for vocations.

Welcome

Congratulations to Attica Murphy, who is baptised this weekend.

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 today (Sunday). 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 savoury biscuits, and a glass of prosecco are on offer.

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 this (Sunday) evening. Do join us to spend time with the Risen Christ.

Good Shepherd School

We welcome the children from the Good Shepherd School who join us for the **9.30 am** Mass tomorrow, **Monday, 29 April**.

Missionary Appeal

Every year the parish hosts an appeal on behalf of one of the missionary orders. This year it is the turn of the Columban Fathers. We welcome Fr. Pat O'Beirne at the Masses next weekend, **4/5 May**. The objective is to raise awareness of the missionary vocation, to encourage people to become involved in the Church's missionary work, and to thank those who support the missions. There will be a second collection to support the missions at the end of those Masses.

Antonio Annicchiarico & Mary Quilligan, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Antonio Annicchiarico, who will be buried on Thursday, 9 May, and Mary Quilligan. Mary's funeral Mass will be at **9.30 am** on **Friday, 17 May**.

Mgr. James Curry

Congratulations to Mgr. Jim Curry, who has been appointed auxiliary bishop of Westminster. Many of you will know him already as he was parish priest of Chiswick, then Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. His episcopal ordination will be in Westminster Cathedral at 12 noon on Tuesday, 18 June.

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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

Tabitha Brenninkmeijer

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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 9:26-31

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

Psalms 21 Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Saturday, 4 May: Amanda, Nancy & Nojan.

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Mass Intentions for Week: 27 April - 5 May 2024

Saturday, 27 April	18.00	Holy Souls
Sunday, 28 April	9:15	Vladimir Curlej, RIP
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00	Diana Costa-Correa, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 29 April	9.30	James & Mary Molloy, RIP
<i>St Catherine of Siena</i>		
Tuesday, 30 April	9.30	Zodak & Elijah Roach, int.
Wednesday, 1 May	7.00	Susan Gallen, RIP
Thursday, 2 May	19.00	Mary & Patrick McDonagh, RIP
<i>St Athanasius</i>		
Friday, 3 May	9.30	Attilio Antonio Samele, Anniv.
<i>Ss Philip & James</i>		
Saturday, 4 May	9.30	Eileen Mitchell, Anniv.
<i>English Martyrs</i>		
	18.00	Michael Gleeson, Anniv.
Sunday, 5 May	9:15	Pro populo
<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00	Mary Fletcher, Anniv.
	18.00	Rose Nutley, Anniv.

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

The body granting faculties for listed buildings seemed happy with our proposals to redecorate the church. There are one or two further approvals required, but I am hoping that work might begin from mid-June, when things are quieter over the summer. It is likely that we will have scaffolding up in church for 8 weeks, but I am told that Sunday Masses will proceed as normal.

Faith Summer Session: Reasons for Believing

For almost 50 years the Faith Movement has been hugely successful in helping young Catholics understand their faith and find joy in practising it. The Faith Summer Conference is held at Ampleforth Abbey in Yorkshire **29 July – 2 August**. For those aged 16-30, it is five days of talks, prayer, daily Mass and Adoration, recreation and socialising. Having attended many times and taken large numbers of students in the past, I thoroughly recommend the event. To book or for further information, please see the cards at the back of church or visit <https://www.faith.org.uk/events/faith-summer-session-2024>

Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries

Many thanks to all those in the parish who support the missions through the red boxes which they keep in their homes. In 2023 we raised £1,777.37. Your generosity allows missionaries to take the Gospel and love of Christ to so many different countries.