



# Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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5 May 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

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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

£1,276.73

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B



**Fr. Mark writes:** They say that in his old age in exile on Patmos St. John had one message which he preached constantly: 'Little children, love one another.' When asked why he was so insistent, St. John would reply it was because this was what the Master always said.

It is certainly the constant refrain of St. John's Gospel and of his Letters: 'This is My commandment: love one another as I have loved you.' In the Second Reading and the Gospel the word 'love' appears 18 times. We get the message: Christianity is all about love. Yet St. John is clear: we need to understand what we mean by the word 'love'. 'This is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when He sent His Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.' We are to love one another as Jesus has loved us. Yes, love will save the world, but it is a specific form of loving, that shown by Jesus Himself. It's not sentimental love. It is love which is an act of the will, love which is unconditional and sacrificial, love which is always based on truth.

### Baptism

Congratulations to Oliver and Charlie Crossland, who are baptised this weekend.

The next baptism preparation sessions for parents attending Mass here who would like to have young children baptised will be in the Parish House basement at **7.30 pm** on **Tuesday, 11 and Wednesday, 12 June**. Attend both sessions, and we can then arrange a date for the baptism. Please let Fr. Mark know if you wish to attend. (You don't need to attend if you have had an older child baptised here.)

### 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 this weekend. 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 Mass today.

### Antonio Annicchiarico, Mary Quilligan & Rosemarie Healy, RIP

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

Rosemarie Bateman (née Healy) had her funeral in her parish, but the family has requested a Requiem Mass for her here, where she grew up, at **11.30 am** this **Wednesday, 8 May**. They invite anyone who knew Rosemarie to the Mass and to The Orchard for refreshments afterwards. (There will be no 7 am Mass on Wednesday.)

### Ascension Day

This **Thursday, 9 May** is Ascension Day, a holy day of obligation, when all Catholics are expected to be at Mass. There will be Masses at **9.30 am** (when we will be joined by the children from the Good Shepherd School) and at **7.00 pm**.

### First Holy Communion

Please pray for our 34 children who will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion at **12 noon** on **Saturday, 11 and 18 May**. (There will be no 9.30 am Mass, Confessions or Adoration on those days.) The children then come together to give thanks to God at their celebration Mass at **11.00 am** on **Sunday, 19 May**.

### A Morning with Mary

May is the month of Our Lady. The **9.30 am** Mass on **Tuesday, 14 May** will be a Mass of Our Lady followed by the rosary and devotions. There will then be tea and coffee in the Parish House basement. Please join us, if you can, to honour Our Lady.

**Parish Office**

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

**Good Shepherd****Catholic Primary School**

35 Gayford Road  
[www.goodshepherdrc.lbhfsch.uk](http://www.goodshepherdrc.lbhfsch.uk)  
020 8743 5060

Head: Mrs. Imogen Lavelle

**Catholic Chaplaincies****Charing Cross Hospital**

020 3311 1042

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**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](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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

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Psalms 97 Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'**  
**Alleluia!**

Church cleaning: Friday, 10 May: Mary & Rose.

**Mass Intentions for Week: 4 - 12 May 2024**

Saturday, 4 May	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.
Monday, 6 May	9.30	Nancy, Dennis & Tom Wren, Anniv.
Tuesday, 7 May	9.30	Leonora Skipp, RIP
Wednesday, 8 May	<b>11.30</b>	Rosemarie Healy, RIP
Thursday, 9 May	<b>9.30</b>	John, Tim, Stephen, Sean & Rosemarie Healy, RIP
<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	19.00	Hurren & Panting families, RIP
Friday, 10 May	9.30	Michael Brick, RIP
Saturday, 11 May	9.30	No Mass
	12.00	First Holy Communion children
	18.00	Annie & Patrick Joseph Murphy, RIP
Sunday, 12 May	9:15	Pro Populo
<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00	Anne Mullens, RIP
	18.00	Rosemarie Healy, RIP

**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>

**Suffering and Love**

'We should not forget that Christ did not bring the suffering of His Passion to us; He brought His infinite love to us, it is we who gave the suffering to *Him*. He gives suffering the power of His love, and, therefore, when we accept the suffering necessarily involved in living the Christ-life in this world, we are not submerging ourselves more deeply into the suffering than we need have done, but are doing something which will transform it ultimately into joy,' Caryll Houselander, *The Risen Christ: The Forty Days after the Resurrection*