



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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22 September 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

£1,359.17

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

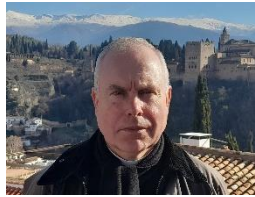
Catechetical Co-ordinator: **Lawrence Dunham**

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Fr. Mark writes: 'Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will be fruit in holiness,' writes St. James. There have been few occasions when peacemakers have seemed more needed than now: both in the world and in our own society. St. James's advice remains perennially valid. So often it is jealousy and ambition which lead to disharmony and wickedness, the strife we see around us. As Catholics we have the means of overcoming this: a daily examination of conscience, regular use of Confession. These make us more self-aware; God's grace can change us. Above all, St James says, we need the wisdom from above. Pray for the Holy Spirit.

SVP Cake Sale

Many thanks to all those who supported the SVP's cake sale last Sunday. They raised £360, which will go to help those in any kind of need locally.

Good Shepherd School

We welcome the children from the Good Shepherd School who join us for the **9.30 am** Mass this **Tuesday, 24 September**.

Lawrence Dunham & Julian Pinto

We welcome the arrival of both:

1. Lawrence Dunham, who takes up his role as Parish Catechetical Co-ordinator. Lawrence worked in recruitment for investment banks. He is now discerning vocation and will be working for the parish until next summer.
2. Julian Pinto, a seminarian for the Diocese of Plymouth studying for Allen Hall. Julian is originally from Bombay. Studying for a Master's at Exeter, he felt the call to priesthood. He enjoys playing the keyboard, singing and reading. He is passionate about Scripture and pastoral care. Julian will be with us at weekends until Advent, and then full-time until next summer.

Both are here because they love Our Lord and wish to help others to do so. Do introduce yourselves to them.

Jeremy Read, Bridget Parker & Moira McKay, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jerry Read, Bridget Parker and Moira McKay. Jerry's funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am** tomorrow **Monday, 23 September**. (There will be no 9.30 am Mass tomorrow.) Bridget's funeral Mass will be at **10.30 am** on **Monday, 30 September**. Bridget's coffin will come into church at 7.15 pm next Sunday evening – this is not a Mass; there is Mass as normal at 6 pm.

First Holy Communion

The 2025 programme for First Confession and First Holy Communion starts with a parents' meeting in church on **Sunday, 6 October**. The programme is for the children of families attending here Mass each Sunday who are entering school Year 3. The commitment to Sunday Mass – before, during and after the programme – is crucial if we are to practise our own faith with integrity and help our children grow in their faith. The children meet in the Good Shepherd School on Sunday mornings during school term time (normally alternate weeks) and attend the 11 am Mass together afterwards. The celebration of First Holy Communion itself will be at two Masses specifically for the children at 12 noon on **Saturday, 17 and 24 May 2024**. Application forms are available at the back of church, to be returned by the end of the month.

Annual Mass Count

The annual Mass count takes place today and over the next three Sundays. My sense is that numbers are continuing to rise after the pandemic and that we are blessed with quite a number of new parishioners. The Mass count allows us to see whether that is an accurate impression.

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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

07746 697132

shepherdsbushsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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 Ellie

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

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16-4:3

Mark 9:30-37

Psalm 53 Response: The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!**

Church cleaning: Friday, 27 September: Mary & Rose.

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Mass Intentions for Week: 21 - 29 September 2024

Saturday, 21 September	18.00	Gleeson Family, RIP
Sunday, 22 September	9:15	Mary Jennings, RIP
	11:00	Mary Sweeney, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 23 September	11.00	Jerry Read, RIP: Funeral Mass
<i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>		
Tuesday, 24 September	9.30	John O'Hara, RIP
<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>		
Wednesday, 25 September	7.00	Ruby Roach, int.
Thursday 26 September	19.00	Bridget Parker, RIP
Friday, 27 September	9.30	Norah Brick, Anniv.
<i>St Vincent de Paul</i>		
Saturday, 28 September	9.30	Bridget Parker, RIP
	18.00	Joey Davenport, RIP
Sunday, 29 September	9:15	Ambrose & Denise Antoine, int.
	11:00	Pro populo
	18.00	Jim & Sue Maguire, int. (Wedding Anniv.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Christopher Browne, Dorothy Coker, Joe Davenport, Pasquale de Stefano, Kay Gleeson, John Harrington, Kay Healy, Mary Hill, Sandra Jones, Anna McCarthy, Maria Nicholls, John O'Neill, Harriet Paterson, Michael Phelan, Sally Pilkington, Nigel Quinnen, Ella Shaw, Jay St Clair, Rose Stanislaus, Gemma Sweny, Ashley Walker, Laura Walsh, Ellen White, Natalie Williams, Andrzej Zapasnik, & the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents

Catholic Secondary School Applications

Fr. Mark is available in the Parish House to sign priest references for Catholic secondary school applications (including VI Form transfers): **6-8 pm, Monday, 30 September; 2-4 pm and Saturday, 12 October**. The parent/carer (who attends Mass here) and child should attend. Please bring the Certificate of Catholic Practice (one per school, having completed your child's details) and their baptism certificate (if the baptism did not take place here). There is **an appointment system**. To book an appointment, please E-Mail Lawrence, the catechist, at shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk letting him know which of the two dates you can make. He will confirm the time. In seeking a reference, you are asking the priest to confirm you have attended Mass each Sunday here over a number of years. If you have recently moved into the parish or attend Mass more regularly elsewhere, it makes sense to seek a reference from that other parish. (Primary school references will be offered later in the year.)

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? RCIA

Jesus Christ calls us to the greatest degree of unity imaginable with Himself through the sacraments of baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion as members of the Catholic Church. This is reflected in our faith and the lives we lead. In the past sacraments were normally received at a young age. Increasingly, this may not be the case – the reason for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The RCIA group meets at **8 pm** most Tuesdays, starting on **Tuesday, 8 October**. It is for those previously of no faith or other faiths, other Christians who wish to become Catholics, and Catholics who missed out on sacraments when younger. It is an opportunity to reflect on what Catholics believe, and how we pray and live our faith in the world. Eight adults were baptised and confirmed here last Easter. A dozen have expressed interest in this year's programme. There are no expectations. Only if right for the individual, do they receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, 19 April 2025. If this interests you, please contact Fr. Mark. There are yellow leaflets with further details at the back of church.

9.15 am Mass Teas & Coffees

Tea and coffee is served in the Parish House basement after the 9.15 Mass each Sunday. Would you be able to join the friendly team to help set up, welcome and clear away? If so, please contact Amelia Whately-Smith on 07800 529982 or at ameliahartog@gmail.com