



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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29 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

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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

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Fr. Mark writes: Even in the Old Testament, the Lord 'comes down' to engage with His people. Of course, He does. This is the same God as the God of Jesus Christ. He made us for relationship and communication with Him. Nor is He an exclusive God. He wants to have that relationship of love and openness with all. His gift isn't limited to Moses. God chooses to share with seventy others the charism of leading the people in His ways. He has happy to see others proclaiming His word. What are we doing today to help all believers take up their role of mission and to welcome their contribution to the work of the Church?

Welcome

Congratulations to Lois Murray, who is baptised today.

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**.

Bridget Parker & Moira McKay, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bridget Parker and Moira McKay. Bridget's funeral Mass is at **10.30 am** tomorrow, **Monday, 30 September**. (There is no 9.30 am Mass tomorrow.) Bridget's coffin will come into church at 7.15 pm this (Sunday) evening – this is not a Mass; the normal 6 pm Mass precedes it. Moira's funeral will be back in Scotland. Mass will also be offered for her here in the parish.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

CAFOD is the Bishops' Agency for Overseas Development. This **Friday, 4 October** is their Harvest Fast Day. The idea is that we go without some food and, from what we save, help people around the world to learn new skills and develop their God-given potential. If you take the envelope attached to the newsletter, you can return it with any donation in the second collection next Sunday – or use the QR code on the envelope or visit www.cafod.org.uk/envelope

First Holy Communion

The First Confession and First Holy Communion programme starts with a parents' meeting in church at **3.00 pm** next **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.

Post-Confirmation Group

Some of last year's Confirmation group are asking to continue meeting to help deepen their faith and to continue to see one another. Please let me know what interest there would be for a group for those aged 15-18 looking at the Scriptures and asking some of the bigger questions: 'Who am I?', 'Who do you say that I am?', etc. Would a Sunday evening or an evening mid-week be better?

SVP

Friday was the feast of St Vincent de Paul. The SVP exists to help all those locally in any kind of need. Their work includes accompanying those who may be experiencing financial insecurities. If you know anyone who could benefit from this, please contact Amelia on 07800529982 or ameliahartog@gmail.com

Last week's collection

£1,313.78

Thank-you

Parish Office

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

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

Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Psalm 18 Response: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your word is truth, O Lord,

consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Saturday, 5 October: Akosua, Alexandra & Carmelina.

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Mass Intentions for Week: 28 September - 6 October 2024

Saturday, 28 September	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.)
Monday, 30 September	10.30	Bridget Parker, RIP: Funeral
<i>St. Jerome</i>		
Tuesday, 1 October	9.30	John Bergin, RIP
<i>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>		
Wednesday, 2 October	7.00	Holy Souls
<i>Guardian Angels</i>		
Thursday 3 October	19.00	Edward Molloy, int.
Friday, 4 October	9.30	Antonia Tivadar
<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>		
Saturday, 5 October	9.30	Jerry Read, RIP
	18.00	Sandra Fröhlich-McCormack, Anniv.
Sunday, 6 October	9:15	Colin Ryan, RIP
	11:00	Dave Castle, RIP
	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, 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.

Annual Mass Count

The annual Mass continues today and over the next two Sundays