



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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26 January 2025

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:

Sun 7.00-7.45 pm

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 am, 5.15-5.45 pm
Sun 7.00-7.45 pm
or by request

Baptism

See Parish Priest
Preparation obligatory

Marriage

See Parish Priest
Six months' notice required
Preparation obligatory

Last week's collection
£1223.88

White Flower Appeal
£646.70

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

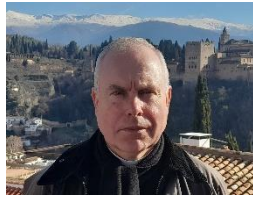
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: The first reading describes the restoration of normal worship in the Temple in Jerusalem following the years when the people of God had been in exile. It could seem strange to us that people were so overjoyed and attentive that the Law/the Old Testament are being read and explained to them once more. Shouldn't we have a similar attitude, however? We should reverence Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church. We are not alone. God loves us, speaks to us, and guides us. 'O, that today you would listen to His voice.'

White Flower Appeal 2025

Many thanks to those who contributed to the White Flower Appeal last Sunday. We raised £646.70. This goes to support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). SPUC exists to protect unborn life through initiatives in education, legislation and culture, seeking to restore a respect for the sanctity of human life in our society.

Confirmation

Bishop Curry will celebrate Confirmation at **12 noon on Saturday, 21 June 2025**. The programme, for those in school Year 9+ attending Mass here, begins with a parents' meeting in church at **7.30 pm** tomorrow **Monday, 27 January**. The candidates then meet in the Parish House basement at 7.30 pm on Monday evenings during school term-time. There are application forms and programmes at the back of church. Please return with the fee of £50 and, if not baptised here, a copy of their baptism certificate.

Brian Hanley, Ellen ('Nellie') McGill & Mary Costello, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Brian Hanley, Nellie McGill and Mary Costello. Brian's funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am** this **Tuesday, 28 January**. (This will take the place of the 9.30 am parish Mass on Tuesday.) Nellie's funeral Mass will be at **9.30 am** on **Wednesday, 5 February**. Mary's funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am** on **Friday, 14 February**.

Catholic Curry Club

The Catholic Curry Club is for dads with children of primary school age and under. We meet monthly in the Parish House basement for a talk followed by curry. The parish of White City is very different from our parish of Shepherd's Bush. Fr. Richard Nesbitt is the parish priest there. He will speak to us at **8.00 pm** this **Thursday, 30 January** about the food bank and other social projects run from the parish. (This talk is being rescheduled from before Christmas when it clashed with other events.) For further or to place your curry order, please contact Dario at darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk

Good Shepherd School

We welcome the KS2 children from the Good Shepherd School who join us at the **9.30 am** Mass this **Friday, 31 January**.

Mums' and Toddlers' Group

The Mums' and Toddlers' Group meets next in the Parish House basement at **10.30 am** this **Friday, 31 January**. For further information, please contact Ellie at ashchurchmums@gmail.com

Marriage Preparation

Catholics should marry in church to receive God's graces and blessings. Provided we are free to marry, the process need not be expensive nor complicated. At least one of you must be a baptised Catholic and both understand and agree with the Church's teaching on marriage. The couple must attend a marriage preparation course. We have a course here over two Saturday afternoons, **2-5 pm, 1 and 8 February** for couples marrying either here or elsewhere during 2025. (This is the only course we provide during the year.) Please let Fr. Mark know if you would like to attend.

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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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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

Input, discussion and curry

darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk

Sunday Scriptures

Fridays, 4.45-5.45 pm

For further information:

jroberts@thetablet.co.uk

Catholic Book Club

Contact Lawrence

shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk

Sunday Scriptures Group

This group meets in the Parish House at **4.45 pm** on Fridays to reflect on the Sunday Scripture readings. All are welcome to attend.

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

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

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Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Psalm 18 Response: Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the captives.

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Saturday, 1 February: Alexandra R., Michelle & Assiatu.

Mass Intentions for Week: 25 January - 2 February 2025

Saturday, 25 January	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 26 January	9:15	Elizabeth Ryan, Anniv.
	11:00	Coilin Nee, RIP
	18.00	Maria Samele, Anniv.
Monday, 27 January	9.30	Michael Phelan, RIP
Tuesday, 28 January	11.00	Brian Hanley, RIP: Funeral
<i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>		
Wednesday, 29 January	7.00	Clerkin family, int.
Thursday, 30 January	19.00	Roy & Della Panting, int.
Friday, 31 January	9.30	Ruby Roach & family, int.
<i>St John Bosco</i>		
Saturday, 1 February	9.30	Ellen White, RIP
	18.00	Alf Sweney, Anniv.
Sunday, 2 February	9:15	Pro populo
<i>Presentation of the Lord</i>	11:00	Bideen Nee, RIP
	18.00	John, Rosemarie, Tim, Stephen & Sean Healy, RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Christopher Browne, Joe Davenport, Pasquale de Stefano, Adrian Duggan, Kay Gleeson, John Harrington, Kay Healy, Mary Hill, Anna McCarthy, Marilyn McDonald, Maria Nicholls, John O'Neill, Harriet Paterson, Jay St Clair, Rose Stanislaus, Gemma Sweny, Laura Walsh, & the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents

The Presentation

Next Sunday, 2 February, is the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas), the traditional end of the Christmas season. If you have candles which you would like blessed, please bring them to church and they will be blessed at the beginning of Mass.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Scarlett Freidberg, who receives Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time this weekend.

Lourdes Mass

Cardinal Nichols will celebrate Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes in the Cathedral at **2.00 pm** on **Saturday, 8 February**. Anointing will be offered to the sick. Spaces will be reserved for wheelchair users and the walking sick who are looking to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, together with those assisting them. Please let us know if you require seats reserved and in which category.

Messy Family Project

The Messy Family Project is run by Mike and Alicia Heron in the US to empower parents to embrace their sacred calling. They are speaking at number of venues in the UK in March. On **Thursday, 6 March, 8-9.30 pm**, they will speak on 'Growing a Family Culture' at the Good Shepherd School. Hopefully, this will be preceded by a light meal. No fee, but donations are invited to cover costs. A number of parents of young children have already expressed an interest. Please let Fr. Mark know if you wish to attend. For more details see <https://messyfamilyproject.org/>

The Spear Programme

Many young people struggle with the after effects of COVID and the general pressures of modern life. Resurgo, a Christian organisation, with a branch in Hammersmith runs the Spear Programme. It helps those aged 16-24 realise their potential by providing the confidence, motivation and skills needed for employment. I have no direct experience but have been recommended it by parishioners whose family members have enrolled: <https://resurgo.org.uk/spear-programme/what-is-the-spear-programme/>