



# Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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**16 February 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**

**£1,215.24**

**Thank-you**

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

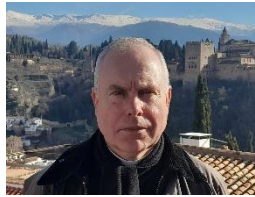
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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



**Fr. Mark writes:** In his First Letter to the Corinthians St Paul continues to develop the reason for our Christian hope, which we reflected upon last week. Basically, he says, our hope rests upon one thing: the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our faith is an idea or philosophy, a piece of cultural baggage, or a social welfare programme. It is a relationship with a Person, and that Person died and was raised to new life, a life He wishes to share with us.

Christianity stands or falls upon that one claim: the Resurrection. If Christ was not raised, Paul says our faith is in vain. 'But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.' Jesus is risen – a historical, physical fact attested by hundreds of witnesses, the willingness of the apostles and martyrs to give their very lives for this claim, the fact that countless disciples have lived their lives on this basis. The Resurrection is our hope for the future, but also our joy for the present as we look forward to our destiny and share the life of the Risen Christ even now.

### Children's Liturgy

There will be no Children's Liturgy Group at the 9.15 am Mass this Sunday and next due to the school half-term. The group resumes on **Sunday, 2 March**.

### Mums' and Toddlers' Group

The Mums' and Toddlers' Group meets next in the Parish House basement at **10.30 am** this **Friday, 21 February**. For further information, please contact Ellie at [ashchurchmums@gmail.com](mailto:ashchurchmums@gmail.com)

### Winter Warmer: 23 February

The group who put on teas and coffees are proposing to host a curry lunch (with a variety of curries and puddings) in the Parish House basement at **12 noon** next **Sunday, 23 February**. Proceeds will go to the charity Mary's Meals, feeding hungry children around the world. Tickets (limited to 22 adults) are £10 for adults, £3 for children and are available from Nova Ferguson at [novadferguson@gmail.com](mailto:novadferguson@gmail.com)

### Baptism Preparation Sessions

Children should be baptised in the first weeks of their lives. We have baptism preparation sessions in the Parish House basement at **7.30 pm** next **Wednesday, 26 and Thursday, 27 February** for parents attending Mass each Sunday. If you have not attended baptism preparation for an older child, you should do so now, and we can arrange a date for the baptism after the second session.

### Andy Forkin, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Andy Forkin. His funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am** on **Friday, 28 February**.

### Messy Family Project

The Messy Family Project is run by Mike and Alicia Hernon 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. This will be preceded by a light meal. No fee, but donations are invited to cover costs. It will be worth attending for the content, but also for the opportunity to meet one another, which we don't always have at Sunday Mass. A number of parents of young children have already expressed an interest, and I encourage you to join us. Please let me know if you wish to attend. For more details see <https://messyfamilyproject.org/>

### Mass for Bereaved Parents

A Mass for bereaved parents is being celebrated in Westminster Cathedral at **2.00 pm** on **Saturday, 5 April**. You are very welcome to attend.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Jeremiah 17:5-8      1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20      Luke 6:17, 20-26

Psalm 1:1-2 Response: Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!****Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord,  
for behold, your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia!**

Church cleaning:      Saturday, 22 February: Carmelina, Alexandra &amp; Nojan.

**Parish Office**Monday, Tuesday, Friday:  
10:00 -14:00**Good Shepherd****Catholic Primary School**

35 Gayford Road

[www.goodshepherdrc.lbhf.sch.uk](http://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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(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](mailto:ashchurchmums@gmail.com)**Young dads group**

Thurs. 8.00 pm monthly

Input, discussion and curry

[darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk)**Sunday Scriptures**

Fridays, 4.45-5.45 pm

For further information:

[jroberts@thetablet.co.uk](mailto:jroberts@thetablet.co.uk)**Catholic Book Club**

Contact Lawrence

[shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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.

**Mass Intentions for Week: 15 - 23 February 2025**

Saturday, 15 February	18.00	Noreen Keane, Anniv.
Sunday, 16 February	9:15	In Thanksgiving
	11:00	Patrick & Bridget Costello, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 17 February	9.30	Bernie Donnelly, RIP
Tuesday, 18 February	9.30	Michael, Sinead & Dawn Carey, RIP
Wednesday, 19 February	7.00	Holy souls
Thursday, 20 February	19.00	Brian Hanley, RIP
Friday, 21 February	9.30	Elaine Burke, int.
Saturday, 22 February	9.30	Margaret Cooney, int.
<i>Chair of St. Peter</i>		
	18.00	Gleeson Family, RIP
Sunday, 23 February	9:15	Patrick Armstrong, Anniv.
	11:00	Pro populo
	18.00	Della Panting, int.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:**

Christopher Browne, Joe Davenport, Pasquale de Stefano, Adrian Duggan, 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

**Thanksgiving for Matrimony**

The Cardinal invites couples celebrating significant anniversaries during 2025 to join him in Westminster Cathedral for a Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony at **2.30 pm** on **Saturday, 17 May**. Couples are invited to renew their marital commitment, and we pray for them and their families. If you wish to attend, please let me have: your names, full postal address, wedding date and E-Mail address (or telephone number). A personal invitation will then be sent to you closer to the date.

**Loving Difficult People**

'We will not always like those to whom God sends us, and they will not always like us. At times that will be the case because of their behaviour or their history, at times because of ours. We can tolerate, ignore, or try to escape such a situation – and live in unreality. Or we can love the unlikeable – acknowledging that God has sent us to them, that each of them is beloved to Him, that Jesus Himself is within them,' Archbishop Peter Sartain, *Strengthen Your Brothers*

**Jesus and the Church**

'For what could I know of Him without her? She may appear weak, her growth compromised, her means of action ridiculous, her witness too often hidden. Her children may not understand her, but at such a time I shall look upon the humiliated face of my spouse and I shall love her all the more, for while some are hypnotised by those features which make her look old, love will make me discover hidden forces, the silent activity that gives her perpetual youth,' Henri de Lubac

***Ave, Regina Caelorum***

The anthem to Our Lady at the end of the 11 am Mass from now until Easter is given below and in the booklet at the back of church:

Ave, Regina caelorum,  
Ave, Domina angelorum:  
Salve radix, salve porta,  
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:  
Gaude Virgo gloriosa,  
Super omnes speciose:  
Vale, o valde decora,  
Et pro nobis Christum.

Hail, Queen of heaven  
Hail, Mistress of the angels:  
Hail the root and gate  
Through which rose the Light of the world.  
Rejoice, glorious Virgin,  
Beautiful above all others:  
Farewell, O fairest one,  
And pray for us to Christ.