



# Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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**13 April 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**

**£1,368.38**

**Thank-you**

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

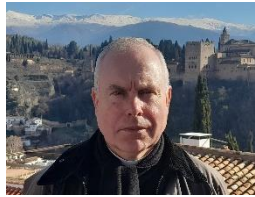
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## Palm Sunday - Year C



**Fr. Mark writes:** We have begun the week which witnesses the greatest drama the world has ever seen, the mysteries which offer us healing and eternal life. We see how much Jesus loved us and how much that love cost Him. Let us show our gratitude by accompanying Him in His Passion, Crucifixion and glorious Resurrection. We should aim to be present at the most significant liturgies of the coming week: the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8 pm on Thursday; the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3 pm on Good Friday; then the Easter Vigil at 8.30 pm on Saturday or the Masses of Easter at 9.15 and 11 am on Sunday.

### Mary's Meals

Thank-you to everyone who supported the Mary's Meals appeal last week, helping feed hungry children in their schools across the world. Between cash donations and the card reader, the parish gave £1,317.92. Thank-you for your generosity – that feeds 67 children for a whole year. If you wish, you can still donate to Mary's Meals online at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/campaigns/emergency-in-southern-africa>

### Church Cleaning

Anyone able to help give the church a thorough clean for Easter is welcome at **10.00 am** this **Saturday, 19 April**, especially if you arrive with duster, brush or polish.

Many thanks to our regular volunteers who do a great job keeping the church clean throughout the year. Are there others who may be able to join the rota? The commitment is to clean approximately once a month at 10 am on a Friday or Saturday. If you can help, please contact Fr. Mark.

### Easter Break

Both the Children's Liturgy group at the 9.15 am Mass and teas and coffee afterwards are taking a break for a couple weeks and will return on Sunday, 27 April.

### Holy Week & Easter

The Mass times for the week are given overleaf. The times of the main services are:

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|---------------|---|
| Holy Thursday | 8.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with watching at the altar of repose until midnight   |
| Good Friday   | 9.30 am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>11.00 am: Children's Stations of the Cross<br>3.00 pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion (Confessions before & after the Liturgy) |
| Holy Saturday | 9.30 am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>8.30 pm: Easter Vigil   |
| Easter Sunday | 9.15 and 11.00 am: Easter Sunday Masses<br>N.B. No 6.00 pm Mass   |

We have a professional choir singing at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday Liturgy and the Easter Vigil.

### Easter Offerings

The envelopes at the back of church are for Easter offerings. With Christmas offering, Mass stipends and stole fees, this income is treated differently to the normal collection. It is important to show the Diocese we have sufficient 'clergy income' to pay our priests. Also, this 'clergy income' is kept by the parish rather than being 'taxed' by the Diocese. (If you have a box of envelopes, there is an Easter offering envelope there and can ignore this.) Thank-you.

### Mums' and Toddlers' Group

The Mums' and Toddlers' Group meets next in the Parish House basement at **10.30 am** on **Friday, 25 April**. For further information, please contact Ellie at [ashchurchmums@gmail.com](mailto:ashchurchmums@gmail.com)

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Isaiah 50:4-7      Philippians 2:6-11      Luke 22:14-23:56

Psalm 22 Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.****Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.****Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.****Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Church cleaning:      Saturday 19 April: Everyone available.

**Mass Intentions for Week: 12 - 20 April 2025**

|                        |              |   |
|------------------------|--------------|---|
| Saturday, 12 April     | 18.00        | Kay Gleeson & family, int.                                  |
| Sunday, 13 April       | 9:15         | Brian McDermott, RIP  |
| <i>Palm Sunday</i>     | 11:00        | Frank McDermott, RIP  |
|                        | 18.00        | Pro populo  |
| Monday, 14 April       | 9.30         | Ruth O'Leary, RIP   |
| Tuesday, 15 April      | 9.30         | Maureen & Barney O'Reilly - 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv. |
| Wednesday, 16 April    | 7.00         | Piotr Lata, RIP   |
| Thursday, 17 April     | <b>20.00</b> | Roy Panting, int.   |
| <i>Maundy Thursday</i> |              |   |
| Friday, 18 April       | <b>15.00</b> | Solemn Liturgy of the Passion                               |
| <i>Good Friday</i>     |              |   |
| Saturday, 19 April     | 9.30         | No morning Mass   |
| <i>Holy Saturday</i>   |              |   |
|                        | <b>20.30</b> | Pro populo  |
| Sunday, 20 April       | 9:15         | Patricia Hayden, Anniv.                                     |
| <i>Easter Sunday</i>   | 11:00        | Seamus McDermott, RIP                                       |
|                        | 18.00        | No evening Mass   |

**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, Milly Redhead, Jay St Clair, Rose Stanislaus, Gemma Sweny, & the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2025**

Thank-you to everyone who has donated to the Cardinal's Lent Appeal. Donations support vital projects across the Diocese: Youth & Evangelisation; Social Action; Marriage & Family Life, and Catholic Education initiatives. The Cardinal is grateful to everyone who supported his Appeal. If anyone else wishes to do so, there are donation envelopes at the back of the church or you can give online at <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/cardinals-appeal/>

**Congratulations**

We offer our prayers and best wishes to Bishop John Sherrington, auxiliary bishop in Westminster on his appointment as Archbishop of Liverpool.

**Assisted Suicide**

As the Cardinal said in his Pastoral Letter there is profound unease about this proposal – not only that vulnerable people will come under pressure to end their lives, but also that the normal scrutiny is not being given to such a momentous proposal. The promised safeguards are already being withdrawn. This is deeply disturbing. The crucial Third Reading in the House of Commons is on **25 April**. The Bishops urge us to contact our MPs requesting them to vote against the Bill. The Hammersmith & Chiswick MP is Andy Slaughter: [andy@andyslaughter.com](mailto:andy@andyslaughter.com) The Ealing Central & Acton MP is Rupa Huq: [rupa.huq.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:rupa.huq.mp@parliament.uk) Rupa Huq changed her mind and voted against the proposal last time round. Andy Slaughter is still saying he intends to vote for it. In writing to your MP, you may find it helpful to take a copy of the Cardinal's Pastoral Letter, which I have left at the back of church. Please pray that this ill-considered and dangerous proposal is defeated.

**The Suffering Servant**

'He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed,' Isaiah 52:3-5

**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**

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**Safeguarding Officer**

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(envelopes/standing orders)

Gary O'Brien

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**St. Vincent De Paul (SVP)**

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**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.