



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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20 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

£1,743.56

Thank-you

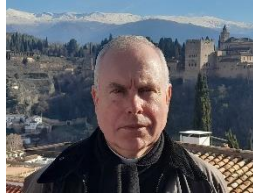
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Easter Sunday - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: For the secular world, if Easter means anything, it is about chocolate eggs and Easter bunnies. That seems a very strange way to mark what is the most important event in the history of the universe.

For Christians, Easter means new life: both a new way of living here and now in union with the risen Christ, and eternal life. Death and sin have been definitively defeated by the self-offering of Christ upon the Cross. We now have hope – both for ourselves and for those we have loved who have gone before us. By all means indulge in chocolate and the good things of our world – this is the time of the greatest joy, when we are called to celebrate to the full. Let our Easter, however, be characterised by love for and gratitude to Jesus, who died and rose for love of us.

Thank-you

Thank-you to everyone who helped make the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter such beautiful occasions: our musicians, readers and servers; those who cleaned the church and Lise, who arranged the flowers; to Fr. Christopher Colven and Fr. Gerard Sheehan for their assistance over the Triduum; to those who help in the parish in so many ways throughout the year, especially to Sherry, Seamus and Lawrence. Thank-you also for your Easter cards, greetings, and gifts. A very happy and holy Easter to you, your family and friends.

Congratulations

We have a record number of candidates receiving sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Congratulations to John, Tom, Joshua, Joyce, Rajbant and Steven, who are baptised; Verity, Daisy, Petronela and Lewis, who are received into the Catholic Church; Michelle, Izzy, Amity, Slawomir and Keith, who join the others in being confirmed; and to Louis, who makes his First Holy Communion. It is a great joy to celebrate sacraments for our adult candidates who become full members of the Catholic Church at Easter. Christ calls everyone to share in the fullness of His victory of life and love. Whom you do you know whom you might invite to explore the life and teachings of the Catholic Church when we offer this programme again after the summer?

Church Cleaning

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 be back next Sunday.

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

Daily Mass

Please note that Mass this **Friday, 25 April** will be at **7.00 pm**, rather than 9.30 am.

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. Thank-you.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Psalm 118 Response: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.****Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.
Alleluia.**

Church cleaning: Saturday 26 April: Catherine, Gina & Akosua.

Mass Intentions for Week: 19 - 27 April 2025

Saturday, 19 April	20.30	Pro populo
<i>Easter Vigil</i>		
Sunday, 20 April	9:15	Patricia Hayden, Anniv.
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	11:00	Seamus McDermott, RIP
	18.00	No evening Mass
Monday, 21 April	9.30	Dennis Burke, Anniv.
Tuesday, 22 April	9.30	Rose Child
Wednesday, 23 April	7.00	Susan Gallon, Anniv.
Thursday, 24 April	19.00	Patrick & Mary McDonagh, RIP
Friday, 25 April	19.00	Patricia O'Malley, RIP
Saturday, 26 April	9.30	Jonathan Roberts, RIP
	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 27 April	9:15	Pro populo
<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00	Ellen Teresa McGill, RIP
<i>(Divine Mercy)</i>	18.00	Paul & Marie Byrne, RIP

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

Confirmation Candidates

Please pray for our 16 Confirmation candidates, who make their day retreat next **Saturday, 26 April** prior to their Confirmation in June. They need to be outside the church before **9.15 am**.

Assisted Suicide

There is profound unease about this proposal which threatens some of the most fundamental relations in society, between doctor and patient and between family members. Not only will vulnerable people come under pressure to end their lives, but the normal scrutiny is not being given to such a momentous proposal. The promised safeguards are already being withdrawn. It seems its supporters may be worried. The crucial Third Reading in the House of Commons has been postponed until next month. 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 The Ealing Central & Acton MP is Rupa Huq: rupa.huq.mp@parliament.uk Rupa Huq changed her mind and voted against the proposal last time round. Andy Slaughter says he intends to vote for it. Please pray that this ill-considered and dangerous proposal is defeated.

Catholic Curry Club

The Catholic Curry Club is for dads with children of primary school age or under. We meet in the Parish House basement for a talk with discussion continuing over curry. The next meeting is at **8.00 pm** next **Thursday, 1 May**. Will Hobbs is both a committed Catholic and the Chief Investment Officer of Barclays Wealth Management and will speak on 'Faith & Finance'. For further information or to place your curry order, contact Dario at darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk

Learn to Pray

Our Lady of Fatima parish, Commonwealth Avenue, White City W12 7QR is hosting a day on prayer between **10.00 am** and **5.00 pm** on **Saturday, 10 May**. It is being led by André Regnier, co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach, a movement dedicated to helping people grow in their faith and share it with others. The day is intended for anyone seeking to deepen their personal prayer life, whether new to prayer or experienced and looking for new insights. To book a place, or for more information, please take one of the flyers from the back of church.

Parish OfficeMonday, 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

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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**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.