



# Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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**27 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**  
**£1606.00**

**Holy Places**  
**£583.50**

**Thank-you**

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

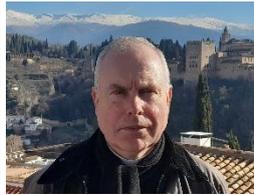
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## Second Sunday of Easter - Year C



**Fr. Mark writes:** What characterises the life of the early Church immediately after the Resurrection? We see in the Acts of the Apostles. It is the healing ministry entrusted by the risen Jesus to His apostles and their successors. It is growth in the number of members of the Church. There is something new and wholesome and appealing which people want for themselves.

Thanks to her union with Jesus, the work of the Holy Spirit, the Church is ever young. Where the faith is vibrant and authentic, we continue to witness healing, spiritual healing, but also physical healing; we see growth with those being baptised and received into the Church.

### Pope Francis, RIP

Please pray for the repose of Pope Francis – may the Risen Lord welcome him into eternal life. There will be a sung Mass here for Pope Francis at **7.00 pm** this **Wednesday, 30 April**. (This will take the place of the 7.00 am Mass.)

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Lawrence Dunham, our parish catechist, who has been accepted to train for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Southwark. He will start seminary in Spain in September.

### 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** this **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](mailto:darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk)

### Baptism Preparation

Given the crucial importance of baptism, infants should be baptised within the first weeks after their birth. For the baptism of the first child, parents should attend baptism preparation sessions prior to the baptism. The next sessions for parents attending Mass here each Sunday are in the Parish House basement at **7.30 pm** on **Tuesday, 13 and 20 May**. If you attend both sessions, we can discuss a date for the baptism. Please let me know if you wish to attend the sessions.

### Children's Missals

One way of increasing the chances of retaining children's attention during Mass is to give them a children's missal to help them follow what is happening at the altar. We have bought a variety of children's missals. These are on sale at the shop at the back of church after the 9.15 am Mass and before the 11 am Mass on Sundays. (Other ways of keeping children engaged might be sitting closer to the front so they can see what is happening and parents explaining the various parts of the Mass to their children.)

### 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.

### Lourdes Pilgrimage: 25 July- 1 August

The Cardinal will lead the annual Westminster diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Registrations must be made by the end of the month at <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk> or 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane or train are available. There are many volunteering opportunities for those who wish to serve.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

Acts 5:12-6 Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31

Psalm 118 Response: Give praise to the Lord for He is good, His mercy endures for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.****You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.****Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.****Alleluia.**

Church cleaning: Saturday 3 May: Harriet, Nancy &amp; Nojan.

**Mass Intentions for Week: 26 April - 4 May 2025**

Saturday, 26 April	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 27 April	9:15	Pro populo
<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00	Ellen Teresa McGill, RIP
	18.00	Paul & Marie Byrne, RIP
Monday, 28 April	9.30	Jim Brennan, RIP
<i>St. George</i>		
Tuesday, 29 April	9.30	Anthony Mitchell, RIP
<i>St Catherine of Siena</i>		
Wednesday, 30 April	<b>19.00</b>	Pope Francis, RIP
Thursday, 1 May	19.00	Margaret Cooney, int.
Friday, 2 May	9.30	John, Rosemarie, Tim, Stephen & Sean Healy, RIP
<i>St Athanasius</i>		
Saturday, 3 May	9.30	Patsy O'Flaherty, int.
<i>Ss Philip &amp; James</i>		
	18.00	Attilio Antonio Samele, Anniv.
Sunday, 4 May	9:15	Michael Gleeson, Anniv.
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00	In thanksgiving
	18.00	Pro populo

**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

**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.

**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 May. 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 says he intends to vote for it. Please pray that this ill-considered and dangerous proposal is defeated.

**Easter Antiphon to Our Lady**

During the Easter season we sing the *Regina Caeli* to Our Lady at the end of the 11 am Mass and Benediction. Copies of the Marian antiphons are available on the table at the back of church.

**Regina caeli laetare, alleluia;***Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia:***Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia:***For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia:***Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:***Is risen as He promised, alleluia:***Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.***Pray for us to God, alleluia.***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)

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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](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)[www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.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.