



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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1 June 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

£1,202.92

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

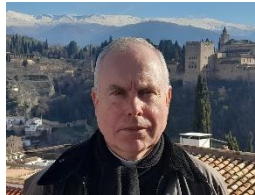
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Seventh Sunday of Easter - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: The Acts of the Apostles tells us what the Church should be doing between the Ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost – praying. In doing so, the Church follows the example of her Master, who prays to the Father for His disciples at the Last Supper in the Gospel. As Jesus commanded, the Church is waiting in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Prayer should be the reflex reaction of the Church, her natural default position. The apostles are united in prayer, we too unite in prayer, asking for a full outpouring of the Holy Spirit. At the centre of the apostles, we see is Mary – our model and pattern of prayer.

Congratulations

Welcome to Fred Blakiston Houston, who is baptised this weekend.

Welcome

We welcome the KS2 children from the Good Shepherd School who will be attending the **9.30 am** Mass this **Tuesday, 3 June**.

Kathleen Nolan, Lee Kilmartin & Maureen Cuddihy, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kathleen Nolan, Lee Kilmartin & Maureen Cuddihy. Kathleen's funeral Mass is at **12.15 pm** this **Friday, 6 June**. (There is no 9.30 am Mass this Friday.) Maureen's funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am** on **Wednesday, 11 June**. Lee's funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am** on **Monday, 23 June**.

Assisted Suicide

Parliament ran out of time to vote on the assisted suicide proposals last month and will resume the debate on 13 June. Hopefully, this is a sign that those supporting the measure are concerned that it might not pass. Please keep up the prayers.

Looking for a Catholic Primary School?

If you are new to the parish with a child of school age, we invite you to apply to the Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School—an outstanding, nurturing school rooted in faith and excellence. In-year applications are welcome; please contact the school office to check availability. We offer nursery places for children aged 3+. Wrap-around care is available for all children, including a free breakfast club from 7.45 am and an after-school club 3:15–6:15 pm (£16 per session). For information, contact admin@goodshepherdrc.lbhf.sch.uk, **020 8743 5060** or scan the QR code for our Admissions page.



Applications are determined according to the School's admission policy. Priority is given to baptised Catholics with a Certificate of Catholic Practice confirming that the family attend Mass each Sunday.

Streaming

We are required to remind you periodically that the Masses are streamed on the parish's YouTube channel. The way the camera is required to be positioned, only people on the sanctuary can be seen on the streaming are those.

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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

Tabitha Brenninkmeijer

07956 260964

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

Acts 7:55-60

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,20

John 17:20-26

Psalm 97 Response: The LORD is KING, most high above all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Saturday, 7 June: Harriet, Nancy & Nojan.

Mass Intentions for Week: 31 May - 8 June 2025

Saturday, 31 May	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 1 June	9:15	Patrick Doherty, Anniv.
<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00	In Thanksgiving
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 2 June	9.30	Stephanie Chidiogo, int.
Tuesday, 3 June	9.30	Christopher Stone, RIP
<i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>		
Wednesday, 4 June	7.00	Julia Courtenay, int
Thursday, 5 June	19.00	Kathleen Paterson, RIP
<i>St Boniface</i>		
Friday, 6 June	12:15	Kathleen Nolan, RIP: Funeral
Saturday, 7 June	9.30	Michael Brick, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 8 June	9:15	Leo Roach, RIP
<i>Pentecost</i>	11:00	John Cooney, RIP
	18.00	Annie & Patrick Joseph Murphy, RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

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

Youth Conferences

A determining factor in deciding whether a young person continues to practise faith can be attending a Catholic youth conference. They see the beauty of our faith, make like-minded friends and enjoy it.

1. The Faith Summer Conference, 28 July-1 August at Ampleforth Abbey, York. There are compelling talks, Mass, and prayer; also time for sport and socialising. Cost: £225/£200 students and unwaged. Subsidies available. Contact Angela Hughes at angela.hughes@blueyonder.uk or visit www.faith.org.uk/events
2. Faith Summer Break, 11-14 August, St. Mary's School, Ascot. For 11-15 year olds combining faith and fun activities in a relaxed holiday setting. An opportunity to get to know God and each other. Daily Mass, talks about the Catholic faith, discussions, prayer, quizzes, art and craft, games, sports and trip to Thorpe Park. See: <https://www.faith.org.uk/events/faith-summer-break-2023-1-1>
3. Evangelium Conference, 15-17 August, Oratory School, Reading. Guest speakers on the Catholic faith, life and culture equip young Catholic adults aged 18-35 for mission. Cost: £159/£119 students & unwaged. See www.saintant.com/product/evangelium-2025 or call 01834 812643

Please see the posters and leaflets at the back of church for further information and QR codes.

Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope

Canon John O'Leary will speak on Hope and the Holy Spirit at Allen Hall Seminary, 25 Beaufort Street, Chelsea SW3 5AA at **3.00 pm** this **Saturday, 7 June**. You are invited then for refreshments, a tour of Allen Hall and Vespers. Please register by email with Monica at parector@rcdow.org.uk Please indicate which additional elements of the programme you wish to stay.

'Peace I leave you'

'We shall never banish suffering from our life, but we can forbid it entrance to our soul, or at least to the higher part of our soul. We are there, as it were, on a mountain, and we regard our troubles as the dweller upon the mountain contemplates the storm sweeping over the plain. But we do not reach that height all at once; we have to arrive at it by stages. The thousand and one petty annoyances that each day brings are our training. We must calmly watch them come and go. To want to avoid them all is impossible; to allow them to upset us is a weakness. There will always be some cloud on the horizon of our lives. But do not let any of these things stop you, or even affect you. In short: Go ahead!' Dom Augustin Guillerand. O. Cart.