



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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11 May 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

£1616.72

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

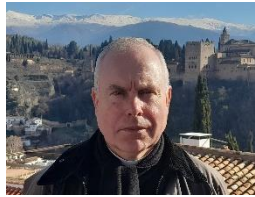
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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: The Holy Spirit went about His work promptly. It was a pleasant surprise to have a decision on just the second day of the conclave. Now we pray for Pope Leo XIV as he begins his ministry of shepherding the Universal Church. Although previously unknown to most of us, he brings with him many skills and much helpful experience: ministry in the US, missionary work in Latin America, his time as Prefect of the Dicastery of Bishops in Rome (assisting the Pope in appointing new bishops around the world). He is an Augustinian, a member of the order who run St. Augustine's, Hammersmith. It is encouraging that he speaks of the priority of evangelisation.

Welcome

Congratulations to Clara Fletcher, who is baptised this weekend.

Priest Training Fund

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, when we pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood. The second collection is for the Priest Training Fund which pays for the training of seminarians at our seminary, Allen Hall. There are currently 50 men studying at Allen Hall, of whom 13 are for our Diocese. There are a further two seminarians studying in Spain. The Fund also supports the ongoing formation of our priests. Please take one of the envelopes from the back of church if you wish to Gift Aid your donation. Alternatively, please use the QR code on the envelopes and posters, or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank-you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests.

A Morning with Mary

May is the month of Our Lady. We will have devotions to Our Lady after the **9.30 am** Mass on **Tuesday, 13 May**, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, followed by tea and coffee in the Parish House basement subsequently. You are very welcome to join us.

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.

Joe Davenport, John McKernan, Gerard ('Ged') Carolan & Noreen Hickey, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Joe Davenport, John McKernan, Ged Carolan and Noreen Hickey. Joe's funeral Mass will be at **9.30 am** on **Wednesday, 14 May** – this will take the place of the 7 am Mass – and his coffin will be received into church at **6.00 pm** this **Tuesday, 13 May**. John's funeral Mass will be at **9.30 am** on **Tuesday, 20 May**. Ged's funeral Mass is at **9.30 am** on **Friday, 23 May**. Noreen's funeral Mass is at **11.00 am** on **Friday, 30 May**.

First Holy Communion

Please pray for our children who will make their First Holy Communion in two Masses at **12 noon** on **Saturday, 17** and **Saturday, 24 May**. There will be no 9.30 am Mass on those two Saturday mornings.

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.

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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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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 13:14, 43b-52

Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

John 10:27-30

Psalms 100 Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Saturday 17 May: Alexandra & Michelle.

Mass Intentions for Week: 10 - 18 May 2025

Saturday, 10 May	18.00	Mary Fletcher, Anniv.
Sunday, 11 May	9:15	Pro populo
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00	Mary Costello, RIP
	18.00	Annie & Patrick Joseph Murphy, RIP
Monday, 12 May	9.30	Bernard O'Brien, Anniv.
Tuesday, 13 May	9.30	Thomas Grange, int.
Wednesday, 14 May	9.30	Joe Davenport, RIP: Funeral Mass
<i>St Matthias</i>		
Thursday, 15 May	19.00	Siobhan Panting, int.
Friday, 16 May	9.30	Gary & Robert Fairbairn, RIP
Saturday, 17 May	9.30	No Mass
	12.00	First Holy Communion Children
	18.00	Phyllis Cooke, int.
Sunday, 18 May	9:15	Patrick Openibo, RIP
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00	Pro populo
	18.00	Ruth O'Leary, RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Christopher Browne, 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

Prayer for Pope Leo

'Let us pray for Leo, the Pope.

May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon earth, and may the Lord not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

May Your hand be upon Your holy servant.

And upon Your son whom You have anointed.

Let us pray. O God, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look down in Your mercy, upon Your servant, Leo, whom You have appointed to preside over Your Church; and grant, we beseech You, that both by word and example, he may edify all those under his charge; so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may arrive at length unto life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.'

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 is now scheduled for this **Friday, 16 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 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.

The Paschal Mystery

'The Christian religion is not simply a doctrine: it is a fact, an action, and an action not of the past but of the present, where the past is recovered and the future draws near. Thus it embodies a mystery of faith, for it declares to us that each day makes our own the action that Another accomplished long ago, the fruits of which we shall see only later in ourselves ... For Christ died for us, not in order to dispense us from dying, but rather to make us capable of dying efficaciously, of dying to the life of the old man, in order to live again as the new man who will die no more,' Fr. Louis Boyer