



# Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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**22 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

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

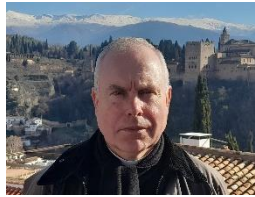
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## Corpus Christi - Year C



**Fr. Mark writes:** The Gospel is the feeding of the 5,000. It is not simply an encouragement to share our food at a picnic. The account is rather deeply Eucharistic. (In John's Gospel Jesus proceeds from the feeding of the 5,000 to give His great teaching on the Mass.) The feeding 'in a desolate place' puts us in mind of God feeding His people in the wilderness with the miraculous manna, the bread from heaven, in the time of Moses. Jesus raises His eyes to heaven, as the priest does in the canon of the Mass. There is a superabundance of this bread. Twelve full baskets remain – referring to the twelve tribes of the Old Testament, but also looking forward to the twelve apostles of the Church. Jesus is preparing us for the very gift of Himself, His Body and Blood, in Holy Communion.

### Corpus Christi – Blessed Sacrament Procession & Parish Picnic

It seems that we won't be troubled by bad weather. Therefore, our Blessed Sacrament procession will take place immediately after the 11.00 am Mass. That Mass will be the Celebration Mass for our First Holy Communion children, who are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion clothes. We start and finish in the church, making a circuit round Ashchurch Terrace, Ashchurch Park Villas, Goldhawk Road and back into Ashchurch Grove. After Benediction in the church, we go to Ravenscourt Park for a Picnic in the Park – in the railed area between the lake and the children's play area. Please bring food and drink, and ensure all rubbish is cleared away subsequently. This is a wonderful and joyful public act of witness to Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, something which helps children appreciate their Catholic identity. And we have the opportunity to enjoy one another's company.

### Confirmation

Congratulations to the 17 young people confirmed by Bishop Curry on Saturday. Please pray that the fullness of the Holy Spirit they have received enables them to spread and defend their faith.

### Baptism

We welcome Lisa Marinas, who is baptised this weekend.

Before the baptism of a first child, parents need to attend a baptism preparation course here over two evenings. If there is anyone looking to have a first child shortly please let me know ASAP with a view to having a couple of evenings next month, otherwise the next course will be in September.

### Lee Kilmartin & Thomas Redican, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Lee Kilmartin and Thomas Redican. Lee's funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am** tomorrow **Monday, 23 June**. There will be no 9.30 am Mass tomorrow.

### Daily Masses

Mass on **Tuesday, 24 June** will be at **7.00 pm**, rather than a morning Mass. We welcome the children of the Good Shepherd School to the **9.30 am** Mass this **Friday, 27 June**, the Feast of the Sacred Heart. There will be no **9.30 am** Mass next **Saturday, 28 June**. I will be present at the ordinations at Westminster Cathedral. Please pray for our new priests, including Fr. Sean Power, who was spent time in our parish on placement four years ago.

### 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 final meeting before the school holidays is at **8.00 pm** on **Thursday, 3 July**. The speaker will be our neighbour, the Rev Chris Lee, the Vicar of St. Saviour's, Wendell Park. Chris was a missionary in Africa and a Cambridge blue. Described as 'the nation's favourite vicar', he has a significant presence on social media and is an advocate on the 60 second sermon. He will speak for slightly longer than that on his faith journey. For further information or to place your curry order, contact Dario at [darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk)

**Last week's collection**

**£1,189.94**

**Thank-you**

### 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

020 3311 1042

#### Hammersmith Hospital

020 3313 4574

### Safeguarding Officer

Tabitha Brenninkmeijer

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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](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.

## Readings at Sunday Mass

Genesis 14:18-20 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11-17

Psalm 110 Response: You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord, If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. Alleluia.**

Church cleaning: Saturday, 28 June: Harriet, Nancy & Nojan.

## Mass Intentions for Week: 21 -29 June 2025

Saturday, 21 June	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 22 June	9:15	Agnes Charles, RIP
<i>Corpus Christi</i>	11:00	Teresa Forkin, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 23 June	<b>11.00</b>	Lee Kilmartin, RIP: Funeral
Tuesday, 24 June	<b>19.00</b>	Felix Gomesz, RIP
<i>St John the Baptist</i>		
Wednesday, 25 June	7.00	Liam Mullen, RIP
Thursday, 26 Jun	19.00	Caroline MacMillan, int.
Friday, 27 June	9.30	Tom Treacy, RIP
<i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>		
Saturday, 28 June	9.30	<b>No Mass</b>
	18.00	Mary Scherer, RIP
Sunday, 29 June	9:15	Alma Arttzs, RIP
<i>Ss Peter &amp; Paul</i>	11:00	Joe & Mary Davenport, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo

## 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](mailto:angela.hughes@blueyonder.uk) or visit [www.faith.org.uk/events](http://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](http://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.

## 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](mailto:admin@goodshepherdrc.lbhf.sch.uk), **020 8743 5060** or scan the QR code for our Admissions page.

