



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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8 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**

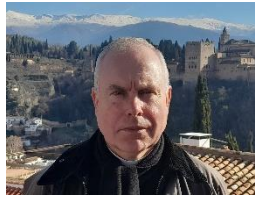
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Pentecost - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: 'If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.' What, in practice, does Pentecost mean for us?

As St Paul continues to tell the Romans, it must mean that we live differently from those whose hope is for this world only. We look forward to a glorious life in the presence of God, and prepare for that now. The Holy Spirit unites us more closely with God and with one another. He will give us, even in this life, an inner peace and gentleness which the world cannot give. But it does mean living consciously in the Spirit, praying for His help, not doing anything which impedes the help He wants to give. 'Come, Holy Spirit.'

Holiday

I am grateful to Fr. Christopher for looking after the parish while I am on holiday. I am back on Tuesday, 17 June.

Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy group resumes today after the school half-term. Children from Reception up to making their First Holy Communion have the opportunity at the 9.15 Sunday Mass to engage with the Bible and follow their own activities in an age-appropriate way.

Tea and Coffee

You are very welcome to join us for tea or coffee in the Parish House basement after the 9.15 am Mass on Sundays – turn right through the door by the Sacred Heart Altar, through the sacristy and downstairs.

Lee Kilmartin & Maureen Cuddihy, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Lee Kilmartin and Maureen Cuddihy. Maureen's funeral Mass is at **11.00 am** this **Wednesday, 11 June**. (There is no 7 am Mass on Wednesday.) 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 this week. Hopefully, this is a sign that those supporting the measure are concerned that it might not pass.

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.



Last week's collection

£1413.50

Thank-you

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.

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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 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

Psalm 104 Response: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Saturday, 14 June: Alexandra & Michelle.

Mass Intentions for Week: 7 - 15 June 2025

Saturday, 7 June	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
	9.30	Sean Mulligan, int.
Monday, 9 June		
<i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	9.30	Billy & Margaret Devine, int.
Tuesday, 10 June	11:00	Maureen Cuddihy, RIP: Funeral
Wednesday, 11 June		
<i>St Barnabas</i>		
Thursday, 12 June	19.00	John Bergin, RIP
<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</i>		
Friday, 13 June	9.30	Stephanie Chidiogo, int.
<i>St Anthony of Padua</i>		
Saturday, 14 June	9.30	Marie Reddan, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 15 June	9:15	Teresa Kudesey, RIP
<i>Holy Trinity</i>	11:00	Michael Sweeney, Anniv.
	18.00	Cyril & Doris Phyllis Williams, Anniv.

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.

Corpus Christi – Blessed Sacrament Procession & Parish Picnic

Weather permitting, we will have our Blessed Sacrament procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, **Sunday, 22 June**. Rather than being in the afternoon (as in previous years), the procession will take place immediately after the 11.00 am Mass, which will be the Celebration Mass for the First Holy Communion children. The children are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion clothes. Like last year, we will 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 will 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, and something which helps children appreciate their Catholic identity. And we have the opportunity to enjoy one another's company.