



# Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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**13 July 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

**£1,231.29**

**Thank-you**

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

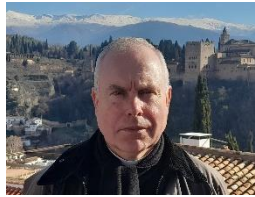
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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



**Fr. Mark writes:** Too often we hear people say, they believe in God, they think He probably exists, but we can't really know Him. No one who gives the matter any serious thought can give such an answer. St. Paul gave them their answer in his Letter to the Colossians: 'Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God ... For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.' When we see Jesus, we see God. When we want to know what God has to say, we listen to

Jesus. And Paul continues: 'He is the head of the body, the Church.' We continue to meet Him today in the Church He founded.

### Mary's Meals: Faith in Action

Many thanks to those who supported the Good Shepherd School children last weekend as they seek to raise funds to feed the 385 children at Beka Primary School in Malawi. Between the second collection and electronic donations, the parish gave **£1,334**. Thank-you very much indeed for your generosity. The children themselves have raised the bulk of the £7,337 annual target they were set. If you can help towards the remaining £700, please let me know or use the QR codes at the back of church.

### Caritas – Charity Shop Donations

Caritas Westminster is the diocesan agency supporting vital social projects in our parishes. They are opening their first charity shop and ask your help to make it a success. They are looking for donations of clean clothes, shoes, handbags, jewellery, belts, scarves and hats. Items should be in good, saleable condition. (Please do not bring electrical items, books, toys, furniture or bulky items.) If you bring items to the Masses this weekend, they will be collected on Monday. Thank-you.

### Flowers

The flowers in church this week are given in memory of Kathleen O'Brien.

### Children's Liturgy

Today is the last meeting of the Children's Liturgy Group before the summer holidays. It will resume on Sunday, 7 September. Many thanks to the volunteers who help run the group. The group is for children between Reception and making their First Communion in Year 3. Currently, it takes place during the 9.15 am Sunday Mass. The volunteers wonder whether it might be more helpful to offer it at the 11 am Mass. Perhaps you could let me know.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Glenn Marshall and Aimee McKinney, who marry here this week. We wish them many years of happy married life together.

### Good Shepherd School Leavers

We welcome Year 6 from the Good Shepherd School to the **9.30 am** Mass this **Tuesday, 14 July**.

### First Holy Communion

The 2026 programme for First Confession and First Holy Communion will start with a parents' meeting in church at **3.00 pm** on **Sunday, 5 October**. The programme is for the children of families attending here Mass each Sunday who are entering school Year 3 in September. The commitment to Sunday Mass – before, during and after the programme – is crucial if we are to practise our own faith with integrity and help our children grow in their faith.

The children meet in the Good Shepherd School on Sunday mornings during school term time (normally alternate weeks) and attend the 11 am Mass together afterwards. The celebration of First Holy Communion itself will be at two Masses specifically for the children at 12 noon on **Saturday, 16** and **23 May 2026**. Application forms will be available at Mass from the beginning of September.

### 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  
07956 260964

[shepherdsbushsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](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

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

Psalm 69 Response: Seek God, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.**

Church cleaning: Saturday, 19 July: Harriet & Nojan.

## Mass Intentions for Week: 12 - 20 July 2025

Saturday, 12 July	18.00	Kathleen O'Brien, Anniv.
Sunday, 13 July	9.15	Pro populo
	11.00	John Bergin, Anniv
	18.00	Frank Fitzgerald, Anniv.
Monday, 14 July	9.30	Bernice & Aaron Webb, int.
Tuesday, 15 July	9.30	Year 6 School Leavers
<i>St. Bonaventure</i>		
Wednesday, 16 July	7.00	Kathleen Flaherty, RIP
<i>Our Lady of Mt Carmel</i>		
Thursday, 17 July	19.00	Stephanie Chidiogo, int.
Friday, 18 July	9.30	Mary Parkinson, Anniv.
Saturday, 19 July	9.30	Sean Egan, RIP
	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 20 July	9.15	Pro populo
	11.00	Dennis Flynn, Anniv.
	18.00	Jack Fletcher, Anniv.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Bella Barton, 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.

## 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**

## Planning a Catholic Funeral

I have placed at the back of church more copies of the leaflet on planning a Catholic funeral, which people seem to find helpful. There is also a copy on the parish website. When it comes to planning a funeral, you need to speak first to funeral directors. Please do not arrange dates and times for a funeral until you know that a priest is available.

## We Believe Festival: 25-28 July

You may be interested in this new Catholic festival which is being held at Oscott College outside Birmingham covering the full spectrum of our faith. There is a great line-up of speakers, including Archbishop John Wilson, Mgr John Armitage and Fr Patrick van der Vorst, who spoke in the parish here on Christian art. Music ranges from Latin chant to Gospel music. Every effort has been made to keep the price of tickets affordable and sponsorship is available. For those who wish to attend for the full weekend, it is possible to camp out in the extensive grounds of Oscott. For further information or to book tickets, see <https://www.webelievefestival.com/festival> This should be an enormously joyful occasion, offering a real boost to the spiritual life.

## Summer Mass Schedule

With the school holidays about to begin, the numbers attending Mass here decrease very significantly over the summer. As in recent years, there will be no 6.00 pm Sunday Mass during August, i.e. the last Sunday evening Mass will be on 27 July, resuming on 7 September. Thank-you to those who contacted me with their thoughts as to what we might do in future years. Everyone recognised the need for one less Sunday Mass in August, with people differing as to whether there should be only one Sunday morning Mass or whether the Sunday evening Mass should be dropped in August.