



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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6 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

£1,303.02

Peter's Pence

£536.43

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

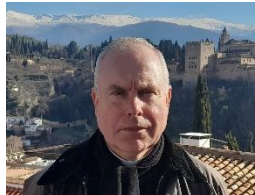
Catechetical Co-ordinator: Awaiting appointment 1/9

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: 'Christocentric' is probably not a word we use every day. Yet, as we can easily guess, it means having Christ at the centre of everything, the way we view the world, the way we conduct ourselves. Paul's Letter to the Galatians is profoundly Christocentric. For those who suffer – and Paul – suffered perhaps it is easier to keep the crucified and risen Christ front and foremost. Everything else then falls into perspective. The distinctions the world thinks important are no longer so. There is 'peace and mercy', 'a new creation' and the hope of heaven.

Mary's Meals: Faith in Action

Since 2019 the Good Shepherd School has sponsored Beka Primary School in Malawi through Mary's Meals, providing daily meals for hundreds of children. The impact has been extraordinary – enrolment has risen from 304 to 385 children, with more students now accessing education and nourishment. This is faith in action, transforming lives through love and compassion. The children have worked incredibly hard to reach this year's fundraising target of **£7,337** – but we need your help! If you can, please support our Mary's Meals Appeal after all the Sunday Masses this weekend to ensure no child at Beka Primary goes hungry. You can **click on the QR code** to give online, or alternatively, **bring cash or card to Mass**. Every donation, no matter how small, helps provide vital meals and hope to children in Malawi. Thank you for being part of this mission of hope and love.



Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

The SVP exists to help those locally in any kind of need. The parish SVP group will host the coffee/teas after the 9:15 am Mass today (Sunday), with also refreshments available after the 11:00 am Mass. This is an opportunity for parishioners to come and meet the parish group and find out more about the work they undertake in the parish. Please do come and join us in the Parish House basement.

Thomas Redican, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tommy Redican. His funeral Mass will be at **9.30 am** tomorrow **Monday, 7 July**.

Baptism

We welcome Chiara Ijebor, who is baptised this weekend.

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 next weekend, **12/13 July**, they will be collected on Monday, 14 July. 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

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

Isaiah 66:10-14c

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Psalm 66 Response: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;

let the work of Christ dwell in you richly.

Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Saturday, 12 July: Catherine, Carmelina & Gina.

Mass Intentions for Week: 5 - 13 July 2025

Saturday, 5 July	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 6 July	9:15	Ellen Hickey & family, RIP
	11:00	In Thanksgiving
	18.00	Annie & Patrick Joseph Murphy, RIP
Monday, 7 July	9.30	Thomas Redican, RIP: Funeral
Tuesday, 8 July	9.30	Mary Fox, int.
Wednesday, 9 July	7.00	Gabriel Clarke, RIP
Thursday, 10 July	19.00	Patrick & Mary Farren, Anniv.
Friday, 11 July	9.30	Henrick & Stephen Lewis, RIP
<i>St Benedict</i>		
Saturday, 12 July	9.30	David & Monica Duggan, int.
	18.00	Kathleen O'Brien, Anniv.
Sunday, 13 July	9:15	Pro populo
	11:00	John Bergin, Anniv
	18.00	Frank Fitzgerald, 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.

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**

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.webeliefefestival.com/festival> This should be an enormously joyful occasion, offering a real boost to the spiritual life.

Summer Mass Schedule

As we are aware, 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. I certainly think it makes sense to have one less Mass in August, but I have no strong views as to which Mass should be suspended. Does it make sense in future years to have just one Mass rather than two on Sunday mornings in August? I would welcome your thoughts.