



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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10 August 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

£896.52

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

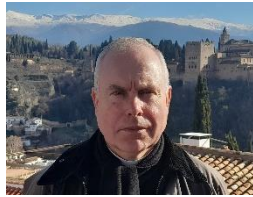
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: Jesus is speaking to a particular audience in the Gospel. It consists largely of those who do not expect their voices to be heard, those whom others ignore or treat unjustly, those who suffer. Even if the world doesn't notice you or treats you unfairly, Jesus says, you are loved by God. He watches over you, He will see justice done. 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.' Words of consolation indeed. Only remain faithful, keep living the life God wants you to live, a life of charity, truth and fidelity. Stay awake and your faithfulness will be rewarded.

Rev Theogenes Madushi

The Rev Theogenes Madushi is a newly-ordained deacon from Tanzania studying at the Urbaniana University in Rome. He is with us until early September while undertaking language studies. He would welcome the opportunity to practise his English with parishioners.

Mission Appeal: 9/10 August

The annual Mission Appeal this year is on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers). Fr. Jude Burgers of the community will make the Appeal at all the Masses this weekend after which there will be a second collection on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries.

The Assumption

This **Friday, 15 August** is the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption into heaven. It is a holy day of obligation when all Catholics should be at Mass. There are Masses of the Assumption at **7.00 pm** this Thursday and **9.30 am** and **7.00 pm** on Friday.

Adrian Duggan, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Adrian Duggan, who died recently. His funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am** on **Friday, 22 August**.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? RCIA

Jesus Christ calls everyone to the greatest degree of unity imaginable with Himself through receiving the sacraments of baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion as members of the Catholic Church. This is reflected in our faith in Him and lives of worship, truth, morality and compassion.

In the past these sacraments were normally received at a young age. Increasingly, this may not be the case – the reason for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The RCIA group meets at **8 pm** most Tuesdays, starting on **Tuesday, 30 September**. It is for those previously of no faith or other faiths, other Christians who wish to become Catholics, and Catholics who missed out on First Communion and/or Confirmation when they were younger. We reflect on what Catholics believe, how we pray, and how we live our faith in the world. It is a journey of discovery and explanation which those in previous years have found enormously fulfilling. Sixteen adults were baptised, confirmed and received here last Easter – probably the highest number ever. There are no expectations. Only if right for the individual, do they receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, 4 April 2026. Several people have expressed an interest in joining the group in the autumn. If this interests you, please contact Fr. Mark at markvickers@rcdow.org.uk There are yellow leaflets with further details at the back of church.

March for Life: 6 September

The cause of human life has suffered major setbacks in the UK recently with the Commons voting for assisted suicide and removing restrictions for abortion. We have the opportunity to be a presence promoting human rights for all humans at the annual March for Life in Westminster starting at **1.30 pm** on **Saturday, 6 September** and ending in Parliament Square. For further information, see www.marchforlife.co.uk or the flyers at the back of church.

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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 Sunday Scriptures group takes a break now for the summer holidays and will resume on Friday, 5 September.

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

Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:32-48

Psalms 33 Response: Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Stay awake and be ready,

for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Friday 15 August: Rose, Carmelina & Arnaud.

Mass Intentions for Week: 9 - 17 August 2025

Saturday, 9 August	18.00	Annie & Patrick Joseph Murphy, RIP
Sunday, 10 August	9.15	Pro populo
	11.00	In Thanksgiving
	18.00	No Mass
Monday, 11 August	9.30	Marius van Blerck, RIP
<i>St Clare</i>		
Tuesday, 12 August	9.30	Tommy O'Malley, Anniv.
Wednesday, 13 August	7.00	Kay Healy, int. & Mel Cole-Healy, RIP
Thursday, 14 August	19.00	Roy Panting, int.
<i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>		
Friday, 15 August	9.30	Maria Openibo, RIP
<i>Assumption</i>	19.00	Sinead, Dawn & Michael Carey, RIP
Saturday, 16 August	9.30	Dan Eatherley, RIP
	18.00	Hannah & Martin O'Mahony, Anniv.
Sunday, 17 August	9.15	Sr. Mary Olivia Alexander, int.
	11.00	Pro populo
	18.00	No Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Christopher Browne, Pasquale de Stefano, John Harrington, Kay Healy, Mary Hill, Marilyn McDonald, Maria Nicholls, John O'Neill, Milly Redhead, Jay St Clair, Rose Stanislaus, Gemma Sweny, & the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents.

First Holy Communion

The First Confession and First Holy Communion programme starts 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 next month. 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 at 12 noon on **Saturday, 16 and 23 May 2026**. Application forms will be available at Mass from the beginning of next month.

Baptism

We welcome Lacey Zapletal, who is baptised this weekend.

Baptism is the beginning of our life in Christ and the ordinary way of attaining heaven. Parents should have their children baptised in the first weeks of their life. Baptism isn't a one-off event, rather the start of an ongoing relationship with Christ and His Church. Thus, the family should be attending Mass each Sunday and living the Christian life. The next baptism preparation sessions for parents attending Mass here are in the Parish House at **7.30 pm on Monday, 8 and 15 September**. If you attend both sessions, we can arrange a date for the baptism after the second.

Mass Intentions

The most powerful prayer we can make for someone is to have Mass said on their behalf – because the Mass is the prayer of Christ Himself to His Father on the Cross, answered in the Resurrection. Mass can be offered both for the living and the dead. To arrange a date for a Mass, please speak to the Parish Office or to the priest after Mass. Mass cards are on sale from the shop at the back of church. It is normal to make an offering to the Church on requesting a Mass intention. It is a donation, so at your discretion; most people offer £10 or £20.

Summer Schedule

There will be no 6.00 pm Sunday Mass during August, resuming on Sunday, 7 September. The Children's Liturgy Group and Sunday morning teas and coffees Mass also take a break during August.