



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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28 September 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**

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: The story of the rich man and Lazarus is amongst the most powerful of the teachings of Jesus. What is the message He wishes to impart? We may wonder what that phrase 'sins of omission' means. This is a good example. There is no evidence that the rich man actually did anything wrong. It is what he *failed* to do. He failed to notice the poor man at his gate and he failed to help him. For this he is condemned. Jesus also uses the story to demonstrate that we have this life to put His teachings into practice. The rich man obviously regrets his failures – but it is too late to do that after death. Everyone knows from the Scriptures, the Church and their own conscience what they are called to do. Jesus says emphatically: do the right thing, and do it now.

Good Shepherd School

We welcome the KS2 children from the Good Shepherd School to the **9.30 am** Mass tomorrow, **Monday, 29 September**.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? RCIA

In the past the sacraments of baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion 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 this **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 sacraments when 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 found enormously fulfilling. 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. If this interests you, please contact me at markvickers@rcdow.org.uk. There are yellow leaflets with further details at the back of church.

The Bible Timeline Course

Many people have benefited from The Bible Timeline Course, which allows participants to grasp, often for the first time, the bigger picture of the Bible, from Genesis through to Revelation. The creator, Jeff Cavins, has given Mauro Iannicelli permission to present the programme online for free over eight Wednesday evenings, starting at **7.00 pm** this **Wednesday, 1 October**. For further information or to register, please visit the website: www.comeandsee.org or see the poster at the back of church.

First Holy Communion

The First Confession and First Holy Communion programme starts with a parents' meeting in church at **3.00 pm** next **Sunday, 5 October**. The programme is for the children of families attending Mass here each Sunday who are in school Year 3 or above. 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**. Green application forms are available at the back of church.

Harvest Lunch

The Sunday tea and coffee group are offering a ploughman's lunch (with plenty of other good things) in the Parish House basement after the 11 am Mass on **Sunday, 12 October**. Tickets, limited in number, are £10 for adults; £5 for children. (Proceeds go to help build and equip a school in Cameroon which parishioners here are helping to fund.) Tickets are available both at the back of church and in the Parish House basement after the 9.15 am Sunday Mass.

Last week's collection

£1,379.78

Gaudium Evangelii

£423.01

Thank-you

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10:00 -14:00

Good Shepherd

Catholic Primary School

35 Gayford Road
www.goodshepherdrc.lbhfsch.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 meets in the Parish House basement at 4.45 pm on Fridays. All welcome.

Food Bank

Thank-you for your donations. Please keep them coming. They are a lifesaver to many families. The food bank welcomes non-perishable foods, toiletries, laundry and cleaning products. (No clothes, books or electrical goods, please.)

Readings at Sunday Mass

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

Psalm 146 Response: My soul, give praise to the LORD.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Saturday, 4 October: Alexandra & Michelle.

Mass Intentions for Week: 27 September - 5 October 2025

Saturday, 27 September

18.00 Gleeson family, RIP

Sunday, 28 September

9:15 Lilian Byrne, RIP

11:00 Alex Wallis, RIP

18.00 Pro populo

9.30 Miguel Romero, RIP

Monday, 29 September

Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Tuesday, 30 September

9.30 Stephanie Chidiogo, int.

St Jerome

7.00 Ronan Treanor, RIP

Wednesday, 1 October

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

19.00 John, Rosemarie, Tim, Stephen & Sean Healy, RIP

Thursday, 2 October

Guardian Angels

9.30 Rita Ferns, Anniv.

Friday, 3 October

9.30 Bidden Nee, RIP

Saturday, 4 October

St Francis of Assisi

18.00 Patrick McCormack, int.

Sunday, 5 October

9:15 Pro populo

11:00 Sandra Fröhlich-McCormack, Anniv.

18.00 Adrian Duggan, RIP

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.

Annual Mass Count

The annual Mass count takes place today and over the next two Sundays.

Catholic Secondary School Applications

I am available again in the Parish House to sign priest references for Catholic secondary school applications (including VI Form transfers): **6-8.30 pm, Monday, 13 October**. The parent/carer who attends Mass here and child should attend. Please bring the Certificate of Catholic Practice (one per school, having completed your child's details) and your child's baptism certificate (if the baptism did not take place here). There is **an appointment system**. To book an appointment, please E-Mail Jack, the catechist, at shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk. He will E-Mail you to confirm the time. In seeking a reference, you are asking the priest to confirm whether you have attended Mass each Sunday here over a number of years. If you have recently moved into the parish or attend Mass more regularly elsewhere, it makes sense to seek a reference from that other parish. (Primary school references will be offered later in the year.)

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day



This **Friday, 3 October** is CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day. Next Sunday we have a second collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours to help find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers 'signs of hope' in this Jubilee Year, helping build water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. You can donate using the CAFOD envelopes at the back of church, call 0303 303 3030, online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope, text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10, or use the QR code.