



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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2 November 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

£1,234.20

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

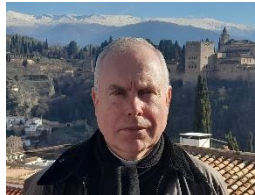
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All Saints - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: In a post-Christian society, we need to remind ourselves of Christ's teaching on eternal life. We are Christians precisely because of the Resurrection. At Easter Jesus overcame death and wants us to share in His risen life. We know that earthly death is not the end. It is the separation for the moment of the two things which make us fully human, the body and soul. God wants us to enter into eternity as full human beings: a glorified body and an eternal soul. That is an invitation, to which we respond by the way we believe, live and love in this life. We remain united to our beloved dead. We help those journeying to heaven, in the process of purification, especially through our prayers and penance and the Masses we have offered for them. Pray for the Holy Souls.

Children's Liturgy Group

The Children's Liturgy group doesn't meet today due to the school half-term. It resumes at the 9.15 am Mass next Sunday, 9 November.

Our Beloved Dead

November is the month when we pray particularly for the faithful departed:

1. Tomorrow, **Monday, 3 November** will be kept as **All Souls Day**. Mass will be offered for the Holy Souls at **9.30 am** and at **7.00 pm**.
2. There are Holy Souls envelopes at the back of church. If you take one and return it with a list of your deceased family and friends and any Mass offering, Mass will be offered for them.
3. Our Parish Requiem Mass is at **7.00 pm** this **Friday, 7 November** for the repose of the souls of parishioners who have died over the last year. They will be prayed for by name and there will be the opportunity to light candles for them during the Mass. I have contacted the families to invite them to the Mass but it would be good if as many parishioners as possible could come together to pray for our deceased brothers and sisters.
4. Next **Sunday, 9 November** is **Remembrance Sunday**. The **11.00 am** Mass will be a Requiem for the war dead. Please ensure you are in church by 10.55 am as we begin with the traditional two minutes' silence.

Bozena Pinto, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bozena Pinto. Her funeral Mass will be at **11.30 am** on **Tuesday, 18 November**.

Catholic Primary School Applications

Fr. Mark is available in the Parish House for priest references for primary school applications: **2-4.30 pm** on **Saturday, 22 November**; **6-8 pm** on **Monday, 8 December**; and **6-7 pm** on **Friday, 9 January**. The parent/carer who attends Mass here should attend. Please bring the Certificate of Catholic Practice (one per school, having completed your child's details) and their 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 indicating which of the three sessions you can attend. He will confirm the time. In seeking a reference, you are asking the priest to confirm that your child is a baptised Catholic and you have attended Mass here each Sunday over a number of years. If you have recently moved to the parish or attend Mass more regularly elsewhere, it makes sense to seek a reference from that other parish.

Baptism Preparation

Given the importance of the sacrament, children should be brought to baptism as soon as possible. The next baptism preparation sessions are at **7.30 pm** on **Monday, 24 November** and **1 December**. If you attend both sessions, we can arrange a date for the baptism after the second. The sessions are for parents attending Mass here each Sunday wanting a first child baptised. If you have attended baptism preparation sessions here for an older child, we can simply arrange a baptism date for younger children.

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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 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

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

1 John 3:13

Matthew 5:1-12a

Psalm 24 Response: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.

Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Friday, 7 November: Rose, Carmelina & Arnaud.

Mass Intentions for Week: 1 - 9 November 2025

Saturday, 1 November	18.00	Patrick McCormack, int
Sunday, 2 November	9:15	Pro populo
<i>All Saints</i>	11:00	Paraic Walsh, RIP
	18.00	Carole Dee, RIP
Monday, 3 November	9.30	Holy Souls
<i>All Souls</i>	19.00	Holy Souls
Tuesday, 4 November	9.30	John, Rosemarie, Tim, Stehen & Sean Healy, RIP
<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>		
Wednesday, 5 November	7.00	Martin & Martha Carey, int.
Thursday, 6 November	19.00	Patrick Kenny, RIP
Friday, 7 November	19.00	Parish Requiem
Saturday, 8 November	9.30	John Wilkinson, Anniv.
	18.00	Anna Scurati-Manzoni, RIP
Sunday, 9 November	9:15	Paul Doherty, Anniv.
<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	11:00	War Dead
	18.00	Pro populo

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.

Marriage Preparation

Catholics should marry in church to receive God's graces and blessings which we need for married and family life to flourish. Whether you plan marrying in the UK or overseas in 2026, there is a certain amount of documentation and preparation to be undertaken here. It is relatively straight forward provided a start is made at an early stage. If you plan to marry in 2026, please speak to Fr. Mark. One of the requirements is attendance at a marriage preparation course. We will have a course here over two afternoons, **2-5 pm, Saturday, 31 January and 7 February**. This is the only course we will provide in the parish in 2026, although it may be possible to attend courses elsewhere.

Catholic Teaching Internships

The diocesan Education Department offers a Catholic Leadership Programme to increase the number of Catholic teachers and promote teaching as a vocation. Paid internships allow Catholic university students to spend three weeks working in a Catholic school. There is a particular focus on RE, but the programme also welcomes students interested in other subjects and the primary sector. Bursaries are offered to pursuing QTS in RE. For more information: <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/working-in-catholic-education/leadership/> Applications close on 30 November 2025.

Faith Winter Session

An important factor in determining whether a young person continues to practise faith can be getting away to a youth event in the company of their contemporaries. The Faith Movement's Winter Session for those aged 16-30 is held in the stunningly beautiful location of Stonyhurst College in Lancashire 2-4 January. It is a mixture of talks, Mass and prayer, sport and social time. The title 'Called and Chosen' comes from Pope Leo's address: 'When we are young, our hearts are full of desires, dreams, and ambitions ... We must learn to put the fragments of life together in the light of prayer.' Cost: £180/£170 (students/unwaged). For more information see www.faith.org.uk/events Please speak to Jack or Fr Mark if you are interested in attending.