



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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12 October 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**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

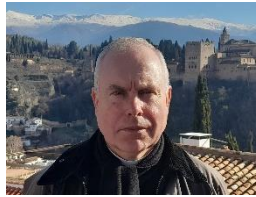
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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: Surely, Jesus must have been immensely saddened by the response of the ten lepers in today's Gospel. Leprosy, of course, was a horrible disease. Contracting it led to social exclusion from the community. Healing these ten lepers was an extraordinary and wonderful miracle. And yet only one, and he a Samaritan, returned to thank Jesus and give praise to God. 'Where are the nine?' Jesus asks. Only the Samaritan hears His words: 'Rise and go on your way; your faith has made you well.' Did the other nine lack faith? Was their healing not complete? We are not told. Yet there is a message for us too. It may be less dramatic than healing from leprosy, but we also have so much to be grateful to God for. Do we take time to thank Him? Gratitude should be part of our daily prayers.

Annual Mass Count

Today is the final Sunday for the annual Mass count.

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 today (Sunday). 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 in the Parish House basement after the 9.15 am Mass. Many thanks to the volunteers for organising this.

Candlelit Procession

Bishop James Curry and the Allen Hall seminarians will lead the candlelit procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden at **7.00 pm** this (Sunday) evening, praying the rosary for vocations and for the protection of London. The Shrine is situated at 1 Nicoll Road NW10 9AX, on the Bakerloo Line, the Overground line to Willesden Junction and various bus routes.

Congratulations

We welcome the KS2 children from the Good Shepherd School to the **9.30 am** Mass tomorrow, **Monday, 13 October**.

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**, tomorrow **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.)

Catholic Curry Club

The Catholic Curry Club is for dads with children of primary school age or under. We meet next in the Parish House basement at **8.00 pm** this **Thursday, 16 October**. John Colahan has been a soldier, lawyer and civil servant. He will talk on AI. Why has Pope Leo identified AI as one of the major challenges facing humanity? What issues does AI pose in terms of our faith? For information or to place your curry order, please contact Dario at darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk

Last week's collection

£1634.04

CAFOD Harvest Fast

£571.16

Thank-you

Parish Office

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
10:00 -14:00

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

2 Kings 5:14-17

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19

Psalm 98 Response: The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

In everything give thanks;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Saturday, 18 October: Nancy & Nojan.

Mass Intentions for Week: 11 - 19 October 2025

Saturday, 11 October	18.00	Ken Hall, Anniv.
Sunday, 12 October	9:15	Willis & Ciran Jordan, int.
	11:00	Anna Cannon, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 13 October	9.30	Dan Francis Murphy, int.
St Edward the Confessor		
Tuesday, 14 October	9.30	Emmanuelle MacFarlane-Barrow, int.
Wednesday, 15 October	7.00	James Moran, Anniv.
St Teresa of Jesus		
Thursday, 16 October	19.00	Roy Panting, int.
Friday, 17 October	9.30	James & Tommy Downey, Anniv.
St Ignatius of Antioch		
Saturday, 18 October	9.30	Coilin Nee, RIP
St Luke		
	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 19 October	9:15	Maureen & Tom Roberts, RIP
	11:00	Dave Castle, RIP
	18.00	Annie & Patrick Joseph Murphy, 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.

Song out of Darkness

There is an evening of Ukrainian music, song and verse at St. Cuthbert's, Philbeach Gardens, Earls Court SW5 9EB at **7.00 pm** this **Wednesday, 14 October**. The concert aims to raise funds for UAID, a charity supporting volunteers running medical and humanitarian projects in Ukraine. For more information, visit <https://www.uaid.org.uk/about-us>

World Mission Sunday

Next **Sunday, 19 October** the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through the second collection at the end of Mass. To donate, please use the Missio envelopes at the back of church, call 020 7821 9755 (during office hours) or visit www.missio.org.uk Please Gift Aid your donation, if possible.

Marriage Preparation

Catholics should marry in church in order to receive all the graces and blessings God wishes to give and 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 which should be undertaken here. This is relatively straight forward provided we make a start at an early stage. If you are planning 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, promoting teaching as a vocation among young Catholics. Paid internships allow Catholic university students to spend three weeks working in one of our schools. While there is a particular focus on RE, the programme also welcomes students interested in other secondary subjects and the primary sector. We can offer bursaries to support those who choose to pursue QTS in RE. More information can be found at <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/working-in-catholic-education/leadership/> Applications close on 30 November 2025.