



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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9 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

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

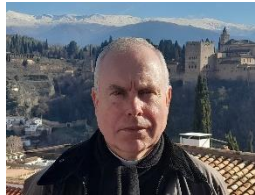
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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: Today is Remembrance Sunday, when we remember, honour and pray for those who have died in warfare. Christ is the Prince of Peace. As Christians, we are committed to doing all that we can to avoid and end war, peaceably if at all possible. Nevertheless, we are painfully aware of the existence of evil. We are profoundly grateful to those who went before us who paid the ultimate sacrifice that we might continue to enjoy freedom and security. We owe it to them to do all we can to preserve that peace and freedom. May they rest in peace.

Baptism Preparation

We welcome Julia Hetherington and Enogat Ferragu, who are baptised this weekend.

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.

First Holy Communion

There is a meeting for the First Holy Communion parents in church at **7.30 pm** tomorrow (Monday) evening.

Good Shepherd School

We welcome the KS2 children from the Good Shepherd School who join us for the **9.30 am** Mass this **Tuesday, 11 November**.

Sick & Retired Priests

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese. Last year the Diocese provided care for 73 priests at a cost of £1,270,000. Caring for sick and elderly priests is part of the Diocese's mission. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of emergency, their needs will be met. There are Gift Aid envelopes at the back of church, or you can use the QR code on the envelopes and posters, or donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

Holy Souls Envelopes

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. Envelopes can be handed to the priest or posted through the Parish House letterbox. Please do not leave money on the altar.

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.

Last week's collection

£1,353.59

Thank-you

Parish Office

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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

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

Year C - Volume 2, 202-204

John 2:13-22

Psalms 46 Response: The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the LORD, that my name may be there for ever. Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Saturday, 15 November: Harriet, Nancy & Nojan.

Mass Intentions for Week: 8 - 16 November 2025

Saturday, 8 November	18.00	Anna Scurati-Manzoni, RIP
Sunday, 9 November	9:15	Paul Doherty, Anniv.
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	11:00	War Dead
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 10 November	9.30	Gertie Kenny, RIP
St Leo the Great		
Tuesday, 11 November	9.30	Alun & Sarah Williams, RIP
St Martin of Tours		
Wednesday, 12 November	7.00	Patrick McCormack, int.
St Josaphat		
Thursday, 13 November	19.00	Michael Doherty, int.
Friday, 14 November	9.30	Cathal Bonner, Anniv.
Saturday, 15 November	9.30	Paul McMahan, int.
	18.00	Patrick McCormack, int.
Sunday, 16 November	9:15	Pro populo
	11:00	Helen Healy & Joseph Downey, Anniv.
	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.

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 Medical Association

The Catholic Medical Association exists to support Catholic healthcare workers and students in their professional and spiritual lives and in their training. They are keen to raise awareness of what they are able to offer. Their Annual Conference on **22-23 November** focuses on practical guidance and principles on how to function ethically in an increasingly complex environment. For more information about the Conference and other events, please see <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk/>

Pilgrim Mass: 22 November

Westminster Cathedral is hosting a Pilgrim Mass to mark the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation at **2.00 pm on Saturday, 22 November**. It is aimed at anyone who has undertaken a pilgrimage during 2025, but is open to all. Visiting the Cathedral for the Mass can be regarded as a pilgrimage in itself!

Pilgrimage of Hope: Anthony Knight

Anthony Knight is a talented young violinist studying at the Royal College of Music. From a Catholic family, he is visiting London churches during the Jubilee Year of Hope, playing to raise funds for charity. Anthony will join us for the **6.00 pm** Mass next **Sunday, 16 November**, playing Schubert's *Ave, Maria* and the Largo from Bach's Sonata No. 3. There will be a retiring collection at the end of Mass to support the work of Mary's Meals, the wonderful charity feeding 3 million hungry children around the world each school day.