



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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15 March 2026

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

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

Funerals

For those who attended
Mass here or Catholics
resident in the parish

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

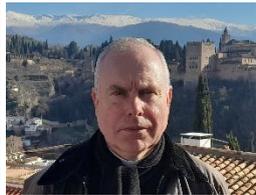
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Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A



Fr. Mark writes: Today's Gospel is the long account of the healing of the man born blind. It begins in a familiar way. Jesus is just passing by, but He notices in the crowd 'a man blind from birth'. It is typical of Jesus. For Him, there is no such thing as just a crowd. There are individuals with their particular needs, with whom He wants to form a relationship, whom He wishes to help. We see that playing out at length in today's Gospel. Can we move from that to our own lives, to see where Jesus has been present, where He has healed us, what He now asks of us?

Congratulations

We welcome Diana Arbuthnott, who is baptised this weekend.

Mothers' Day

A very happy Mothers' Day to all our mothers. We pray for our mothers, living and deceased.

Confirmation Enrolment Mass

Please pray for our 15 young parishioners preparing to be confirmed in June that they receive the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to witness to their Catholic faith. They are formally enrolled on the programme at the 11.00 am Mass today.

Good Shepherd School

We welcome the KS2 children from the Good Shepherd School to the St. Patrick's Day Mass at **9.30 am** this **Tuesday, 17 March**.

John O'Neill & Hyacinth Daniel, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John O'Neill and Hyacinth Daniel. John is being taken back to Ireland for burial. His coffin will come into church here first for Mass at **5.00 pm** this **Thursday, 19 March**. That will take the place of the 7.00 pm parish Mass.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

There second collection after Mass today is for the annual diocesan Lent Appeal. This helps people encounter Christ and live their faith in love and service. Through education, youth & evangelisation, and marriage & family life, the Diocese seeks to form hearts, nurture faith, and strengthen families. Through social action that faith reaches outward to those in need. Your donations this Lent enables the Church to accompany people at every stage of life and be a visible sign of God's love within our parishes and among our neighbours. There are Gift Aid envelopes at the back of church. You can also use the QR code on the posters or give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal Thank-you for your support.

Lenten Talks

Our third Lenten talk will be at St. Saviour's, Cobbold Road W12 at **8.00 pm** this **Thursday, 19 March**. I will speak on the subject of charity and giving. There was a good turnout from the parishioners of St. Saviour's at the last talk. It would be good if we could also support this joint initiative. The final talk will be on fasting here at 8 pm next Thursday, 26 March.

Easter Offerings

The attached envelope is for your Easter offering to the parish. Together with Christmas offering, Mass stipends and stole fees, this income is accounted for differently to the normal collection. It is important to show the Diocese we have sufficient 'clergy income' to pay our priests. Also, this 'clergy income' is kept by the parish rather than being 'taxed' by the Diocese. (If you have a box of envelopes, there is an Easter offering envelope there and can ignore this.) Thank-you.

Last week's collection

£1,410.67

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

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Planned giving scheme

(envelopes/standing orders)

Gary O'Brien

07392 203005

St. Vincent De Paul (SVP)

Mobile: 07599 503330

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

The Sunday Scripture 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

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

Psalm 23 Response: The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.**

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

Church cleaning: Friday 20 March: Alexandra & Michelle.

Mass Intentions for Week: 14 - 22 March 2026

Saturday, 14 March	18.00	Mark Davenport, Anniv.
Sunday, 15 March	9:15	Cliff & Nathaniel Jordan, int.
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)	11:00	Pro populo
	18.00	Maria Nobile, Anniv.
Monday, 16 March	9.30	Waddam family, int.
Tuesday, 17 March	9.30	Dorothea Saul, RIP
St. Patrick		
Wednesday, 18 March	7.00	Anthony Evers, int.
Thursday, 19 March	17.00	John O'Neill, RIP: Funeral
St Joseph		
Friday, 20 March	9.30	James Gerraghty, int.
Saturday, 21 March	9.30	Piotr Lata, RIP
	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 22 March	9:15	Pro populo
Fifth Sunday of Lent	11:00	Antonio Passmore, RIP
	18.00	Margaret Cooney, int.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Christopher Browne, Pasquale de Stefano, James Gerraghty, John Harrington, Kay Healy, Mary Hill, Georgie Ivors, Marilyn McDonald, Maria Nicholls, Milly Redhead, Jay St. Clair, Mary St. Pierre, Rose Stanislaus, Gemma Sweny, Kelly Young & the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents.

Stations of the Cross

We pray the Stations of the Cross together, following Our Lord on His path to Calvary, in church at **7.30 pm** this and every **Friday** during Lent.

Confession

We should all be making use of the sacrament of Confession during Lent. Confessions are heard at the normal times of 5.15-5.45 pm on Saturdays and 6.45-7.45 pm on Sundays. A visiting priest, Fr. Gerard Sheehan, will be available to hear Confessions in English and Spanish at all the Sunday Masses next weekend, **21/22 March**

Lenten Concert

Westminster Cathedral Choir and the Britten Sinfonia are performing a meditative concert at the Cathedral at **6.45 pm** this **Wednesday, 18 March**. The programme consists of Sir James Macmillan's setting of the *Stabat Mater* (the ancient hymn contemplating Mary's sorrow at the foot of the Cross) and Vaughan Williams's *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*. A 50% discount is being offered for certain seats. Visit <https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00638BCD835BA6?did=50off> and use the Password 'WC SBDO'. Before the concert Sir James Macmillan will be in conversation with Fr. Patrick van der Vorst, the Cathedral Precentor and founder of Christian Art, who spoke here last year.

Presbytery Works

The Presbytery ground floor will be retiled for the first time in 125 years, starting tomorrow. The work will last two weeks. The tilers are aware that access is required at all times, but please avoid using the Presbytery ground floor as much as possible during weekdays for the next two weeks. Painting and carpeting of the stairs will take place after Easter.

Catholic Artists in London

I am grateful to the parishioners who sent me this link to St. Patrick's Studios in Wapping: <https://stpatricksstudios.com/> It is a wonderful project seeking to evangelise the culture through Christian art where artists gather, have workshops and pray together. To see examples of their art, click on the various artists.