



# Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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**22 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**

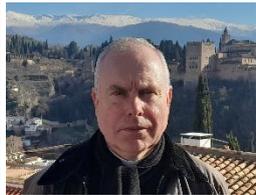
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## Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A



**Fr. Mark writes:** Another long, Lenten Gospel – but a familiar one. The raising of Lazarus from the dead points to what lies ahead, to the heart of our Christian faith. This is counted as the most important of Jesus's miracles to this point, the reason why some many came to believe in Him. There is no doubt as to Lazarus's death. His sisters witnessed this. He has been in the tomb four days already by the time Jesus arrives in Bethany. Jesus 'unbinds' Lazarus from death, restores him to his sisters. But Lazarus returns to natural life. He will die again in the course of time. What Jesus offers us is far greater: a share in His Resurrection, eternal life.

### Congratulations

We welcome Henry Marinaj, who is baptised this weekend.

### 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 this weekend.

### Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Thank-you to everyone who supported last week's Lenten Appeal. We raised £438.81 to support our shared mission in the fields of education, youth & evangelisation, social projects, and marriage & family life. Any further donations can be made online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal)

### Lenten Talks

The final talk of our Lenten series will be here at **8.00 pm** this **Thursday, 26 March**. The Rev Chris Lee will speak on fasting.

### Church Cleaning

There will be a general clean of the church at **10.00 am** next **Saturday, 28 March**. Anyone coming along with duster, brush and polish would be very welcome.

### Palm Sunday

The veiled statues remind us that Holy Week is close at hand. Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, marks Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem to accomplish the saving mysteries of our faith. Palms will be blessed at all Sunday Masses. Weather permitting, we will start the **11 am Mass** with the blessing of palms and procession from the Goldhawk Road end of Ashchurch Grove. Please first collect a hymn book from the church and assemble there by **10.50 am**.

Details of the Holy Week and Easter services are on the attached sheet. Please take a copy with you. If you are travelling over Easter, take a moment to find the Mass times at the local church.

### Planned Giving Envelopes

The boxes of the new planned giving envelopes, for use from next month, are available for collection from the table at the back of church at the end of Mass. Please let us know if you have changed address; have ceased/begun to pay tax in the last year; are new in the parish and would like to set up a standing order or have a box of envelopes; or have any other questions. We are grateful to everyone who supports the parish in any way. However, handling and banking cash becomes increasingly difficult and expensive. Setting up a standing order, for those able to do so, avoids these issues. Planned giving is a vital source of parish income as the Government refunds the parish the basic rate UK income tax you have already paid at no extra cost to yourself. Thank-you to all those who support the parish.

**Last week's collection**

**£1,137.31**

**Thank-you**

**Parish Office**

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

**Good Shepherd****Catholic Primary School**

35 Gayford Road

[www.goodshepherdrc.lbhf.sch.uk](http://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](mailto:ashchurchmums@gmail.com)

**Young dads group**

Thurs. 8.00 pm monthly

Input, discussion and curry

[darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk)

**Sunday Scriptures**

Fridays, 4.45-5.45 pm

For further information:

[jroberts@thetablet.co.uk](mailto:jroberts@thetablet.co.uk)

**Catholic Book Club**

Contact Lawrence

[shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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**

Ezekiel 37:12-14    Romans 8:8-11    John 11:1-45

Psalm 130 Response: With the LORD there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.**

**I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.**

**Everyone who believes in me shall never die.**

**Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the Living God.**

Church cleaning:    Friday 28 March: Everyone.

## Mass Intentions for Week: 21 - 29 March 2026

Saturday, 21 March	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 22 March	9:15	Pro populo
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	11:00	Antonio Passmore, RIP
	18.00	Margaret Cooney, int.
Monday, 23 March	9.30	Bridie McEvoy, int.
Tuesday, 24 March	9.30	Fr. Patrick Kerney, int.
Wednesday, 25 March	7.00	Alun Williams, Anniv.
<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>		
Thursday, 26 March	19.00	Ravi Visvanathan, RIP
Friday, 27 March	9.30	Agnes, Michael & Breedg Devine, RIP
Saturday, 28 March	9.30	Patrick Armstrong, Anniv.
	18.00	John Brick, RIP
Sunday, 29 March	9:15	Jahamall & Julian Jordan, int.
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	11:00	Mary Sweeney, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo

## 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.

## Easter Offerings

The envelope attached to last week's newsletter is for your Easter offering to the parish. (There are more envelopes at the back of church.) 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.

## Stations of the Cross

We pray the Stations of the Cross together in church for the final time this Lent at **7.30 pm** this **Friday, 27 March**.

## Presbytery Works

The retiling work to the Presbytery ground floor continues this week. 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 over the coming week. Painting and carpeting of the stairs will take place after Easter.

## Forecourt Proposals

Copies of the architect's initial plans for the church forecourt are in the porch. Many of the proposals concern compliance with accessibility requirements. They are not easily visible but will make the church much more accessible for those with mobility issues. The most visible changes concern the replacement of the boundary walls with railings, laying stone paving in the place of the current tarmac, and the enhancement of the space through the use of lighting, planting and seating. The interior of our church is very beautiful. We hope to ensure that the forecourt is of a similar quality. All of this is subject to costings and consents.

## Hyacinth Daniel, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Hyacinth Daniel. Her funeral Mass will be at **10.30 am** on **Friday, 10 April**.