



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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29 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

Last week's collection

£1,344.20

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

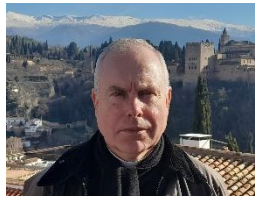
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Palm Sunday - Year A



Fr. Mark writes: We accompany Jesus as He enters Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week. With Him, but unlike the apostles and the crowd, we know what the next few days will bring. Let's try to ensure that familiarity does not make us indifferent to what we will witness. Yes, the crowd turn upon an innocent man, there is a massive miscarriage of justice, He is executed by the authorities. That would be tragic, but not unknown in this brutal world of ours. Of course there is so much more at stake here. 'Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself.' This is God Himself, who willingly chooses to submit to torture and the Cross for our sake, out of pure love for us. Let us try to absorb this extraordinary fact in the coming few days. And, because this is God, the Cross is not the end. The result is eternal life, the hope of heaven.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The boxes of the new planned giving envelopes, for use from next month, are available for collection from 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.

9.15 am Mass

There are no teas and coffee after this Mass this week and next. The Children's Liturgy group has also paused for the Easter holidays and resumes on Sunday, 19 April.

Holy Week & Easter

The Mass times for the week are given overleaf. The times of the main services are:

Holy Thursday	8.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with watching at the altar of repose until midnight
Good Friday	9.30 am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 3.00 pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion (Confessions before & after the Liturgy)
Holy Saturday	9.30 am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8.30 pm: Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	9.15 and 11.00 am: Easter Sunday Masses N.B. No 6.00 pm Mass

We have a professional choir singing at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday Liturgy and the Easter Vigil.

Easter Offerings

The envelopes at the back of church are 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.

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.**

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

Isaiah 50:4-7* Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66

Psalm 22 Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Church cleaning: Saturday, 4 April: Catherine, Gina, Akosua & Elletra.

Mass Intentions for Week: 28 March - 5 April 2026

Saturday, 28 March	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
Monday, 30 March	9.30	Bridie McEvoy, int.
Tuesday, 31 March	9.30	Bernie Bergin, int.
Wednesday, 1 April	7.00	Eileen Mitchell, Anniv.
Thursday, 2 April	20.00	Della Panting, int.
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>		
Friday, 3 April	15.00	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
<i>Good Friday</i>		
Saturday, 4 April	9.30	No morning Mass
<i>Holy Saturday</i>		
	20.30	Pro populo
Sunday, 5 April	9:15	Anne-Marie Choong, RIP
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	11:00	Mary Hobbs, RIP
	18.00	No evening Mass

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.

St. Joseph's Almshouses

St. Joseph's Almshouses in Brook Green, next to Holy Trinity church, are the oldest Catholic almshouses in the country. There are 31 flats available to Catholics of limited means of retirement age. They are managed by an independent charity, which is looking for new trustees. Experience of social care and charity governance would be an advantage. If this is something which may be of interest to you, please contact Fr. Mark.

Presbytery Works

The retiling work to the Presbytery ground floor has been substantially completed. The original tiles and pattern have been replicated as this was a feature of the priest/architect who designed the church and house. Redecoration of the ground floor and stairwells, 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.

St. Benedict's School, Ealing: Humanities Pathway Scholarship

This scholarship is designed for students currently attending maintained schools predicted to achieve the highest GCSE grades (typically 8-9) wishing to join our high-achieving Catholic Sixth Form for Humanities 'A' levels. Subjects include: Philosophy, Ethics and Religion; English Literature; Medieval and Early Modern History; Classical Civilisation; Latin; French, Spanish or German; and Music. Means-tested bursaries are available for qualifying families. For further information, contact Mrs Helen Ridard, Head of Admissions at St Benedict's School, at admissions@stbenedicts.org.uk