



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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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 were resident in the parish

Last week's collection

£2,660.83

Holy Places

£691.91

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

Catechetical Co-ordinator: **Jack Harsley**

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Second Sunday of Easter - Year A



Fr. Mark writes: Nine became full, adult members of the Catholic Church here at the Easter Vigil, receiving the sacraments of baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. Thirty years ago forty of us, including Fr Christopher Colven and myself, became Catholic at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. There is so much to give thanks to God for since that time.

All of us are called to the fullness of communion with Our Lord in the Catholic Church. I had been an Anglican previously, but there was a real sense of homecoming. As Newman said many years ago, it is like reaching the safety of the harbour after a stormy sea. Of course, there are challenges and difficulties in the Church. How could there not be in a family with well over a billion members? But a great sense of reality – everyone is here, regardless of age, nationality, and background. We are blessed by the security of knowing that we are receiving the same sacraments and hearing the same Gospel, as those passed on by Our Lord to the apostles. If anyone is considering becoming a Catholic, I recommend them most warmly to pursue this and come home.

Easter

It was good to see so many at Mass over Easter. I was conscious of the congestion and the time it took for people to receive Holy Communion at the 11.00 am Mass. Perhaps we need to think of having a Sunday evening Mass at Easter next year.

Children's Liturgy Group

The Children's Liturgy group has paused for the Easter holidays and resumes next Sunday, 19 April.

Baptism

Congratulations to Marnie Burn, who is baptised this weekend.

Parish Phone Line

We are switching phone line providers to obtain a better, cheaper service. Unfortunately, the current provider seems to have cut us off inadvertently before the new system is installed. I hope that they can reinstate the line. If not, it won't be possible to contact the parish by phone this week. Please use the E-Mail addresses above. After the transition the number for the parish landline should remain the same.

Catholic Curry Club

The Catholic Curry Club is for dads with children of primary school age or under. We meet in the Parish House basement for a talk with discussion continuing over curry. The next meeting is at **8.00 pm on Thursday, 30 April**. Quite a few of our parishioners were educated by the Benedictines. Pete Field will speak on the benefits of a Benedictine education. For further information or to place your curry order, contact Dario at darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk

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.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: 17-24 July

The Archbishop will lead the annual Westminster diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Registrations must be made by the end of the month at <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk> or 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane or train are available. There are many volunteering opportunities for those who wish to serve.

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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

shepherdsbushg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Psalm 118 Response: Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Friday, 17 April: Rose, Carmelina & Emmanuel.

Mass Intentions for Week: 11 - 19 April 2026

Saturday, 11 April	18.00	Maria Gabriela group
Sunday, 12 April	9:15	Tom Cunningham, RIP
<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00	Maria Openibo, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 13 April	9.30	Barney O'Reilly, RIP
Tuesday, 14 April	9.30	Jean Ann Jaffrey, int
Wednesday, 15 April	7.00	Vocations
Thursday, 16 April	19.00	Paul White, RIP
Friday, 17 April	9.30	Holy Souls
Saturday, 18 April	9.30	Willy Thomas, int.
	18.00	James Gerraghty, int.
Sunday, 19 April	9:15	Nigel Williams, int.
<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00	Sheila Dineen, Anniv.
	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, & the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents.

Catholic Youth Conferences

Young people attending a Catholic conference can be a decisive step towards them owning faith for themselves, discovering that it can be joyful and meaningful, and making many new friends who will support them in their faith. Conferences taking place over the summer include:

1. The Faith Summer Session for those aged 16+ taking place at Ampleforth Abbey in North Yorkshire, 27-31 July. A mixture of social, sporting, spiritual and catechetical activities. Daily Mass and prayer, and a series of talks on what it means to be human. For further information see <https://www.faith.org.uk/events/faith-summer-session-2024-1-1>
2. The Faith Summer Break for those aged 11-15, taking place at St. Mary's, Ascot, 10-13 August. A combination of faith and fun activities, including a day trip to Thorpe Park, in a relaxed, holiday setting. See <https://www.faith.org.uk/events/faith-summer-break-2026>
3. The Evangelium Conference for those aged 18-35, taking place at the Oratory School, Reading, 21-23 August. A conference on Catholic faith, life and culture to make young Catholic adults effective for mission. See <https://www.evangelium.co.uk/>

'Harry Clark goes to Rome'

Credit, where credit is due. The BBC has just made this excellent documentary. 25-year-old Harry Clark is from Slough, a former soldier and winner of the reality TV show *Traitors*. Having suffered from mental health issues, he wants to return more fully to his childhood Catholic faith. This is the moving and human portrayal of his decision to go with his mother on pilgrimage to Rome to seek to deepen his relationship with God. A thirty-minute audience with Pope Leo is the highlight of his life. Something to raise the spirits, it can be viewed on iPlayer at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002thdy>

Easter Antiphon to Our Lady

During the Easter season we sing the *Regina Caeli* to Our Lady at the end of the 11 am Mass and Benediction. Copies of the Marian antiphons are available in the booklet on the table at the back of church.

Regina caeli laetare, alleluia;

Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia;

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia;

Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia:

For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia:

Is risen as He promised, alleluia:

Pray for us to God, alleluia.