



# Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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26 April 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 were  
resident in the parish

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

Catechetical Co-ordinator: **Jack Harsley**

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A



**Fr. Mark writes:** Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. *The Good Shepherd*, of course, is the Lord. He is the one who lays down His life for His flock, who goes in search of the lost, who guides us to green pastures and restful waters. It is part of His plan that down the ages we should never be deprived of shepherds after His own heart, pastors, to share in His mission. Pray for good and holy priests to preach the Gospel, minister the sacraments, and care for God's people. We are blessed that those from our own parish have heard and answered the call. The Diocese needs many more priests. Pray that those who are called have the courage, imagination and generosity to answer that call.

### Vocations Sunday/Priest Training Fund

Today's second collection is for the Priest Training Fund. The Fund supports the formation of men responding to God's call to serve as priests in our diocese. Their journey involves years of preparation – human, spiritual, and pastoral – equipping them for parish ministry. Your support helps make this possible. It ensures that future generations will continue to receive the sacraments and pastoral care. If you can, please give generously to today's collection. There are Gift Aid envelopes and prayer cards at the back of church. Or you can give online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/PriestTrainingFund](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/PriestTrainingFund)

In his pastoral letter, the Archbishop asks that over the next month each parish has a Holy Hour, praying before the Blessed Sacrament, for the intention of priestly vocations. Our time of Eucharistic Adoration after the Sunday evening Mass will be for the intention that men may be open to God's call to the priesthood. The Archbishop also invites us, individually or in groups, to pray the rosary for priestly vocations.

### 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** this **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](mailto:darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk)

### Safeguarding

The Diocese of Westminster requires all clergy, employees and volunteers to complete online safeguarding training. This applies to all parish volunteers, whether or not they have contact with children and vulnerable adults in their role. The Level Module is relatively straightforward and takes around one hour to complete. It can be accessed at the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency training platform: <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/course/westminsterarchdiocese> Once you have completed the training, please send a copy of the certificate to Tabitha, our parish safeguarding representative, at [shepherdsbushsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:shepherdsbushsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) If you are unable to complete the training online, please let us know and we will organise a training session in person. Thank-you for your understanding and cooperation.

### Baptism Preparation Sessions

Congratulations to Isabella Tudhope, who is baptised this weekend.

Given the importance of the sacrament, children should be brought to baptism as soon as possible. The next baptism preparation sessions are at **7.30 pm** on **Tuesday, 5 May** and **19 May**. If you attend both sessions, we can arrange a date for the baptism after the second session. The sessions are for parents who have been attending Mass here each Sunday and who wish to have 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.

Last week's collection

£1,291.47

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**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41    1 Peter 2:20b-25    John 10:1-10

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

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.**

**I know my sheep and my own know me.**

**Alleluia.**

Church cleaning:    Friday, 1 May: Rose, Carmelina & Emmanuel.

**Mass Intentions for Week: 25 April - 3 May 2026**

Saturday, 25 April	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 26 April	9:15	Pro populo
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00	Kay Bradley, Anniv.
	18.00	In hon. St Jude
Monday, 27 April	9.30	Martin Kyte, int.
Tuesday, 28 April	9.30	Patricia & John O'Malley, int.
Wednesday, 29 April	7.00	John, Rosemarie, Timothy, Stephen Healy & Sèan Doyle, RIP
<i>St Catherine of Siena</i>		
Thursday, 30 April	19.00	Neil Panting, int.
<i>St George</i>		
Friday, 1 May	9.30	James Gerraghty, int.
Saturday, 2 May	9.30	Sue Bacon, RIP
<i>St Athanasius</i>		
	18.00	Michael Gleeson, Anniv.
Sunday, 3 May	9:15	Pro populo
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00	Joe Davenport, Anniv.
	18.00	Attilio Antonio Samele, Anniv.

**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 the poster and leaflets at the back of church or visit <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/>

**Lourdes Pilgrimage: 17-24 July**

The Archbishop will lead the annual 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.

**Chiswick Parish: Office & Property Manager**

This full-time permanent role at Our Lady of Grace parish is for 37.5 hours per week, Monday-Friday. Salary: £18 per hour/£35K pa. Closing date: 12 noon, 5 May. For the job description and other information, please visit the diocesan website: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/office-and-property-manager-job-ref-857-chisw/> Diocesan HR will short-list candidates on the basis of each application and its merit in meeting the job description criteria.

**Aquete Coker, RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Aquete Coker. His funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am on Friday, 8 May.**