



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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5 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 Catholics resident in the parish

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

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Easter Sunday - Year A



Fr. Mark writes: On that first Easter Sunday morning, the disciples struggle to understand what has happened. Of course, they do. This is completely beyond their experience. They had no doubts. They knew that Jesus had died on the Cross and been buried. Peter and the women are mystified, therefore, when they discover that the stone has been rolled away from the tomb and the grave clothes have been scattered.

It takes the faith of John to take in the truth of what has occurred; 'he saw and he believed'. This is what the Scriptures had foretold; this is what Jesus had prophesied. It is true. It takes the Resurrection appearances for them to come to terms with the implications of this. The consequences hold true for us today: death is not the end; evil does not have the last word; the power of the Holy Spirit is offered to us.

Thank-you

Thank-you to everyone who helped make the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter such beautiful occasions: our musicians, readers and servers; those who cleaned the church; Lise, who arranged the flowers; to Fr. Christopher Colven and Fr. Gerard Sheehan for their assistance over the Triduum; to those who help in the parish in so many ways throughout the year, especially to Sherry, Seamus and Jack. Thank-you also for your Easter cards, greetings, and gifts. A very happy and holy Easter to you, your family and friends.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Louise, Taylor, Talitha, Ellie and Jaydeep, who are baptised; Raushan, who is received into the Catholic Church; Nykila, Finley and Tereza, who join the others in being confirmed. It is a great joy to celebrate sacraments for our adult candidates who become full members of the Catholic Church at Easter. Christ calls everyone to share in the fullness of His victory of life and love. Whom you do you know whom you might invite to explore the life and teachings of the Catholic Church when we offer this programme again after the summer?

9.15 am Mass

There will be no teas and coffee after Mass today. The Children's Liturgy group has also paused for the Easter holidays and resumes on Sunday, 19 April.

Weekday Mass

There is no 7.00 am Mass this **Wednesday, 8 April**.

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**. This will take the place of the 9.30 am parish Mass.

Vocations

We offer our best wishes to our parishioner David Reynolds, who has been accepted by the Archbishop to begin training for the priesthood at the English College in Valladolid in the autumn. He will be joining our former parish catechist, Daniel O'Brien, who is resuming his seminary studies having taken time out as a teacher. Please keep them in your prayers during their years of formation.

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.

Last week's collection

£1,376.26

Thank-you

Parish Office

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
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

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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

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Psalm 118 Response: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord.
Alleluia.**

Church cleaning: Saturday, 11 April: Harriet, Nancy & Anna.

Mass Intentions for Week: 4 - 12 April 2026

Saturday, 4 April	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
Monday, 6 April	9.30	Winnie Corrigan & McLoughlin family, RIP
Tuesday, 7 April	9.30	Holy Souls
Wednesday, 8 April	7.00	No Mass
Thursday, 9 April	19.00	Annie Flynn, Anniv.
Friday, 10 April	10.30	Hyacinth Daniel, RIP: Funeral
Saturday, 11 April	9.30	Collette Armstrong, Anniv.
	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

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/>

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