



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

£1,369.67

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

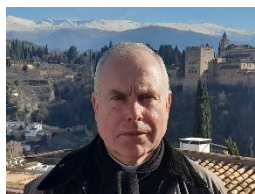
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Pentecost Sunday - Year A



Fr. Mark writes: We are unusual, although not unique, in being a parish dedicated to the Holy Spirit. Today is *our* feast day. It should cause us to reflect: where do we see the Holy Spirit active in our lives? He is active, but His gentleness, sometimes our noisiness, mean that we fail to recognise this. The Holy Spirit is active in the sacraments, not just in Confirmation, but also baptism and all the other sacraments too – uniting us with Christ, bringing His power to play in our lives. Unity is the work of the Holy Spirit. Look at our diverse parish united in our shared faith – that is the work of the Holy Spirit. We can be conscious of gifts which we know come from beyond ourselves – wisdom, gentleness, courage, peace – these too we owe to the Holy Spirit. Then the Holy Spirit can plant in our minds His inspirations, promptings allowing us to discover God's will.

Welcome

Congratulations to Hailey Essock Adang, who is baptised this weekend.

Children's Liturgy

There is no Children's Liturgy group at the 9.15 am Mass during the school half-term, this Sunday and next. They resume on Sunday, 7 June.

Daily Mass

There will be no 7.00 am Mass this **Wednesday, 27 May**.

Formation Co-ordinator

The parish is seeking a permanent, part-time employee to start in September. They will have responsibility, working with me and the volunteer catechists, for catechesis – and also for the spiritual formation of those not in sacramental programmes. They will not be involved in the liturgy and sacristy, as in the past. The role will be for 15-20 hours a week during school term-time at £20 per hour. Details on the position appear on the diocesan website – <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/formation-co-ordinator-job-ref-862-shepb/> Online applications can be submitted by 12 noon tomorrow, Monday, 25 May.

Jimmy Gallen & Horelio ('Danny') Daniel, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jimmmy Gallen and Danny Daniel. Jimmy's funeral Mass will be at **10.30 am** on **Friday, 5 June**. Danny's funeral Mass will be at **10.30 am** on **Friday, 19 June**.

Corpus Christi – Blessed Sacrament Procession & Parish Picnic

Weather permitting, we will have our Blessed Sacrament procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, next **Sunday, 7 June**. The procession will take place immediately after the 11.00 am Mass, which will be the Celebration Mass for the First Holy Communion children. The children are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion clothes. We will start and finish in the church, making a circuit round Ashchurch Terrace, Ashchurch Park Villas, Goldhawk Road and back into Ashchurch Grove. After Benediction in the church, we will go to Ravenscourt Park for a Picnic in the Park – in the railed area between the lake and the children's play area. Please bring food and drink, and ensure all rubbish is cleared away subsequently. This is a wonderful and joyful public act of witness to Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and something which helps children appreciate their Catholic identity. And we have the opportunity to enjoy one another's company.

Forecourt Proposal

With a few minor adjustments, the proposals to enhance and improve the church forecourt, as shown on the plan displayed in the church porch, is being submitted for approval. We hope that approval will be forthcoming in the next few weeks to allow work to begin by the end of the summer.

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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
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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 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23
Psalm 104 Response: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**
**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**
Alleluia.
Church cleaning: Saturday, 30th May: Catherine & Elettra.

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Mass Intentions for Week: 23 - 31 May 2026

Saturday, 23 May	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 24 May	9:15	Bernadette & Angela Bernard & Daniel Lewis, RIP
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	11:00	Pro populo
	18.00	Maria Samele, RIP
Monday, 25 May	9.30	Teresa O'Keefe, RIP
<i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>		
Tuesday, 26 May	9.30	Kay Healy, int.
<i>St. Philip Neri</i>		
Wednesday, 27 May	7.00	No Mass
<i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>		
Thursday, 28 May	19.00	Nigel & family, int.
<i>Jesus, Eternal High Priest</i>		
Friday, 29 May	9.30	Felix Gomez, RIP
Saturday, 30 May	9.30	Davie Wright, RIP
	18.00	Annie & Patrick Joseph Murphy, RIP
Sunday, 31 May	9:15	Patrick Doherty, Anniv.
<i>Holy Trinity</i>	11:00	Danny Brophy, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Christopher Browne, Francis Day, 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.

Scott Hahn

Dr Scott Hahn is a former Presbyterian minister and a prolific author. He is one of the most famous and accessible Catholic Scripture scholars of the last generation. He will be giving two talks, on the Eucharist and the Lord's Prayer, at St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, London SE1 7HY (Lambeth North Underground) at **7.00 pm** this **Thursday, 28 May**. Tickets are £20. To book or for further information, scan the QR code on the poster at the back of church or visit <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/dr-scott-hahn-28-may-2026/>

Concert of Sacred Music

The Senior and Junior Choirs of the Good Shepherd School will perform a concert of sacred music here in church at **6.30 pm** on **Tuesday, 23 June**. All funds raised will go to an incredibly good cause: Mary's Meals, helping feed hungry children around the world, and specifically to help feed the children of Beka Primary School in Malawi.

Mass for Children & Adults with Additional Needs

Fr. Bernard Akoeso will celebrate Mass for children and adults with additional needs at Holy Cross parish, Parsons Green at **2.00 pm** on **Saturday, 27 June**, followed by light refreshments. All welcome, especially parishioners and visitors with additional needs, together with their families, friends and carers.

Sr. Mary David Totah, OSB

'Patience, like stability, is really a matter of faith in the providence of God. If we can accept in our heart that this unpleasant moment is a vehicle of God's concern, then we will be less angry and depressed and more able to avoid inner rebellion. Instead of blaming those around us for the negative experiences we feel, we need to develop a robust faith in providence, alive to the action of God in our daily life. If we are blind to this action, we will reject the value of our concrete circumstances. Instead of growing through difficulties, we will want to run away. The perception that God is in this situation and we are called to find Him *here and now* is a very great gift of grace,' *The Joy of God*