



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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28 June 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**

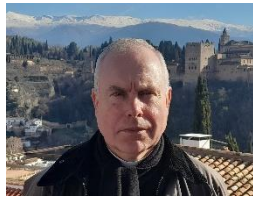
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Saints Peter & Paul - Year A



Fr. Mark writes: Jesus made a number of promises at the Last Supper.

Among these was the following: 'If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.' No one can argue that Jesus did not keep His promises. We celebrate today the martyrdom of the two pillars of the Christian faith, Ss. Peter and Paul.

Their suffering was not random. It was, as Jesus said, because they were servants of Him, the Master. Nor following their encounter with the Risen Christ and His forgiveness is there an unwillingness to suffer. For Paul the most important thing now is that 'the message might be fully proclaimed'. For Peter, both his imprisonment and his liberation are further evidence of God's goodness towards him. Both are willing suffer because they have come to appreciate that Christ's sacrificial love brings life, and they wish to follow His example.

Concert of Sacred Music

Thank-you to everyone who supported last Tuesday's concert of sacred music by the Good Shepherd School choirs. It was a beautiful journey through the Church's liturgical year. The children raised £1,269 towards the target of £5,496 they need to help feed the children at the Beka Primary School in Malawi, which the Good Shepherd School sponsors through Mary's Meals.

Artificial Intelligence

Pope Leo recently published his first encyclical letter, *Magnifica Humanitatis*, 'On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence'. John Colahan, who spoke on the subject to the dads' curry group last year, will facilitate a discussion in the Parish House basement at **4.00 pm** this afternoon. (Light refreshments from 3.30 pm.) John is a former colleague of mine, an army officer who worked as a lawyer in private practice, the Cabinet Office and inhouse.

The document is online at <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html> I have also placed copies in the repository at the back of church – price £6.95.

Jack Harsley

Jack completes his time with us as parish catechist this week. He will return to Yorkshire and the world of education as he continues to discern his future with a view to applying to seminary. We thank him for his time among us, wish him well for the future and keep him in our prayers.

Good Shepherd School

We welcome the KS2 children of the Good Shepherd School who will join us for the **9.30 am** Mass tomorrow, **Monday, 29 June**, a Votive Mass of Ss. Peter & Paul.

Catholic Student Network

Ben Plimmer is a parishioner, former catechist, and trustee of the Catholic Student Network. He will make an appeal at all the Masses next Sunday for the work of CSN, which exists to connect, equip and empower Catholic university students through training, formation and accompaniment to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, to build flourishing Catholic communities, and to nurture them as faithful and fruitful leaders in the Church and wider society. To achieve this goal, CSN runs a Leadership Summit and provides workshops and mentoring to students. If you can, please support the second collection next week to help form a new generation of Catholic leaders.

Last week's collection

£1, 295.87

Thank-you

May McGuiness, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of May McGuiness. Her coffin will be received into church at **7.00 pm** this **Thursday, 2 July** and her funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am** this **Friday, 3 July**. This takes the place of the 9.30 am parish Mass.

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Good Shepherd**Catholic Primary School**

35 Gayford Road
www.goodshepherdrc.lbhfsch.uk

020 8743 5060

Head: Mrs. Imogen Lavelle

Catholic Chaplaincies**Charing Cross Hospital**

020 3311 1042

Hammersmith Hospital

020 3313 4574

Safeguarding Officer

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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

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 12:1-11

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Matthew 16:13-19

Psalm: 34 Response: From all my terrors the LORD set me free.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Saturday, 4 July: Harriet, Nancy & Anna.

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Mass Intentions for Week: 27 June - 5 July 2026

Saturday, 27 June	18.00	Mary Davenport, Anniv.
Sunday, 28 June	9:15	Alma Arttzs, RIP
<i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	11:00	Pat & Helen Healy, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 29 June	9.30	Catherine & Martha Alexander, RIP
Tuesday, 30 June	9.30	Elizabeth Amada, Anniv.
Wednesday, 1 July	7.00	Ruby Roach, int.
<i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>		
Thursday, 2 July	19.00	Kay Healy, int.
Friday, 3 July	11.00	May McGuinness, RIP: Funeral
<i>St Thomas</i>		
Saturday, 4 July	9.30	Maureen Cuddihy, Anniv.
	18.00	Sandra Fröhlich-McCormack, RIP
Sunday, 5 July	9:15	Pro populo
	11:00	Patrick Dineen, Anniv.
	18.00	John, Rosemarie, Timothy, Stephen Healy & Sean Doyle, RIP

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.

Venezuela

We offer our prayers to the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela. It is possible to donate online to help with the practical relief work through the Aid to the Church in Need website: <https://acnuk.org/>

Cake Sale

Two of our parishioners, Zitha and Malcolm, have worked enormously hard to help found and fund a Catholic school in Cameroon. There will be a cake sale after the 9.15 and 11 am Masses on **Sunday, 12 July** to raise funds to support their work. Contributions in the form of cakes would be extremely welcome. Please speak to Nova or Amelia over tea and coffee after the 9.15 am Mass if you can help.

Baptism Preparation Sessions

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 **Monday, 13 and 20 July**. If you attend both sessions, we can arrange a date for the baptism after the second session. The sessions are for parents who attend Mass here each Sunday and 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.

Catholic Curry Club

The Catholic Curry Club is for dads with children of primary school age or under. The final meeting of the school year will, as previously, be a picnic in Wendell Park at **8.00 pm** on **Thursday, 16 July**. Please bring food and drink to share.

Forecourt Proposal

These applications are never straight forward. There is a discussion at the moment as to what permissions we require from the Church and what planning permission might be required from the local authority. Once that is resolved, we can take matters forward, but it may take a little longer than we initially anticipated.