



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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7 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

Last week's collection

£1,248.67

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

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Corpus Christi - Year A



Fr. Mark writes: How can mortal man live for ever? Left to ourselves, of course, we can't. That is why Jesus 'the living bread ... came down from heaven'. Jesus gives Himself to us in Holy Communion, that here and now we can receive in the most intimate way imaginable the divine and the eternal in our very lives and bodies. Received in faith, lovingly and reverently, Jesus within us transforms in this world to become more like Him, more loving, truthful and pure. In doing so, we are prepared for heaven. In John's Gospel, Jesus is insistent on this: we must receive Him in Holy Communion in a state of grace. 'For how can He deny me heaven who here on earth Himself hath given.'

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mitch O'Brien and Shannon O'Driscoll, who are married this weekend. We wish them many years of happy married life together.

Corpus Christi – Blessed Sacrament Procession & Parish Picnic

Weather permitting, we will have our Blessed Sacrament procession immediately after the 11.00 am Mass today which is also the Celebration Mass for the First Holy Communion children. For the procession, we turn right into Ashchurch Grove, and keep turning right into Askew Road, 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.

Daily Mass

There is no 7.00 am Mass this Wednesday, 10 June. There is no 9.30 am Mass this and the following Saturday morning – please pray for those being married and those being confirmed.

Horelio ('Danny') Daniel, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Danny Daniel. His funeral Mass will be at **10.30 am on Friday, 19 June.**

Concert of Sacred Music

The Senior and Junior Choirs of the Good Shepherd School under their Director Tom Williams will perform a concert of sacred music celebrating the liturgical life of the Church here in church at **6.30 pm on Tuesday, 23 June.** All funds raised will go to an incredibly good cause: the Beka Primary School in Malawi, which the Good Shepherd School sponsors through Mary's Meals, ensuring that hungry children receive a meal every school day. This is a ticketed event to which both parishioners and parents are invited. Tickets, which are limited, cost £15 and are available from the Good Shepherd school office (0208 743 5060).

Artificial Intelligence

There is considerable interest in reflecting further on Pope Leo's encyclical, *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 on Sunday, 28 June.** (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.

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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

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Sunday Scriptures

Fridays, 4.45-5.45 pm

For further information:

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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

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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John 6:51-58

Psalm:147 Response: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Friday, 12 June: Rose, Carmelina & Emmanuel.

Mass Intentions for Week: 6 - 14 June 2026

Saturday, 6 June	18.00	Rosaria Rapozo & family, RIP
Sunday, 7 June	9:15	Margaret & William McGovern, Anniv.
<i>Corpus Christi</i>	11:00	Michael Sweeney, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 8 June	9.30	Teddy Mitchell, Anniv.
Tuesday, 9 June	9.30	Mary Fox, RIP
Wednesday, 10 June	7.00	No Mass
Thursday, 11 June	19.00	John & Rose McKernan, Anniv.
<i>St Barnabas</i>		
Friday, 12 June	9.30	Luis José and Domingo Pó, RIP
<i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>		
Saturday, 13 June	9.30	No Mass
<i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>		
	18.00	Teresa Forkin, Anniv.
Sunday, 14 June	9:15	Pro populo
	11:00	Cyril & Doris Phyllis Williams, Anniv.
	18.00	Martin Murphy, 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.

Beyond Tyburn: the London Martyrs

Many people fail to appreciate that 'Tyburn Tree' stood at the end of Oxford Street, at the bottom of Edgware Road. Hundreds of Catholics were martyred there, but also elsewhere in London, simply because of their Catholic faith. 300 years later a convent was founded by the site. You are invited to a talk in Tyburn Crypt, 8 Hyde Park Place W2 2LJ at **6.00 pm** on **Wednesday, 17 June**. The talk is free, but donations go to support the nuns and their work. RSVP: cenacletotheloholyspirit@yahoo.com

Mass for Children & Adults with Additional Needs

Fr. Bernard Akoeso will celebrate Mass for children and adults with additional needs at Holy Cross, 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 families, friends and carers.

Teas and Coffee

Those who put on tea and coffee in the Parish House basement after the 9.15 am Mass each Sunday provide a great service, much appreciated by those who attend. Are there others who might be willing to join the rota? The commitment would be to help out once a month. If you are able to assist, please come down to the basement after the 9.15 am Mass and introduce yourself to the volunteers.

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.

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, have been submitted for approval. We hope that approval will be forthcoming next month to allow work to begin by the end of the summer.