



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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11 October 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

Mon.: 10.00-14.30

Tues. & Fri.: 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

£1,344.68

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Canon Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

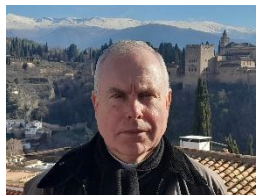
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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Fr. Mark writes: Thank-you to everyone who attended my installation as canon at the Cathedral on Tuesday evening. IT was moving to see so many of you present. I am very grateful for all the prayers, cards and gifts – and those for my recent birthday.

The role of the canon is two-fold. We meet to advise the Archbishop in his role of guiding the Diocese. Then we also have a liturgical role in the life of the Cathedral. On the first Tuesday of the month, the chapter of canons are present for Vespers and the 5.30 pm Mass, at which we preside in turn. We are also expected to be present in the Cathedral for other major occasions. People ask what I am called now. Formally, I am 'Canon Vickers'. I think, however, it is much more appropriate to continue as 'Fr. Mark' in the parish.

CAFOD Harvest Day

Thank-you to everyone who donated to last week's Harvest Fast Day appeal. We raised £588.32 – in addition to those who gave online. If you missed last week's second collection, you can make a donation online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope

Annual Mass Count

Today is the final weekend for the annual Sunday Mass count.

Baptism

We welcome Alfred Chambers, who is baptised this weekend.

The next baptism preparation sessions are at **7.30 pm** tomorrow **Monday, 12 and 19 October**. 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 here. If you have attended baptism preparation sessions here for an older child, we can simply arrange a baptism date for younger children.

Good Shepherd School

We welcome the KS2 children of the Good Shepherd School to the **9.30 am** Mass this **Tuesday, 13 October**.

First Holy Communion

The children begin their First Holy Communion programme sessions at the Good Shepherd School this morning, joining us for the **11.00 am** Mass. I have purchased additional copies of the children's Mass book. These are available from the Repository at the back of church on Sunday mornings for £3.50.

Confirmation

Bishop Jim Curry will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in the parish at **6.00 pm** on **Saturday, 19 June 2027**. The programme, which is for those in School Year 9, will be advertised at the end of the year and sessions begin in the New Year.

A Day with Mary

A Day with Mary is a day of devotions dedicated to Our Lady taking place on most Saturdays at different Catholic parishes and shrines. The day includes processions, scriptural meditations. Mass, Confessions, rosary, Adoration, Benediction. Typically, they start at 9.45 am and finish at 5 pm. Next **Saturday, 17 October**, the Day with Mary is being hosted by our neighbouring parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Commonwealth Avenue, White City. On **Saturday, 7 November** the Day with Mary will be led by Archbishop Richard Moth at Westminster Cathedral.

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

Sunday Scriptures Group

The Sunday Scripture group meets in the Parish House at 4.45 pm on Fridays. All welcome.

Food Bank

Thank-you for your donations. 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.) Donations can be left in the crate in the church porch.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

Psalm: 23 Response: In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell, for length of days unending.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Saturday, 17 October: Harriet & Gina.

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Mass Intentions for Week: 10 - 18 October 2026

Saturday, 10 October	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 11 October	9:15	Willis & Ciaran Jordan, int.
	11:00	Bridget Costello, RIP
	18.00	Annie & Patrick Joseph Murphy, RIP
Monday, 12 October	9.30	Paul Veys, RIP
Tuesday, 13 October	9.30	John Bellingham, RIP
St Edward the Confessor		
Wednesday, 14 October	7.00	Anna & family, int.
Thursday, 15 October	19.00	Peggy McGuire, int.
St Teresa of Avila		
Friday, 16 October	9.30	Martin & Solomon Roach, int.
Saturday, 17 October	9.30	Private int.
St Ignatius of Antioch		
	18.00	Paul McCarthy, Anniv.
Sunday, 18 October	9:15	Jack Harsley, int.
	11:00	Bidden Nee, 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.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? RCIA

The RCIA group met for the first time last Tuesday evening. As in previous years, it is a mixture of those not yet baptised, those of other Christian denominations thinking of becoming Catholics, and Catholics who missed out on First Communion and/or Confirmation when they were younger. We reflect on what we as Catholics believe, how we pray, and how we live our faith in the world. It is a journey of discovery and explanation. There are no expectations. Only if right for the individual, do they receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil on **Saturday, 27 March 2027**. If this interests you, please contact Fr. Mark or come along to the next session in the Parish House basement at 8.00 pm this Tuesday, 13 October.

Masses at Wormwood Scrubs

The parish SVP conference supports the Catholic chaplain at Wormwood Scrubs prison. Members of the SVP attend Mass there from time to time. They would welcome others to accompany them. If anyone is interested, please contact Amelia on the SVP phone 07599 503330.

Weekly Collection

The figure on the front of the newsletter each week represents cash and envelopes placed in the collection each week. Although varying each week, we also receive a broadly similar amount from standing orders and contactless donations. One third of the collection goes immediately to the Diocese, paying for the Bishops, diocesan departments (finance, education, property, pastoral outreach, etc.) and the various chaplaincies. The remaining balance pays for the upkeep of the buildings, utilities and insurance, salaries and mission of the parish. Receiving no external funding, your donations are crucial in ensuring that the parish continues to the flourish. We are extremely grateful for the many ways you contribute in financially and in terms of time and volunteering. Thank-you.

Marie Olga Salvalaggio, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Olga Salvalaggio. Her funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am on Friday, 23 October**.