



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

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

£1,392.70

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Canon Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Fr. Mark writes: Paul writes to the new church in Thessalonica, one of the great cities of the Roman Empire, capital of Macedonia and a wealthy trading centre. As he says, the power of God knows no political or cultural boundaries. Yes, of course, there are difficulties and obstacles. There are those unwilling to open their hearts and minds. Yet, at the same time, when the Gospel of Jesus Christ is preached, there are those who respond generously. They experience that Gospel 'in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction'. For this, Paul gives thanks to God. It gives hope, ministering in twenty-first century London. Jesus is as relevant and necessary today, as He was in Thessalonica 2,000 years ago. There will be those who continue to respond to His love, to allow their lives to be transformed. We see that in our own parish, and for that we too give thanks to God.

Baptism

We welcome Sofia Jenn, who is baptised this weekend.

Marie Olga Salvalaggio, Sr. Joanna Whooley, Bernard Greene & Kathleen Doherty, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sr. Joanna Whooley, Molga Salvalaggio, Bernie Greene and Kathleen Doherty. Long-term residents of Shepherd's Bush will remember Sr. Joanna as our parish sister. Molga's funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am** this **Friday, 23 October**. This will take the place of the 9.30 am parish Mass. Bernie's funeral Mass will be at **10.30 am** next **Monday, 26 October**. Kathleen's funeral Mass will be at **10.00 am** on **Tuesday, 3 November**.

World Mission Sunday: Red Box Appeal

Next Sunday we keep World Mission Sunday. The Holy Father invites us to support Missio, his charity for world mission. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love with its power to transform lives and heal the world. We will welcome Fr. Anthony Chantry, a Mill Hill Missionary and the National Director of Missio, to preach the Red Box Appeal, supporting the Church around the world where it is young or in need. There will be a second collection after the Masses next Sunday. Please use the Missio envelopes at the back of church, or donate online at www.missio.org.uk or by calling 0207 821 9755 during office hours.

British Summer Time

British Summer Time ends next weekend. Please remember to put your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening to ensure you arrive at Mass at the correct time on Sunday.

Children's Liturgy Group

The Children's Liturgy group won't meet next Sunday or the following Sunday due to the school half-term. It resumes at the 9.15 am Mass on Sunday, 8 November.

Catholic Primary School Applications

Fr. Mark is available in the Parish House to sign priest references for primary school applications: **6-8 pm** on **Friday, 27 November**; **2-4 pm** on **Saturday, 5 December**; and **6-7 pm** on **Friday, 8 January**. The parent/carer who attends Mass here should attend. Please bring the Certificate of Catholic Practice (one per school, having completed your child's details) and their baptism certificate (if the baptism did not take place here). There is an **appointment system**. To book an appointment, E-Mail Sherry, the secretary, at shepherdsbush@rcdow.org.uk indicating which of the three sessions you can attend. She will confirm the time. In seeking a reference, you are asking the priest to confirm that your child is a baptised Catholic and you have attended Mass here each Sunday over a number of years. If you have recently moved into the parish or attend Mass more regularly elsewhere, it makes sense to seek a reference from that other parish.

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

07956 260964

shepherdsbushsg@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

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 45:1, 4-6

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21

Psalm: 96 Response: Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.
Alleluia.**

Church cleaning: Saturday, 23 October: Alexandra & Michelle.

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Mass Intentions for Week: 17 - 25 October 2026

Saturday, 17 October	18.00	Paul McCarthy, Anniv.
Sunday, 18 October	9:15	Jack Harsley, int.
	11:00	Bidden Nee, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 19 October	9.30	Brigitta Overdeput, RIP
Tuesday, 20 October	9.30	Patrick Walsh, RIP
Wednesday, 21 October	7.00	Belinda Walsh, RIP
Thursday, 22 October	19.00	John, Rosemarie, Timothy, Stephen Healy & Séan Doyle, RIP
Friday, 23 October	11.00	Marie Olga Salvalaggio, RIP: Funeral
Saturday, 24 October	9.30	No Mass
	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 25 October	9:15	Colin & Yvonne Williams, int.
	11:00	Jack & Bridget Downey, Anniv.
	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, Joy Healy, 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.

Our Beloved Dead

November is the month when we pray particularly for the faithful departed:

1. **All Souls Day** is on **Monday, 2 November**. Mass will be offered for the Holy Souls at **9.30 am** (when we are joined by the School) and again at **7.00 pm**.
2. There are Holy Souls envelopes at the back of church. If you take one and return it in the collection or to the Parish House with a list of your deceased family and friends and any Mass offering, their names are paced before the altar during the month of November and Mass will be offered for them.
3. **Sunday, 8 November** is **Remembrance Sunday**. The **11.00 am** Mass will be a Requiem for the war dead.
4. Our Parish Requiem Mass is at **7.00 pm** on **Friday, 13 November** for the repose of the souls of parishioners who have died over the last year. They will be prayed for by name and there will be the opportunity to light candles for them during the Mass. I will contact the families to invite them to the Mass.

Readers

We are very grateful to all those who read at our parish Masses. It is an extremely important ministry, ensuring that the congregation hear the word of God in a way which is audible and authentic. We plan to have a readers' workshop at **4.00 pm** on **Sunday, 22 November**, starting in the Parish House basement, then moving upstairs into the church. (Tea and coffee will be available from 3.45 pm.) We will finish before 6 pm, should anyone wish to stay for the evening Mass. I will give some input on Scripture as the word of God. I am grateful to Tiffany Arnold, who will then assist with some practical advice on reading at Mass.

It would be good if as many as our readers as possible could join us. I am conscious that there are a number of children who read. They too are welcome, but they may struggle with some of the initial input. Perhaps we can have a separate session for them another time.

Annual Mass Count

The average number at Sunday Mass over the last month was 641 – a 9% increase on last year. This is back to where we were before the pandemic. The best attended Masses are the two Sunday morning Masses, in almost equal numbers, then the two evening Masses, again in almost equal numbers.