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25 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

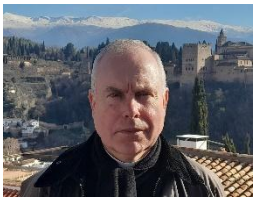
Funerals
For those who attended Mass here or were resident in the parish

Last week's collection

£1,245.38

Thank-you

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Fr. Mark writes: They are still playing silly games, trying to trick Jesus. The Pharisees have tried and failed. Now it is the turn of the Sadducees, the political elite. There were so many rules and regulations of the Jewish, they hope by having Jesus identify just one, He will offend many in His audience. Although Jesus knows that the question is not sincere, He doesn't resort to sarcasm nor resort to silly games Himself. He treats His questioner with respect, hoping that he will listen and be converted. In doing so, Jesus gives him and us a magnificent summary of the Law: it is all about love of God and neighbour. Nothing is greater than this.

World Mission Sunday: Red Box Appeal

Today 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 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 is a second collection after Mass. 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.

Sr. Joanna Whooley, Bernard Greene & Kathleen Doherty, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sr. Joanna Whooley, Bernie Greene and Kay Doherty. Bernie's funeral Mass will be at **10.30 am** tomorrow **Monday, 26 October**. This will take the place of the 9.30 am parish Mass. Kay's funeral Mass will be at **10.00 am** ne **Tuesday, 3 November**. Sr. Joanna was the parish sister here several years ago. Her coffin is being received into Ealing Abbey at **4.30 pm** on **Monday, 16 November** and her funeral Mass is there at **11.00 am** on **Tuesday, 17 November**.

Daily Mass

There will be no parish Mass on Wednesday or Thursday this week.

Volunteers

Are there any existing readers who might be willing to help with reading at the 7.00 pm Mass on Thursday evenings? If you don't currently read, but are interested in assisting, please have a word with Fr. Mark.

We are grateful to Seamus and others who help in the sacristy. It would be good to have a regular team of two or three people to cover all the Masses, especially while Seamus is away for a few weeks. It involves perhaps 15 minutes before and after Mass, setting up and clearing away, and keeping things in order. We can show you what is involved and give some brief training. (Anyone on the weekend Masses, when children serve, would need to be DBS-checked.) Again, if anyone might be able to help, please speak to Fr. Mark or Seamus.

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 ***Year A - Volume 2, 146-149***

Exodus 22:21-27* 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Matthew 22:34-40

Psalm: 18 Response: I love you, LORD, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Saturday, 31 October: Harriet, Carmelina & Rose.

Mass Intentions for Week: 24 October – 1 November 2026

Saturday, 24 October	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 25 October	9:15	Colin & Yvonne Williams, int.
	11:00	Jack & Bridget Downey, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 26 October	**10.30**	Bernard Greene, RIP: Funeral
Tuesday, 27 October	9.30	Pauline Shanagher, RIP
Wednesday, 28 October	7.00	No Mass
Ss Simon & Jude		
Thursday, 29 October	19.00	No Mass
Douai Martyrs		
Friday, 30 October	9.30	Norah Brick, RIP
Saturday, 31 October	9.30	James Moran, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 1 November	9:15	Felipe Pallotta, Anniv.
	11:00	Lily Maher, RIP
	18.00	Paul & Mary Scherer, RIP

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 those who read at Mass. 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 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 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.

Children's Liturgy Group

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