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15 November 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

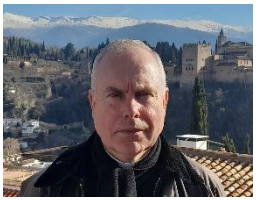
Funerals
For those who attended Mass here or were resident in the parish

Last week's collection

£1,303.13

Thank-you

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



Fr. Mark writes: As we draw rapidly towards the close of the Church's year, the readings continue to remind us of the need for preparation. St. Paul's message echoes that of the Lord last week: for our own good, we don't know the exact timing, but the Lord will return suddenly at a moment we don't expect. It should be characteristic of every Catholic that we are living in expectation of this moment. The Lord's teaching means we are not left in the dark; we are 'children of light, children of the day'. Let us live accordingly. 'Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in His ways!'

Sick & Retired Priests
Today's second collection next is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, helping ensure that our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They baptised us, welcomed us into the Church, and offered comfort and prayer in times of need. Now we have the chance to give back and ensure that they have peace of mind in their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. You can make a one-off donation or set up a regular gift using the Gift Aid envelopes at the back of church. You can also donate by the QR code on the envelopes and posters, or online at www.rcdow.org.uk/SRP Thank-you for your generosity.

Sr. Joanna Whooley, RIP
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Joanna Whooley, our former parish sister. Her coffin is being received into Ealing Abbey at **4.30 pm** tomorrow **Monday, 16 November** and her funeral Mass is there at **11.00 am** this **Tuesday, 17 November**.

Daily Mass
I am making my annual retreat this week. There will be no parish Mass on Wednesday, Friday or Saturday morning. Fr. Christopher is kindly covering the Thursday evening 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. There will be a readers' workshop at **4.00 pm** next **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.

First Holy Communion
There is a meeting for First Holy Communion parents in church at **7.30 pm** on **Monday, 23 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 ***Year A - Volume 2, 155-157***

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

Psalm:128 Response: Blessed are all who fear the LORD.
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Alleluia.
Church cleaning: Saturday, 21 November: Harriet, Rose, Carmelina & Emmanuel.

Mass Intentions for Week: 14 - 22 November 2026

Saturday, 14 November	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 15 November	9:15	Sandra Roach & Natalie Benjamin, int.
	11:00	Sr. Joanna Whooley, RIP
	18.00	Annie & Patrick Joseph Murphy, RIP
Monday, 16 November	9.30	Lucy O'Brien, RIP
St Edmund of Abingdon		
Tuesday, 17 November	9.30	Dora Williams, RIP
Wednesday, 18 November	7.00	**No Mass**
Thursday, 19 November	19.00	Thomas Murphy, Anniv.
Friday, 20 November	9.30	**No Mass**
Saturday, 21 November	9.30	**No Mass**
Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary		
	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 22 November	9:15	Michael Jordan, Anniv.
Christ the King	11:00	Mary Gannon, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:
Christopher Browne, Francis Day, Pasquale de Stefano, Anthony Eivers, James Geraghty, John Harrington, Joy Healy, Kay Healy, Mary Hill, Dominic Isaac, Georgie Ivors, Marilyn McDonald, Maria Nicholls, Milly Redhead, Jay St. Clair, Mary St. Pierre, Rose Stanislaus, Gemma Sweny, & the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents.

Prison Visits

Six parishioners attended Mass last Sunday at Wormwood Scrubs Prison. Their presence was greatly appreciated by the Catholic chaplain and prisoners. If you are interested in joining the parish prison support group, please contact Amelia on 07800 529982.

Red Wednesday

Red Wednesday is kept this **Wednesday, 18 November** to mark the millions of Christians around the world who face persecution. Around the world churches and public buildings are lit red to show solidarity with those who risk shedding their blood for their faith. Please pray for persecuted Christians. Mass will be celebrated at St. George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road SE1 7HY at 5.30 pm. For more information see https://acnuk.org/redwednesday

Marriage Preparation

Catholics should marry in church to receive God's graces and blessings which we need for married and family life to flourish. Whether you plan marrying here, elsewhere in the UK or overseas in 2027, there is a certain amount of documentation and preparation to be undertaken here. It is relatively straight forward provided a start is made at an early stage. One of the requirements is attendance at a marriage preparation course. We will have a course here over two afternoons, **2-5 pm, Saturday, 30 January** and **6 February**. This is the only course we provide in the parish in 2027, although it is possible to attend courses elsewhere. If you plan to marry in 2027, please speak to Fr. Mark.

Holy Souls Envelopes

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 November and Mass will be offered for them.

Cardinal Vaughan School Tea Dance

The Cardinal School is offering 10 places to senior citizen parishioners to their Christmas Tea Dance **4-6 pm** on **Friday, 4 December**. They also offer the possibility of transport. If you wish to attend, notify Sherry in the Parish Office ASAP, giving your name, address and details of any mobility issues.