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22 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

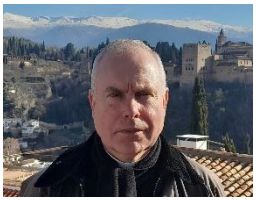
Funerals
For those who attended Mass here or were resident in the parish

Last week's collection

£1,212.81

Thank-you

Christ the King - Year A



Fr. Mark writes: The Church's year concludes with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is good and necessary to remind ourselves amid the violence and injustice of the world, sometimes the pain and confusion of our own lives, that Jesus is King. That is the reality, not simply a phrase we use to comfort ourselves. On Calvary Jesus defeated the ultimate enemy, evil and death. At the time His kingship was hidden to human eyes. Now He reigns in majesty. He wants us to join Him in glory, but there is no path other than the one He trod. The first reading and the Gospel show us that Christ confounds the expectations of the world. His kingship is one of service, of the lost, of the needy. That concerns our time in this life, so we may hope one day to see Him when He 'comes in His glory'.

Sick & Retired Priests
Thank-you to everyone who donated to last Sunday's Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection. We raised £715.72 in the cash collection, helping ensure that our sick and older priests receive the care and support they need. If you were away last week, donations can be made online at www.rcdow.org.uk/SRP

First Holy Communion
There is a meeting for First Holy Communion parents in church at **7.30 pm** tomorrow, **Monday, 23 November**.

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 is a readers' workshop at **4.00 pm** this (Sunday) afternoon, starting in the Parish House basement, then moving into the church. (Tea and coffee is 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.

Advent
Christmas begins with Midnight Mass. Before that we celebrate the season of Advent, which begins next **Sunday, 29 November**. It is a period of spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. To help us prepare, we have:

1. Our annual Rorate Mass at **7.00 am** on **Wednesday, 9 December** – a chanted Mass by candlelight. A beautiful preparation in company with Our Lady for the coming of the Christ Child. Followed by tea, coffee and croissants in the Parish House basement.
2. A visiting priest, Fr. Gerard Sheehan, available to hear Confessions at all four Sunday Masses on the weekend of **12/13 December**.
3. Please help yourselves to one of the Advent calendars at the back of church. They are Advent calendars with a difference. Each day the calendar suggests an item we collect for the needy. When we arrive at Christmas, please bring your donations here and they will be distributed to the 130 families relying on the White City parish food bank.

Catholic Curry Club
The Catholic Curry Club is for dads with children of primary school age or under. We meet next in the Parish House basement at **8.00 pm** on **Thursday, 3 December**. The speaker is known to many of you. Imogen Lavelle is the Head at the Good Shepherd School. She will give some helpful hints on how to be a dad, gathered both from her family life and time at the School. For information or to place your curry order, please contact Dario at darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk

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, 158-160***

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46

Psalm:23 Response: The LORD is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia.**
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia.

Church cleaning: Saturday, 28 November: Elettra, Cecilia & Catherine.

Mass Intentions for Week: 21 - 29 November 2026

Saturday, 21 November	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
Monday, 23 November	9.30	Sr. Joanna Whooley, RIP
Tuesday, 24 November	9.30	Patrick Walsh, RIP
St Andrew Dung-Lac		
Wednesday, 25 November	7.00	Michael, Agnes & Breeda Devine, RIP
Thursday, 26 November	19.00	Marie Olga Salvaggio, RIP
Friday, 27 November	9.30	John Brick, Anniv.
Saturday, 28 November	9.30	Bozena Pinto, Anniv.
	18.00	Confirmandi
Sunday, 29 November	9:15	Junior & Kelvin Lewis, RIP
First Sunday of Advent	11:00	Nellie Burke, 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.

Food Bank Donations

We collect donations (non-perishable food, toiletries and cleaning products) for the food bank run out of Our Lady of Fatima parish in White City. With winter approaching, they are in urgent need of donations. 130 families rely on them each week and their store room is currently empty. Donations are greatly empty – they can be left in the crate in our church porch.

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 hope to 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. Please let Fr. Mark know if you are interested in attending.

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.

Catholic Primary School Applications

Fr. Mark is available in the Parish House to sign priest references for primary school applications: **6-8 pm** this **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.