



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

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
10:00 - 14:00

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Sat 10.00-10.45 am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

First Saturday: 8.45 am - suspended

Rosary

After 9.30 am daily Mass during the week

Confessions

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Sat 10.15-10.45 am,

5.15-5.45 pm

or by request

Baptism

See Parish Priest

Preparation obligatory

Marriage

See Parish Priest

Six months' notice required

Preparation obligatory

Last week's collection

£912.55

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Fr. Mark writes: As part of our programme for adults wanting to receive sacraments or become Catholics we watched Bishop Robert Barron's video on who God truly is. It was challenging, overturning many assumptions. Bishop Barron's main point is that we can't control God nor force Him to act according to our assumptions. That can be a problem for the modern world where people want to control everything – even although logically we know we can't. James and John in the Gospel want to be in control. Jesus has to remind them that they haven't understood His message if this is what they are asking. It is about service, not power. A message He lives out: 'the Son of Man Himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.'

Planned Giving Campaign

Today is the final week of our planned giving campaign. On your bench is a leaflet containing a commitment form. It is an invitation to consider how we can support our parish through both volunteering and giving. There is a standing order form in the leaflet to set up a standing order or increase the amount you give. This can also be done through online banking/your app. Our bank details are: WRCDT The Holy Ghost & St Stephen; 40-05-20; 71308475. Please give the reference as your surname and initials. If you pay UK income tax or Capital Gains Tax, please complete and return the Gift Aid declaration. (The parish can reclaim a further 25p for each £1 you give at no extra cost to yourself.) There are members of the parish Finance Committee at the table at the back of church at the end of Mass to collect your completed forms and answer any questions you may have. Thank-you.

Adoremus

There will be an hour's silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament after the 6.00 pm Mass this (Sunday) evening with the opportunity for Confession, finishing with Benediction at 7.45 pm.

Catholic Curry Club

The Catholic Curry Club is for dads with children of primary school age or under. It meets next at **8.00 pm this Thursday, 24 October**. Canon John O'Leary is a former parish priest of Shepherd's Bush who is now Rector of Allen Hall seminary, training the next generation of priests. It will be good to hear how the priests who will serve us and our children are recruited and trained. Please contact Dario at darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk for further information or to place your curry order.

Children's Liturgy Group

The Children's Liturgy Group for those between Reception and making their First Communion in Year 3 meets during the 9.15 am Mass. It will take a break for the next two Sundays for school half-term, and resume on **Sunday, 10 November**.

Our Beloved Dead

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

1. **Saturday, 2 November** is **All Souls Day** when we offer Mass for the Holy Souls at **9.30 am**.
2. There are Holy Souls envelopes at the back of church. If you take one and return it with a list of your deceased family and friends and any Mass offering, Mass will be offered for them.
3. Our Parish Requiem Mass is at **7.00 pm on Friday, 8 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 have contacted the families to invite them to the Mass.
4. **Sunday, 10 November** is **Remembrance Sunday**. The **11.00 am** Mass will be a Requiem for the war dead.
5. We have a sung Requiem Mass with professional musicians at **7.00 pm on Friday, 22 November**.

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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

07746 697132

shepherdsbushsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Planned giving scheme

(envelopes/standing orders)

Gary O'Brien

07392 203005

St. Vincent De Paul (SVP)

Mobile: 07925 560538

Mums & Toddlers

Fri. 10.30 am monthly

Contact Ellie

ashchurchmums@gmail.com

Young dads group

Thurs. 8.00 pm monthly

darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk

Young adults' group

Monthly, Sun. evenings

shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk

Sunday Scriptures

Fridays, 4.45-5.45 pm

For further information:

jroberts@thetablet.co.uk

Sunday Scriptures Group

This group meets in the Parish House at **4.45 pm** on Fridays to reflect on the Sunday Scripture readings. You are very welcome to join them.

Food Bank

Many thanks for your generous donations. Please keep them coming. They are literally a lifeline to many families. We are looking especially for non-perishable foods, toiletries, laundry and cleaning products.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

Psalms 32 Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;

no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Friday, 25 October: Mary & Rose.

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Mass Intentions for Week: 19 - 27 October 2024

Saturday, 19 October	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 20 October	9:15	Gerry Read, RIP
	11:00	Paul McCarthy, Anniv.
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 21 October	9.30	Iaria Medda, int.
Tuesday, 22 October	9.30	Martin & Solomon Roach, int.
Wednesday, 23 October	7.00	Patrick Gallon, Anniv.
Thursday 24 October	19.00	Della Panting, int.
Friday, 25 October	9.30	Leposa Jankovich
Saturday, 26 October	9.30	Mary Leslie - In thanksgiving
	18.00	John Marshall, Anniv.
Sunday, 27 October	9:15	Colin & Yvonne Williams, int.
	11:00	Pro populo
	18.00	Claire McNeill, int.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Christopher Browne, Dorothy Coker, Joe Davenport, Pasquale de Stefano, Kay Gleeson, John Harrington, Kay Healy, Mary Hill, Sandra Jones, Anna McCarthy, Maria Nicholls, John O'Neill, Harriet Paterson, Michael Phelan, Sally Pilkington, Nigel Quinnen, Ella Shaw, Jay St Clair, Rose Stanislaus, Gemma Sweny, Ashley Walker, Laura Walsh, Ellen White, Natalie Williams & the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents

Catholic Primary School Applications

Fr. Mark is available in the Parish House to sign priest references for Catholic primary school applications: **4-6 pm on Wednesday, 13 November; 2-4 pm on Saturday, 23 November; and 6-8 pm on Monday, 16 December.** 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, please E-Mail Lawrence, the catechist, at shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk indicating which of the three sessions you can attend. He will confirm the time. In seeking a reference, you are asking the priest to confirm 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.

Mass Count

The overall number at Mass on an average Sunday in the parish is up slightly on last year at 545. There are some noticeable trends over recent years. The numbers attending the Saturday evening Mass have been falling, while those at the 9.15 am Mass have risen sharply.

9.15 Mass: Tea & Coffee

Tea and coffee are served in the Parish House basement after the 9.15 Mass on Sundays. We need volunteers to join the rota to help set up, serve and clear away. If you can help, please contact Amelia on 07800529982 ameliahartog@gmail.com

World Mission Sunday

Due to the planned giving campaign, we will postpone World Mission Sunday until next week. The Pope invites us to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics throughout the world to share the Gospel with its power to transform lives and change the world. There will be a second collection at the end of Mass next week, or you can visit www.missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 during office hours. There are Gift Aid envelopes at the back of church.