



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

Confessions
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

£1,223.03

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

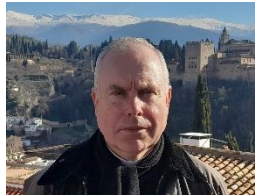
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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



Fr. Mark writes: The Babylonian Exile was one of the worst things to befall the People of God. The Promised Land, the Temple in Jerusalem, were part of their identity. How could this happen? Did God exist? Didn't He care for them? In exile, they had to learn to depend on God in a new and personal way, unrelated to place. Then God ends their exile in the most wonderful and unexpected manner. We understand life on earth to be, in a certain sense, a time of exile.

Learning to live in dependence on God, we look forward to His leading us to our heavenly homeland.

Planned Giving Campaign

Thank-you very much indeed to everyone who responded so generously to our planned giving campaign. If you took a form last week, you can return it to Fr. Mark at the end of Mass. (There are more forms at the back of church. If you wish to set up a standing order 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 are a UK taxpayer, please complete and return the Gift Aid declaration. Thank-you again for your support.

World Mission Sunday

The Pope invites us to support Missio, his charity for world mission. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites all Catholics in sharing the Gospel with its power to transform lives and change the world. There is 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.

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 this Sunday and next for school half-term, and resume on **Sunday, 10 November**.

All Saints' Day

This **Friday, 1 November** is All Saints' Day, a holy day of obligation when all Catholics should be at Mass. There are Masses at **7.00 pm** on **Thursday** and **9.30 am** and **7.00 pm** on **Friday**.

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** and **12 noon**.
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**.

Hand Missals

The translation of the Scripture readings used at Mass changes from Advent. There are copies of hand missals with the new translation available in the Repository for £17.50. Other editions will be available shortly together copies of the hand missal on the trollies for use at Mass.

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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

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

Psalm 125 Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Saturday, 2 November:

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Mass Intentions for Week: 26 October - 3 November 2024

Saturday, 26 October	18.00	John Marshall, Anniv.
Sunday, 27 October	9:15	Colin & Yvonne Williams, int.
	11:00	Pro populo
	18.00	Claire McNeill, int.
Monday, 28 October	9.30	Sarah Carr, int.
<i>Ss. Simon & Jude</i>		
Tuesday, 29 October	9.30	Norah Brick, RIP
<i>Blessed Martyrs of Douai</i>		
Wednesday, 30 October	7.00	James Moran, Anniv.
Thursday 31 October	19.00	Frank Tivadar
Friday, 1 November	9.30	Deceased Members of the Downey family, RIP
<i>All Saints</i>	19.00	Ronnie Dingwall, RIP
Saturday, 2 November	9.30	Holy Souls
<i>All Souls</i>	12.00	Holy Souls
	18.00	Sylvia Etienne, Anniv.
Sunday, 3 November	9:15	Paul Doherty, Anniv.
	11:00	Jack & Bridget Downey, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo

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.

Baptism

Welcome to Madeline Simon, who is baptised this weekend.

The next baptism preparation sessions for parents attending Mass here looking to have young children baptised will be in the Parish House at **7.30 pm on Monday, 18 and 25 November.** If you attend both sessions, we can arrange a date after the second.

Assisted Suicide

The current bill before Parliament on assisted suicide is one of the most serious moral debates in recent years. Please do contact your MP prior to the crucial vote expected in the third week of November. I attach some notes you may find helpful. I have also put copies at the back of church of an excellent article, 'A life or death question,' by Andrew Hawkins.

Our parishioner, Brian McGreevy, a GP, gave an excellent talk on the subject to the dads' group a few months ago. I am very grateful that he has agreed to return to give the talk to the parish as a whole. He will do so in the Parish House basement at **4.30 pm next Sunday, 3 November.** Tea and coffee will be available at the start. Please do join us, if you can.