



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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12 January 2025

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:

Sun 7.00-7.45 pm

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

First Saturday: 8.45 am - suspended

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

Last week's collection

£1,323.12

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

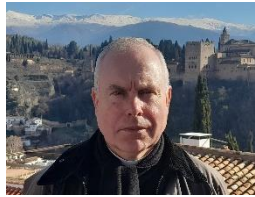
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Baptism of the Lord - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: We move swiftly from the Crib in Bethlehem to the banks of the Jordan as Our Lord is baptised by His cousin John. Isaiah had already foretold the kind of person the Christ would be. He will establish justice – wrongs will be righted and the wicked punished. Yet the small and vulnerable have no reason to fear. The Messiah will be compassionate and tender towards those who find life a burden difficult to bear. He will bring healing and liberty to those who suffer in this life. Let us not be afraid to approach Him as He begins His public ministry.

Welcome

Congratulations to Athena Arbuthnott and Ida Mahon, who are baptised this weekend.

Brian Hanley & Ellen ('Nelly') McGill, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Brian Hanley and Nelly McGill. Brian's funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am on Tuesday, 28 January**. Ellen's funeral Mass will be at **9.30 am on Wednesday, 5 February**.

Crib Offerings

The basket by the Crib is for offerings to the Catholic Children's Society. It helps local families struggling to put food on the table, keep warm, and provide a safe home for their children. You can donate at the Crib or via the website www.cathchild.org.uk/crib Thank-you for your generosity.

White Flower Appeal 2025

Next weekend we have an appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). SPUC exists to protect unborn life through initiatives in education, legislation and culture, seeking to restore a respect for the sanctity of human life in our society. Please be generous in helping SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers. There are postcards at the back on church calling on the Government to adhere to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Catholic Book Club

Lawrence, the parish catechist, is proposing running a book club in the parish – probably meeting in the Parish House at 4.30 pm on Thursday afternoons. The suggestion is to start with one of the works of Caryl Houselander, whom I consider one of the greatest English Catholic writers of the twentieth century. If you are interested, please contact Lawrence at shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.uk The first meeting will be at **4.30 pm on Thursday, 23 January**.

Catholic Curry Club

The Catholic Curry Club is for dads with children of primary school age and under. We meet monthly in the Parish House basement for a talk followed by curry. The parish of White City is very different from our parish of Shepherd's Bush. Fr. Richard Nesbitt is the parish priest there. He will speak to us at **8.00 pm on Thursday, 30 January** about the food bank and other social projects run from the parish. (This talk is being rescheduled from before Christmas when it clashed with other events.) For further or to place your curry order, please contact Dario at darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk

Confirmation

Bishop Jim Curry will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation here at **12 noon on Saturday, 21 June 2025**. The programme, for those in school Year 9+ attending Mass here each Sunday, begins with a parents' meeting in church at **7.30 pm on Monday, 27 January**. The candidates then meet in the Parish House basement at 7.30 pm on Monday evenings during school term-time. There are application forms and programmes at the back of church. Please return with the fee of £50 and, if not baptised here, a copy of their baptism certificate, as soon as possible.

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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. All are welcome to attend.

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 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Psalm 29: Response: The LORD will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:

'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'.

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Friday, 17 January: Mary & Rose.

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Mass Intentions for Week: 11 - 19 January 2025

Saturday, 11 January	18.00	John Keane, Anniv.
Sunday, 12 January	9:15	Pro populo
Baptism of the Lord	11:00	Costello family, int
	18.00	Michael Phelan, RIP
Monday, 13 January	9.30	Holy Souls
Tuesday, 14 January	9.30	Ruby Roach, int.
Wednesday, 15 January	7.00	Timmy O'Connor, RIP
Thursday, 16 January	19.00	Neil, Siobhan & Emma Panting, int.
Friday, 17 January	9.30	Gerard & Patricia Burke & family, int.
St Anthony		
Saturday, 18 January	9.30	Tesfay family, int.
	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 19 January	9:15	Michael Phelan, RIP
	11:00	Micil Nee, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

Christopher Browne, Joe Davenport, Pasquale de Stefano, Adrian Duggan, Kay Gleeson, John Harrington, Kay Healy, Mary Hill, Anna McCarthy, Maria Nicholls, John O'Neill, Harriet Paterson, Jay St Clair, Rose Stanislaus, Gemma Sweny, Laura Walsh, & the Chiswick Nursing Centre residents

Marriage Preparation

Catholics should marry in church to receive God's graces and blessings. Provided we are free to marry, the process need not be expensive nor complicated. At least one of you must be a baptised Catholic and both understand and agree with the Church's teaching on marriage. The couple must attend a marriage preparation course. We have a course here over two Saturday afternoons, **2-5 pm, 1 and 8 February** for couples marrying either here or elsewhere during 2025. (This is the only course we provide during the year.) Please let Fr. Mark know if you would like to attend.

Messy Family Project

The Messy Family Project is run by Mike and Alicia Hernon in the US to empower parents to embrace their sacred calling. They are speaking at number of venues in the UK in March. On **Thursday, 6 March, 8-9.30 pm**, they will speak on 'Growing a Family Culture' at the Good Shepherd School. Hopefully, this will be preceded by a light meal. No fee, but donations are invited to cover costs. A number of parents of young children have already expressed an interest. Please let Fr. Mark know if you wish to attend. For more details see <https://messyfamilyproject.org/>

Parish Sick List

I normally revisit the sick list above at the beginning of each year as there are often a number of names we are given without then receiving any subsequent updates. I am very happy to restore or to add new names if there are people whom we should be praying for. Just let me know. (Please ensure that you have the permission of the person concerned before requesting their name to be added to the prayer list.)

Magnificat

Are you looking for something to aid your spiritual life in the New Year? Many of our parishioners benefit from a subscription to *Magnificat*. For £65 pa you receive 13 issues (monthly with a special edition for Holy Week) with the readings and prayers for daily Mass, morning and evening prayer, hymns, spiritual reflections and pieces on Catholic art and the saints. Each issue fits easily into a pocket or handbag. To take out a subscription, visit www.magnificat.com or call 020 3882 9432.