



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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19 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

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

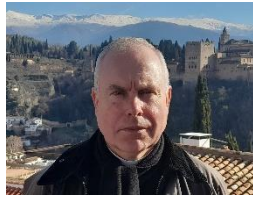
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: We are the Catholic, the universal, Church, spanning history and the globe. How do you bring together 1.4 billion Catholics with any degree of cohesion? Of course, we don't. It is the work of the Holy Spirit, as St Paul makes clear. Both unity and diversity are fundamental Catholic principles. The question should always be: are we using legitimate differences for the benefit of the wider. It is supposed to have been St Augustine who expressed it best: in the essentials, unity; in the non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.

White Flower Appeal 2025

Today 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.

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**. Nelly's funeral Mass will be at **9.30 am on Wednesday, 5 February**.

Crib Offerings

Thank-you to everyone who donated to the Crib offerings over the Christmas season. We raised £515.52, which goes to the Catholic Children's Society, helping local families struggling to put food on the table, keep warm, and provide a safe home for their children.

Daily Mass Times

Please note that Mass tomorrow, **Monday, 20 January** will be at the earlier time of **7.00 am**.

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**.

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.

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

Last week's collection

£1,255.04

Thank-you

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

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

Input, discussion and curry

dariosposito79@yahoo.co.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 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

Psalm 96 Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

God called us through the gospel,

so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Church cleaning: Saturday, 25 January: Akosua, Alexandra & Carmelina.

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Mass Intentions for Week: 18 - 26 January 2025

Saturday, 18 January	18.00	Gleeson family, RIP
Sunday, 19 January	9:15	Michael Phelan, RIP
	11:00	Micil Nee, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 20 January	7.00	Nancy Mitchell, int.
Tuesday, 21 January	9.30	Tom Kirwan, RIP
<i>St Agnes</i>		
Wednesday, 22 January	7.00	Moran family, int.
Thursday, 23 January	19.00	Della & Roy Panting & family, int.
Friday, 24 January	9.30	Chris Maxwell-Stewart, RIP
<i>St Francis de Sales</i>		
Saturday, 25 January	9.30	Mary Leslie, int.
<i>Conversion of St Paul</i>		
	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 26 January	9:15	Elizabeth Ryan, Anniv.
	11:00	Coilin Nee, RIP
	18.00	Maria Samele, Anniv.

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

Magnificat

Many parishioners benefit from a subscription to *Magnificat*. For £65 pa you receive 13 issues (monthly with a Holy Week special edition) with the daily Mass readings and prayers, morning and evening prayer, hymns, spiritual reflections and pieces on Catholic art and the saints. To take out a subscription, visit www.magnificat.com or call 020 3882 9432.

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.

Mums' and Toddlers' Group

The Mums' and Toddlers' Group meets next in the Parish House basement at **10.30 am on Friday, 31 January**. For further information, please contact Ellie at ashchurchmums@gmail.com

Lourdes Mass

Cardinal Nichols will celebrate Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes in the Cathedral at **2.00 pm on Saturday, 8 February**. Anointing will be offered to the sick. Spaces will be reserved for wheelchair users and the walking sick who are looking to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, together with those assisting them. Please let us know if you require seats reserved and in which category.

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/>