



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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9 February 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

£1,256.97

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

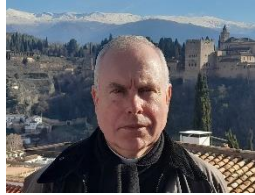
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: Following his conversion, St Paul travelled, preached, and wrote ceaselessly. Only two things mattered to him. The first is the core message of the Gospel, which he shares today with the early Christians in Corinth – as he does with everyone he encounters: ‘Christ died for our sins ... He was buried ... He was raised on the third day’. We too should never lose hold of this fundamental message, always sharing it with others. The second thing which concerns Paul passionately is the effect the Gospel has had on him. He has gone from being a persecutor to God’s chosen instrument: ‘it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me’.

Mary Costello & Andy Forkin, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Costello and Andy Forkin. Mary’s funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am** this **Friday, 14 February**. (This will take the place of the 9.30 am parish Mass on Friday.) Andy’s funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am** on **Friday, 28 February**.

Winter Warmer: 23 February

The group who put on teas and coffees are proposing to host a curry lunch (with a variety of curries and puddings) in the Parish House basement at **12 noon** on **Sunday, 23 February**. Proceeds will go to the charity Mary’s Meals, feeding hungry children around the world. Tickets (limited to 22 adults) are £10 for adults, £3 for children and are available from Nova Ferguson at novadferguson@gmail.com

Baptism Preparation Sessions

Children should be baptised in the first weeks of their lives. We have baptism preparation sessions in the Parish House basement at **7.30 pm** on **Wednesday, 26** and **Thursday, 27 February** for parents attending Mass each Sunday. If you have not attended baptism preparation for an older child, you should do so now, and we can arrange a date for the baptism after the second session.

Jubilee Year

Every 25 years the Church celebrates a Jubilee Year, marking the anniversary of the Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Its roots are in the Old Testament – an understanding that periodically we must reset our relationship with God and seek to correct injustices. It is a moment of joy. The theme of this particular jubilee has been designated as that of hope – a commodity often in short supply today – realising that Christian hope is based always in Our Lord Jesus Christ, His Resurrection and offer of eternal life.

Pilgrimage is a theme of jubilee years. It is a good opportunity to visit Rome. The Diocese has organised a pilgrimage route. ‘the Westminster Way’, from the Tower of London to the Cathedral for those who wish to walk the path of the saints who lived and gave their lives in London. I will be accompanying some of the children from the Good Shepherd School on pilgrimage to the Cathedral next month.

In jubilee years we celebrate especially the mercy of God and indulgences are offered from His overflowing treasury of mercy. To gain the indulgence, we must go to Confession to be purified of our sins, receive Holy Communion reverently, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

More information on the Jubilee Year is available at <https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>

Pilgrimage prayer:

Father in heaven, may the faith You have given us in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of Your kingdom. May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the power of evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken within us, pilgrims of hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To You, our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Readings at Sunday Mass

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11

Psalm 138 Response: In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!****Follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of men.
Alleluia!**

Church cleaning: Saturday, 15 February: Nancy, Harriet & Amanda.

Parish OfficeMonday, 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

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(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

darioesposito79@yahoo.co.uk**Sunday Scriptures**

Fridays, 4.45-5.45 pm

For further information:

jroberts@thetablet.co.uk**Catholic Book Club**

Contact Lawrence

shepherdsbushcat@rcdow.org.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.**Mass Intentions for Week: 8 - 16 February 2025**

Saturday, 8 February	18.00	Phyllis Cooke & family, int
Sunday, 9 February	9:15	Sybil Jordan, int.
	11:00	Michael Nee, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo
Monday, 10 February	9.30	John Harrington, int.
<i>St. Scholastica</i>		
Tuesday, 11 February	9.30	Phyllis Cooke, int.
<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>		
Wednesday, 12 February	7.00	In hon. St Jude
Thursday, 13 February	19.00	Roy & Della Panting, int.
Friday, 14 February	11.00	Mary Costello, RIP: Funeral Mass
<i>Ss Cyril & Methodius</i>		
Saturday, 15 February	9.30	Mary O'Connell, RIP
	18.00	Noreen Keane, Anniv.
Sunday, 16 February	9:15	In Thanksgiving
	11:00	Patrick & Bridget Costello, RIP
	18.00	Pro populo

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

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

Messy Family ProjectThe 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. This will be preceded by a light meal. No fee, but donations are invited to cover costs. It will be worth attending for the content, but also for the opportunity to meet one another, which we don't always have at Sunday Mass. A number of parents of young children have already expressed an interest, and I encourage you to join us. Please let me know if you wish to attend. For more details see <https://messyfamilyproject.org/>**Thanksgiving for Matrimony**The Cardinal invites couples celebrating significant anniversaries during 2025 to join him in Westminster Cathedral for a Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony at **2.30 pm** on **Saturday, 17 May**. Couples are invited to renew their marital commitment, and we pray for them and their families. If you wish to attend, please let me have: your names, full postal address, wedding date and E-Mail address (or telephone number). A personal invitation will then be sent to you closer to the date.***Ave, Regina Caelorum***

The anthem to Our Lady at the end of the 11 am Mass from now until Easter is given below and in the booklet at the back of church:

Ave, Regina caelorum,
Ave, Domina angelorum:
Salve radix, salve porta,
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:
Gaude Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciose:
Vale, o valde decora,
Et pro nobis Christum.Hail, Queen of heaven
Hail, Mistress of the angels:
Hail the root and gate
Through which rose the Light of the world.
Rejoice, glorious Virgin,
Beautiful above all others:
Farewell, O fairest one,
And pray for us to Christ.