



Catholic Church of the Holy Ghost & St. Stephen

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23 March 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

£1,306.49

CAFOD

£568.80

Thank-you

Parish Priest: **Fr. Mark Vickers**

Parish Secretary: **Sherry Samele**

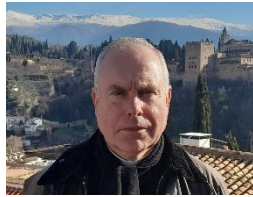
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Third Sunday of Lent - Year C



Fr. Mark writes: The passage from the Book of Exodus seems at the start to be similar to other accounts of the gods in the religions of the ancient world: a miraculous revelation – a burning bush which is never burnt. It quickly becomes apparent, however, that something very different is happening here. God identifies himself, not as one of the mythical gods of the ancient world, but as the God with whom Moses is already familiar: 'I am the God of your fathers.' There is already a relationship. Moses knows who God is and can trust Him. He has shown a particular care for the people of Israel down the ages. And, so unlike the mythical gods of the ancient world, the one, true God is aware of the current sufferings of His people. He cares and He proposes to do something about it, working through Moses. He is revealed as a God of compassion – whom we come to know fully in the Person of Jesus Christ.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2025

Thank-you to everyone who has donated to the Cardinal's Lent Appeal. Donations support vital projects across the Diocese: Youth & Evangelisation; Social Action; Marriage & Family Life, and Catholic Education initiatives. The Cardinal is grateful to everyone who supported his Appeal. If anyone else wishes to do so, there are donation envelopes at the back of the church or you can give online at <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/cardinals-appeal/>

Walsingham

Walsingham in Norfolk is the National Shrine of Our Lady. Known as 'England's Nazareth', it has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries since Our Lady first appeared to the lady of the manor, Richeldis, asking for a replica of the Holy House to be built where the Angel had appeared to Mary. The Bishops have asked for a national collection to support the Shrine's work. There is a second collection after Mass or you can give online at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/support-shrine/> Better still, in this Jubilee when the Pope encourages us to be 'pilgrims of hope' why not make your own pilgrimage to Walsingham?

The Annunciation

This **Tuesday, 25 March** is the Feast of the Annunciation, when we celebrate the fact that Mary's 'Yes' to God brought salvation to the world. We will be joined at the **9.30 am** Mass by children from the Good Shepherd School.

Mums and Toddlers Group

The mums and toddlers group meets in the Parish House basement at **10.30 am** this **Friday, 28 March** to share friendship and faith. Other mums and toddlers are very welcome to join them. For further information, please contact Ellie at ashchurchmums@gmail.com

Stations of the Cross

We pray the Stations of the Cross together, following Our Lord on His path to Calvary, in church at **7.30 pm** on **Fridays** during Lent.

Confessions

All Catholics should be making use of the sacrament of Confession during Lent. Confessions are heard at the normal times of 5.15-5.45 pm on Saturdays and 6.45-7.45 pm on Sundays. A visiting priest, Fr Gerard Sheehan, will be available to hear Confessions at all the Sunday Masses next weekend.

Thomas Murray & Anthony Bedeau, RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Thomas Murray and Anthony Bedeau. Thomas's funeral Mass will be at **11.30 am** on **Monday, 31 March**. Anthony's funeral Mass will be at **11.00 am** on **Friday, 11 April**.

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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

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

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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

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

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Luke 13:1-9

Psalm 103 Response: The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God, Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

Church cleaning: Saturday, 29 March: Carmelina, Alexandra & Nojan.

Mass Intentions for Week: 22 - 30 March 2025

Saturday, 22 March	18.00	Pro populo
Sunday, 23 March	9:15	Jahamall & Julian Jordan, int.
<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	11:00	Annie Flynn, Anniv.
	18.00	Marie Linehan, RIP
Monday, 24 March	9.30	Patricia Burke, int.
Tuesday, 25 March	9.30	Holy Souls, RIP
<i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>		
Wednesday, 26 March	7.00	Mary & James O'Neill, RIP
Thursday, 27 March	19.00	John Bergin, RIP
Friday, 28 March	9.30	John Brick, RIP
Saturday, 29 March	9.30	Andrew, Joan & Paddy O'Neill, RIP
	18.00	Gleeson Family, RIP
Sunday, 30 March	9:15	Pro populo
<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	11:00	Mary Sweeney, RIP
	18.00	Tom Cooke, RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:

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

Passion Play

RISE Theatre, who evangelise through drama, will be putting on their 2025 Passion Play in the Parish Centre at Our Lady of Fatima, White City W12 7QR at **7.00 pm on Tuesday, 1 April**. Tickets are £5 with all proceeds going to Mary's Meals and CAFOD. (Not suitable for young children.) Please see the poster at the back of church for further details.

Thanksgiving for Matrimony

The Cardinal invites couples celebrating significant anniversaries during 2025 to a Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony in Westminster Cathedral for 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 be sent to you closer to the date.

Lourdes Pilgrimage: 25 July- 1 August

Cardinal Nichols will lead the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine at Lourdes this summer. Registration forms are available at <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane or train are available. There are many volunteering opportunities for those who wish to serve. Applications to join this year's pilgrimage must be submitted by **30 April**.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The boxes of the new planned giving envelopes, for use from Sunday, 6 April, are available for collection from the table at the back of church at the end of Mass. Please let us know if you have changed address; have ceased/begun to pay tax in the last year; are new in the parish and would like to set up a standing order or have a box of envelopes; or have any other questions. We are grateful to everyone who supports the parish in any way. However, handling and banking cash becomes increasingly difficult and expensive. Setting up a standing order, for those able to do so, avoids these issues. Planned giving is a vital source of parish income as the Government refunds the parish the basic rate UK income tax you have already paid at no extra cost to yourself. Thank-you to all those who support the parish.