

## SERVICES THIS WEEK – MAY 2024

<b>SUNDAY</b> 19 May	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>PENTECOST</b> <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed (see <a href="http://www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk">www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk</a> for link)</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 20 May	9.15am	Mass	<b>Mary, Mother of the Church</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 21 May	9.15am	Mass	<b>St Christopher</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 22 May	7.30am 12noon	Mass Mass	<b>St Rita of Cascia</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 23 May	9.15am	Mass	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, Eternal High Priest</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 24 May	9.15am <b>6.30pm</b>	Mass	<b>CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 25 May	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass Mass	<b>St Bede the Venerable</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 26 May	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass Mass	<b>MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>

<b>ROSARY</b>	After Morning Masses Monday to Saturday
<b>EXPOSITION/private prayer</b>	<b>Wed: 10–11.50am; Fri 10-11am; 5-5.50pm; Sat 9.45-11am</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	At the above time of adoration & on request
<b>PRAYER GROUPS (in Chapel)</b>	Charismatic Prayer Group - Monday evenings 7pm.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Peace & reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Palestine, Sudan, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Ethiopia, Yemen, Syria and other countries in crisis at this time.
- Release for all hostages in the war in Israel & Palestine, and other political prisoners in the world
- For all those God is calling to the priesthood and religious life.
- All Christians being persecuted around the world, for example in Nigeria, Nicaragua, Pakistan, India, Burkina Faso, Sudan, China and so many other countries at this time.
- All those affected by the cost of living crisis in our local community and beyond.
- All those affected by famine in Sudan and other parts of the world.
- All who have died recently & all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- All refugees and migrants – that they may find a place of sanctuary.
- The sick, housebound and most vulnerable members of our parish community.
- CAFOD, Mary's Meals, Caritas, Friends of the Holy Land & the Catholic Children's Society.
- Our First Holy Communion and Confirmation families in these final weeks/days of preparation.
- All involved in our parish Alpha course.
- All our young people taking public examinations at this time.
- Deacon Robert and all preparing for ordination to the priesthood in the near future.

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## Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church - White City

**Parish Priest: Fr Richard Nesbitt | Assistant Priest: Fr Ephrem Andom**  
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### PENTECOST – COME HOLY SPIRIT!

We celebrate this weekend the great feast of Pentecost - the final step of our Eastertide journey. We hear how the disciples were transformed from a fragile, fear-filled community locked up in the Upper Room to a bold and fearless group of missionaries who burst out into the streets of Jerusalem to proclaim the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. On that Pentecost day they began a revolution of love which would spread like purifying fire across the face of the earth.

This is the power of the Holy Spirit - the life-giving breath of the Church which brought her into existence and sustains her day by day. Indeed it has been said that without the Spirit the Church would be a corpse! In the same way our spiritual life cannot survive and flourish without the Holy Spirit. Every Christian journey begins with the gift of the Holy Spirit at baptism, which is later strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation – a gift which should grow ever stronger in us. And so we should always pray for a renewal of the Holy Spirit within us – so that we and our whole world may be transformed by the power of God's love.

The disciples' mission is also our mission – to reveal the merciful face of God, the compassionate, forgiving God who wants to liberate us from sin and give life, eternal life to all who accept him. The Spirit transforms and inspires us to love as Jesus loves. There is a life-changing power in this love. Come Holy Spirit – fall afresh on us!

In a special way, we pray for our 13 Confirmation candidates who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Friday evening. It is especially challenging for teenagers in our very secular society to witness openly to their Christian faith – these fine young parishioners need our prayers & encouragement. And we need their fresh faith and desire to serve the parish and Christ. Come Holy Spirit! Renew us all!

**With prayers - Fr Richard, Fr Ephrem, Deacon Robert and all the parish team**

## IN THE PARISH...

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: PENTECOST SUNDAY** (Pg 290 Parish Mass book) Acts 2: 1-11.; Psalm 103: Response: **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.** 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23 *The Risen Christ appears to the disciples. They receive the Holy Spirit.*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: MOST HOLY TRINITY** (Pg 83 Parish Mass book) Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40; Psalm 32: Response: **Happy the Lord has chosen as his own.** Romans 8: 14-17; Matthew 28: 16-20 *The Great Commission – Go, make disciples of all the nations and baptise them...*

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1500.37**; Loose: £421.53; Planned Giving: £373.26; On-line donations: £504.58; Contactless machine: £201.00. It costs over £8,000 a month/ £2,000 a week to cover just the parish's basic running costs. We don't receive money from the diocese/Vatican /Government but rely 100% on your support.

**HUGE THANKS** to the incredibly kind parishioners who have offered to cover the costs of the **new Lectionary books** the parish needs to buy!

**PENTECOST CAKE SALE today after 9 & 11 am Mass.** Many thanks!

**On Line Donations Account Name: WRCDT White City Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 31264990.** A regular standing order is a great way to help the parish. Use the parish bank account details above. Add your surname/first name as a reference. Tax payers - gift aid your donation! Email [giftaid@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:giftaid@rcdow.org.uk) with: the name of your parish (White City); your title, first name/surname; address & postcode; date of your gift, or start date of standing order; the amount; please add the line: 'Please gift aid my donations'. Many thanks indeed – this is a HUGE help.

### OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS:

**Saturdays at 1.00pm** in our Parish Centre Free friendly community lunch run by FoodCycle charity (see [www.foodcycle.org.uk](http://www.foodcycle.org.uk)). Veggie Lunch & take-home bags. A very special community time with lots of friendly faces and really delicious freshly cooked food. All welcome!

**White City Community Food Hub - Mondays** in our parish centre. Doors open: 10.30am & the food is usually distributed from 11.30am. You need to be registered and live in W12 – bring proof of address and ID.

**The WEDNESDAY WARM WELCOME FAMILY HUB** Weds 3.30 – 6pm in the parish centre. Sports for children, arts & crafts, baking plus upcycling & for parents. Simple supper too! Children must be with a parent/carer.

**THE THURSDAY CLUB** for our older parishioners/local residents meets Thursdays 10am – 12noon in the parish centre. Social time, knitting, chair exercises with Carol.

**The debate around the potential legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia** is becoming more and more intense in our country. The Isle of Man may become the first part of the UK to take this step. This week there was a very personal and powerful TV documentary presented by the actor and disability rights activist Liz Carr, arguing the case against assisted suicide/euthanasia. Highly recommended – you can watch it on **BBC iPlayer – Better off Dead with Liz Carr**. We really need to be well informed on this key issue & understand why it would be such a disaster.

**OUR PARISH CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION** takes place this week on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm**. We will once again be joined by Bishop Michael Campbell. You are all very warmly invited to join with the family & friends of our 12 teenage candidates. Please keep them in your prayers during these final days of preparation – Dinis, Cameron, Winnereth, Roseanne, Ruby, Maria, Charlie, Miracle, Olivia, Claribelle, Lani & Mimi. Also one of the adults from our RCIA group – Renard, who was away at Easter – will be confirmed/received into the Church.

**UNBOUND DELIVERANCE MINISTRY** – we are very blessed that Fr Antonio Ritaccio and his team are coming to our parish on **the evening of Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May/during the day on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June**. The Unbound Deliverance Ministry is an opportunity for anyone suffering from mental and spiritual wounds to find freedom and healing in Christ. Too often we bear the weight of past wounds - however, through this powerful ministry we can be set free of them. See flyer/poster at back of church for full details.

**Fr Richard writes...** I have been asked by the diocese to take on a new role in addition to being parish priest at Our Lady of Fatima. Following the recent death of Fr Michael Daley, parish priest of Holy Cross, Parsons Green, I will be the 'Parochial Administrator' of Holy Cross until a new parish priest is appointed. This essentially means offering support to their parish team and helping with the ongoing administration and any emergencies in the parish. I start this week and will find out what this all means in practice. I imagine that I may need to spend a day a week physically at Holy Cross plus email/phone work to sort out any issues. I hope that this will not have a major impact on the life of our parish, but I just need you to pray for Holy Cross parish, my own support there and for the other parishes in our diocese currently without a parish priest.