

SERVICES THIS WEEK – October/ November 2026

SUNDAY 25 October	10.30am 6.00pm	Mass	Mass with Archbishop Richard Moth 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>The 10.30am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 26 October	9.15am	Mass	
TUESDAY 27 October	9.15am	Mass	
WEDNESDAY 28 October	7.30am 12 noon	Mass Mass	Sts Simon and Jude
THURSDAY 29 October	9.15am	Mass	Blessed Martyrs of Douai Eritrean Gheez Rite Retreat begins
FRIDAY 30 October	9.15am	Mass	No 6pm Mass: Eritrean Gheez Rite retreat
SATURDAY 31 October	9.15am 7.00pm	Mass	Eritrean Gheez Rite Retreat Mass
SUNDAY 1 November	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	ALL SAINTS <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>

ROSARY	After 9.15am Morning Masses Monday to Saturday
EXPOSITION/private prayer	Wed: 10 – 11.50am; Fri: 10-11am, 5-5.50pm; Sat: 10-11am
RECONCILIATION	At the above time of adoration & on request
PRAYER GROUPS (in Chapel)	Charismatic Prayer Group - Monday evenings 7pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Pope Leo as he recovers from his recent surgery. For all suffering from cancer.
- Archbishop Richard Moth in his leadership role in our diocese and our country.
- The repose of the soul of Robert McMillan and all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at about this time.
- Prime Minister Andy Burnham and all the Government, as they prepare and present the budget next week.
- All who dedicate themselves to defending the sanctity of life in our country.
- Peace & reconciliation in all countries/communities living under the shadow of war.
- All Christian and people of faith being persecuted around the world.
- All who work in our local hospital and care homes.
- For greater cooperation across nations to tackle the causes of climate change.
- The homeless, refugees and migrants – that they may find a place of sanctuary.
- All the sick, housebound and most vulnerable members of our parish community.
- The work of CAFOD, Mary's Meals, Caritas and the Catholic Children's Society.
- All who are unemployed at this time, and those who are insecure in their jobs.
- All those struggling with different addictions and for those affected around them.
- For our parish community as we celebrate Archbishop Richard's visit this weekend.



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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – It's all about love!

In today's Gospel Jesus takes us to the heart of what our faith is all about. When asked, 'Which is the greatest of all the commandments?' he simply answers: "Love of God, and love of neighbour as ourselves." Any teaching or commandment of our faith only exists so as to lead us into a deeper relationship with God and with each other. It's as simple and as challenging as that!

Love of God & love of neighbour were of course not new teachings – they are absolutely at the heart of the Jewish faith. But Jesus stressed the essential connection between the two as no one had ever done before. You cannot have one without the other. Love of God, whom we cannot see, is empty if it is not expressed in love of the people we can see. And love of people is incomplete unless it is infused with the love of God. Jesus had no time for a religion of dry, intellectual debate and empty words. Our faith should bring us to our knees in humble adoration of God; it should make us stand up for the poor and needy in our world, not afraid to challenge the unjust and greedy; it should inspire us to walk with the zeal of a missionary to share the Good News of God's love with others. So faith is love in action. It means first and foremost knowing that we are each personally and passionately loved by God and then showing and passing on His great unconditional love to others. His love is the true measure for all our actions.

This weekend is a very special moment for our parish with the visit of Archbishop Richard. He is with us to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving – a celebration of all the ways in which God's love is made real in our parish community. This includes thanksgiving for all of the sacrifices and generosity which have made possible the renovation of our parish centre over the last year. And for the vibrant spiritual life of our parish portrayed in our magnificent six new windows which Archbishop will also bless today. May this be a weekend of great blessing for us all!

With prayers and blessings - Fr Richard, Fr Ephrem and all the parish team

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 146 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Exodus 22: 21-27; Psalm 18 Response: ***I love you, Lord, my strength.*** 2nd reading 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10. Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40 Which is the greatest commandment of the law?

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: ALL SAINTS (Pg 184 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24 Response: ***Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.*** 2nd reading 1 John 3: 1-3. Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12 Jesus Proclaims the Beatitudes to the people

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2,299.32; Loose Plate: £501.21; Planned Giving: £206.60; On-line donations: £1,176.51; Contactless machine: £415.00. We calculate it costs at least £3,000 a week just to cover the basic expenses of running the parish. We do not receive money from the diocese or the Vatican (!), but rely totally on your support.

- Thank you for your support of the **CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY**, which this year focuses on communities struggling to access clean/safe water such as Tayla & family in Northern Zimbabwe. So far we have raised a total of **£1,187.04**, £950.04 in envelopes & cake sale; £237.00 on the contactless machine. We will keep this open to the end of October

Online Donations Account Name: WRCDT White City Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 31264990. A regular standing order is a great way to support the parish. Use the parish bank account details above. Add your surname/first name as a reference. Taxpayers can gift aid your donation! For help with this, email Collise on whitecity@rcdow.org.uk.

- **THE THURSDAY CLUB** for our wonderful over-60's local residents meets Thursdays in our parish centre, 10am–12.15pm, with tea/coffee, cake, social time & chair exercises. **On half-term break this week. Back Nov 5th**

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS

FoodCycle's community lunch Saturdays 1-2pm in our parish centre. The amazing FoodCycle team cook a 3-course veggie lunch. It's free & a great way to meet local people. **There is no lunch this Saturday because of the annual Eritrean retreat. Back on Saturday November 7th**

Our Monday morning White City Community Food Hub offers free, nutritious food to those in need. Open to residents living in the W12 postcode. To register please bring proof of address & ID. Doors open @ 10.30am for teas/coffees and the food is distributed from about 11am. For more info, see Laura, our parish Community Support Worker.

- **GIFT programme for children of primary school age** Leaflets/registration forms are available at back of church for our Growing in Faith Together group for families with children of primary school age. We meet monthly to deepen their faith & grow in the life of the parish. See Mary C/Fr R...

- **ERITREAN GHEEZ RITE ANNUAL RETREAT** – this week Fr Ephrem's Eritrean Gheez Rite community celebrate their annual retreat in our church from Thursday to Saturday. Many will come from afar for this great time of renewal. This means that there is **no parish Friday 6pm Mass and Sat 6pm Mass will be at 7pm** and be celebrated by Fr Ephrem & his community.

- Our **LUMEN PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** is a special group for adults aged 18-35 in our parish to grow in faith, service and friendship. And with delicious food! San QR code at back of church for more info ☺

Today we are delighted to welcome to the parish Archbishop Richard Moth, our new Archbishop of Westminster. As you know, he is celebrating **a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 10.30am**. During/after the Mass Archbishop Richard will bless the 6 new windows in the church and then our newly renovated parish centre, followed by a parish party.

This is such an important day for our parish – a great opportunity to give thanks to God & entrust our parish to his continuing care/guidance.

Huge, huge thanks to everyone who has helped in recent days to get everything ready – it all looks amazing! And huge thanks to all our bakers and cooks for the truly delicious food prepared & shared. And please join us for **the parish party after Mass in our beautiful parish centre!**

Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Sts Jacinta and Francisco to Westminster Cathedral: Saturday 31st October, 12noon to 5pm. Organised by the World Apostolate of Fatima, including Mass celebrated by Archbishop Richard Moth. See programme leaflet at the back of the church.

November – Month of Prayer for the Holy Souls

Next Sunday we celebrate **All Saints (Nov 1st)** & the next day **All Souls Day (Monday Nov 2nd)**, which remind us of our beautiful Catholic tradition of praying for those who have died, just as we, in turn, are supported by the prayers of the saints in heaven. We're all connected!

November Book of Remembrance – sheets are available at the back of church for you to write the names of your deceased family/friends. Place the completed sheets in the box next to the lectern and we will then pray for all those written on the sheets throughout November.