

SERVICES THIS WEEK – JULY 2024

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| SUNDAY 21 July | 9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm | Mass | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i> (see www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk for link) |
| MONDAY 22 July | 9.15am | Mass | St Mary Magdalene |
| TUESDAY 23 July | 9.15am | Mass | St Bridget of Sweden |
| WEDNESDAY 24 July | 7.30am 12noon | Mass Mass | |
| THURSDAY 25 July | 9.15am | Mass | St James |
| FRIDAY 26 July | 9.15am 6.00pm | Mass | St Joachim and Anne |
| SATURDAY 27 July | 9.15am 6.00pm | Mass | |
| SUNDAY 28 July | 9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm | Mass Mass Mass | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i> |

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our new Prime Minister and government.
- Spiritual and moral renewal in our nation.
- Our school communities as they begin their summer holidays.
- Teachers – that they may be able to rest and renew this summer.
- Nurses, doctors and all working the medical and caring professions.
- 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
- 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, including Mary Morrissey, Cecilia Sylvester, Brendan Quigley, James McCabe, Ana-Maria Traynor, Christina Nesbitt & all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- 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.
- All our young people making important decisions for the future at this time.

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Come away and Rest for a While

In last week's Gospel we heard how Jesus sent the 12 disciples out in pairs to preach and heal in his name. Today we hear of their excitement as they return, sharing the miracles they have been able to perform with God's grace. We can imagine the buzz and frenzy of the crowds following them and wanting more. But Jesus wants them to have some quiet time to rest and reflect with him on their experiences. So he tells them to get into a boat and cross to the other side of the lake where they can recover and be alone. He is teaching them (and us!) another essential lesson here – we need to make time regularly to rest in God if we really want to live in his grace and act in his name.

As we come to the end of the school year, many of you will be starting your summer holidays. Whether you are travelling or staying at home over the coming weeks, do everything you can to make these truly 'holy days' of real rest and renewal. Remember that the word 'holiday' comes from 'holy days' – days in which we bring God back to the centre of our lives, spend some quality time with family and friends and give our minds and bodies a chance to be renewed. Rest is a sacred thing – indeed when we read the story of Creation in the Book of Genesis, we see that the pinnacle/goal of creation was the seventh day when we, as humans, could rest with/in God. So we should work so that we can rest and not rest so that we can work! Work is a good thing in itself, unless it takes over our lives and dominates everyone and everything else. I think if we are honest (always a good idea!), too many of us have got the balance wrong in our lives – too much activity and not enough rest, reflection and prayer. Even just finding time for a daily walk or a good book to read can really help! Wherever you are this summer, whether near or far from White City, make sure you rest and renew. Rest in the Lord©

With prayers - Fr Richard, Fr Ephrem & all the parish team

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 109 Parish Mass book) Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Psalm 22: Response: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.** Ephesians 2: 13-18; Mark 6: 30-34 The disciples return. Jesus has compassion on the crowds.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 112 Parish Mass book) 2 Kings 4: 42- 44; Psalm 144: Response: **You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.** Ephesians 4: 1-6; John 6: 1-15 Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1486.14; Loose: £324.99; Planned Giving: £276.70; On-line donations: £601.00; Contactless machine: £283.45. 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.

LOURDES CAKE SALE LAST WEEKEND – huge thanks to everyone who brought or bought a cake last weekend. We raised an amazing £188.67! The parish will use this money to sponsor a wheel-chair for the Westminster Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage this year in memory of our beloved Pat Leslie, who had such a love for Lourdes.

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 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). 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 – on a summer break!

THE THURSDAY CLUB for the over-60's – on a summer break!

● **OUR PARISH LOURDES GROUP** left very early on Saturday morning and, despite the global IT problems, they arrived safely in Lourdes in time for breakfast! This week they will join the Westminster Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes under the leadership of Cardinal Vincent. The group took with them all of your prayer intentions written on the special cards, and a Mass will be offered in Lourdes in the coming days for these intentions.

● **NEW FAMILY CATHECHESIS at Our Lady of Fatima.** As we explained at our recent Parish Vision Day and also at all the Masses last weekend, there will be a new approach to helping our children and families grow in their faith in the parish from September. This includes a different approach to preparing children to celebrate their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We have produced a leaflet to explain the vision and practicalities of this new approach which is available at the back of the church along with registration forms. Fr Richard is also here for you to come and talk about all of this!

SUMMER MASS TIMES – There will be no Sunday 6:00pm Mass in August. Our last Sunday 6:00pm Mass is on 28 July until it returns on 3 September. There will also be **no Friday evening 6pm or Wednesday morning 7.30am Mass in August.** We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but Fr Richard and Fr Ephrem will take it in turn to have a break during the summer hols, and so the other one will be on their own in the parish.

● **HOLIDAY POSTCARDS!** Last summer Fr Richard and F Ephrem enjoyed receiving postcards from so many of you from your summer hols. We would love to hear from you again this summer, wherever you go and then put them at the back of the church.

● **IDEAS from other parishes** – we would also be grateful if you notice any good ideas in other parishes that you might visit over the summer. Maybe they have some interesting prayer ideas or attractive displays... Why not take a photo, or a newsletter etc & share with Fr R when you get back!

● **FOREIGN CURRENCY for MARY'S MEALS** We also invite you once again to bring back to the parish any foreign currency – notes and coins – which you have at the end of your summer hols, for those who are going abroad. Last summer this raised over £500 for Mary's Meals!

Fr Richard writes... My mother's funeral will finally take place on Tuesday 23rd July. This will be in Bath, my mum's home town of the last 40 years. I would be very grateful if you could keep my mum (Christina) and also my late father (Ian) in your prayers during these days. Thank you so much for all your wonderful support, kindness and prayers during this time.