

## SERVICES THIS WEEK – SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>SUNDAY</b> 1 September	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i> (see <a href="http://www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk">www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk</a> for link)
<b>MONDAY</b> 2 September	9.15am	Mass	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 3 September	9.15am	Mass	<b>St Gregory the Great</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 4 September	7.30am 12noon <b>6.00pm</b>	Mass	<b>Requiem Mass for Mary Carolan</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 5 September	9.15am	Mass	<b>St Mother Teresa of Calcutta</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 6 September	<b>9.30am</b> 6.00pm	Mass	<b>St John XXIII New School Year Mass</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 7 September	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8 September	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</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 10.15-11am; 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 and reconciliation on our streets and in our communities following this summer's rioting and social unrest in different parts of the UK. An end to violence, racism and misinformation.
- Our school communities as they prepare to begin their new school years.
- Christians to help protect the environment on this World day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.
- 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 famine in Sudan and other parts of the world.
- All who have died recently, including Mary Carolan, Kathleen Gilmartin and Vincent Myers, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- All those preparing to get married in the coming weeks and months.
- The sick, the housebound and the most needy and vulnerable members of our community. And for all those who care for them.
- CAFOD, Mary's Meals, Caritas, Friends of the Holy Land & the Catholic Children's Society.

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## Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church - White City

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### 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Getting our hands dirty!

After five Sundays reflecting on Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist – the Bread of Life – from John's Gospel, we return today to Mark's Gospel. As so often we see Jesus surrounded by a large crowd, up in Galilee. But this time the locals have been joined by important religious officials from Jerusalem come to investigate all this Galilean excitement. It's a bit like a modern day health & safety inspection!

The Pharisees were dedicated to preserving and protecting the Jewish faith. There was much good in this, but they had become obsessed with the danger of contamination – from other religions, foreign cultures or just ordinary plain dirt! They had made a negative religion out of dirt – people were overburdened with countless rules focused on outward hygiene and cleanliness. In the first reading we hear Moses asking the people not to add to/take away from the commandments he gave them from God. But by the time of Jesus, there were 613 extra man-made regulations! 365 of these were negatives (thou shalt not...) – one for every day of the year!

The Pharisees decide to confront Jesus, seeing that some of his disciples were not observing the strict rules about washing before meals. This means that the Pharisees wasted the opportunity to listen to his teaching or see the significance of his miracles and healings. They have become like ivy wrapping itself around a tree and sucking the life out of it – not leading others to truth, to life, to God but in fact getting in the way with their hardness of heart and cold, clinical obsession with ritual purity. God wants us to live the spirit of the law, not to use our own version of the law against others. Life (and love!) can be very messy and challenging, and we need to live each day rooted in the love and mercy of God, asking for this grace to live and love as Jesus did. And that often means getting our hands dirty!

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

## IN THE PARISH...

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Pg 126 Parish Mass book) Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8; Psalm 14; Response: **The just will live in the presence of the Lord.** James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 It's what's on the inside that counts...

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Pg 129 Parish Mass book) Isaiah 35: 4-7; Psalm 145; Response: **My soul, give praise to the Lord.** James 2: 1-5; Mark 7: 31-37 Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,364.99;** Loose: £257.53; Planned Giving: £314.06; On-line donations: £670.40; Contactless machine: £123.00. 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.

**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. **We start again this Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September after our summer break.** Doors open at 10.30am for teas/coffees – and we aim to distribute the food from 11.30am. Open to W12 residents only – you must register.

• **MARY CAROLAN RIP** Mary and the Carolan family have been members of our parish family for many, many years. **Mary's Requiem Mass is this Wednesday at 6pm.** We hold the family in our prayers.

• **THE THURSDAY CLUB** for our local over 60's local residents/parishioners begins again **this Thursday** after the summer break 10am to 12noon in our parish centre with tea/coffee, social time and then chair exercises with Carol from 11am. All welcome – new faces too! Friendly and free!

• **NEW FAMILY CATHECHESIS at Our Lady of Fatima.** As we explained in July, we are launching from September a new approach to helping our children & families grow in their faith in the parish. This includes a new way of preparing children to celebrate their **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.** We have produced a leaflet, called Growing in Faith Together, to explain the vision and practicalities of this new approach, which is available at the back of the church along with registration forms. Please also feel free to come & talk to Fr Richard about all of this!

• **HOLIDAY POSTCARDS!** Thank you SO much to all of you who have sent us cards from your summer hols!!! See back of church. • **FOREIGN CURRENCY for MARY'S MEALS** If you can, please donate to the parish any foreign currency – notes & coins – which you have at the end of your summer hols. Last summer this raised over £500 for Mary's Meals!

• **PILGRIMAGE to WALSINGHAM** We are joining the annual Westminster Pilgrimage to Walsingham, led by Cardinal Vincent, on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September.** Fr Richard will lead our parish group – please be aware it is a long day as we leave by 7am and won't be back until about 9pm. There is a lot of walking so pilgrims should be able to cope with this. The price per pilgrim is £25 to include coach travel & diocesan levy. Booking form at back of church. Please pay before pilgrimage to secure your place.

• **SEASON of CREATION 2024** – next weekend we will share with you the programme for this year's Season of Creation in our parish from mid-September to mid-October. Watch this space! • This year's Season of Creation parish project is creating **a new community garden at the side & front of St John XXIII school** to transform the current un-loved desert into a beautiful garden for the enjoyment of the local community. Ground clearing work **this Tuesday from 10.30am** at the side of school on Commonwealth Ave. Anyone know how to build wooden planters?!!

• **SEEKING GOD – A Journey of Faith for Adults.** This is a special group for any adults who would like to understand more about the Catholic faith, including anyone considering being baptised into the Church, or any Catholics who have not yet celebrated their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. We will meet on a weekday evening (either Wednesday or Thursday) for an hour, eg 6.30-7.30pm. The meetings are led by Fr Richard and will help you to explore in a real and relevant way what is at the heart of our faith. It is very relaxed & there are no exams! **Registration forms** are at the back of church. Also please come & talk to Fr Richard if you want to know more. **Intro 'Come and See' meeting: Thurs 26 Sept 7-8pm in the presbytery.**