

SERVICES THIS WEEK – May 2022

SUNDAY 8 May	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	4th Sunday of Easter <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 9 May	9.15am	Mass	
TUESDAY 10 May	9.15am	Mass	
WEDNESDAY 11 May	7.30am, 12noon	Mass Mass	
THURSDAY 12 May	9.15am	Mass	
FRIDAY 13 May	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass Mass	OUR LADY of FATIMA
SATURDAY 14 May	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
SUNDAY 15 May	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	5th Sunday of Easter <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>

ROSARY	After Morning Masses Monday to Saturday
EXPOSITION/private prayer	Wed: 10am–11.50am; Friday 10-11am; 5-5.50pm; Saturday 10-11am; Sunday 5.15-5.45pm
RECONCILIATION	At the above time of adoration & on request
PRAYER GROUPS (in Chapel) Charismatic Prayer Group	Monday evenings at 7pm in the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- All those God is calling to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.
- The people of Ukraine during this tragic time of suffering for them.
- World leaders that they may do everything possible to bring peace and stop this evil.
- All of those struggling with illness at this time, including the coronavirus.
- Maria Calcasola, Paul Singh and all who have died recently & all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- The homeless, refugees and migrants – that they may find a place of sanctuary.
- Peace & reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia, Afghanistan, South Africa, Nigeria, Iraq, Ethiopia, Yemen and other countries in crisis at this time.
- Our NHS, care workers and emergency services who are under such pressure now.
- The sick, housebound and most vulnerable members of our parish community.
- Those suffering from addictions – alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography...
- The work of CAFOD, Mary's Meals, Caritas and the Catholic Children's Society.
- All of those who have been baptised and confirmed this Eastertide



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OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH - WHITE CITY

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER– THE Voice of the Good Shepherd

In our very short Gospel today we hear Jesus as the Good Shepherd: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." So, as the Good Shepherd, Jesus protects and cares for his people, for his Church. He knows and loves every sheep individually. The sheep for their part also need to recognise the shepherd's voice and stay close to him as he will protect them from danger and lead them to good pasture. This is an image of the relationship which we are each called to have with God, within the "sheep-fold" of the Church.

A shepherd communicates with his flock through the different calls of his voice. We could say that the story of the Bible is of God's call and our response. Abraham. Moses, David, all the prophets, Mary, Joseph – they all hear God's call and respond. Jesus himself heard an inner call to come to the waters of the Jordan to receive baptism and the Spirit poured out upon him – after which he began his public ministry. He in turn called the disciples and many others – in the first reading we hear how Paul and Barnabas call others to believe in the Risen Christ. So to be a follower of Christ means to be one who listens and responds to his call. This means living in intimate relationship with him. So a good question to ask ourselves is simply, "How well, how deeply am I listening to God in my life at the moment? and... How can I listen better?"

On this "Good Shepherd Sunday" the Church also asks us to pray for those whom he is calling in a particular way at this time to serve the Church as priests, deacons and religious. We currently have 19 seminarians in training for Westminster diocese and we give thanks to God for each and every one of them. We pray for Andrius, a seminarian for Plymouth diocese, who is with us on Sundays this year. We pray many others will hear & respond to that same call, maybe even someone from our parish here in White City! What a blessing that would be for us all!

With Easter blessings & prayers, Fr Richard, Fr Ephrem & the parish team

IN THE PARISH...

TODAY'S READINGS: 4th Sunday of Easter Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Psalm 99
Response: **We are his people, the sheep of his flock.** Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17; John 10: 27-30. The Good Shepherd.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 14: 21-27; Psalm 144
Response: **I will bless your name forever, O God my King.** Apocalypse 21: 1-5; John 13: 31-35. Love one another as I have loved you.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1648.50; Loose: £256.35; Planned Giving: £271.00; On-line donations: £933.00; Contactless machine: £188.15. *Just a reminder - it costs approx. £8,000 a month/£2,000 a week to cover just the parish's basic running costs – we do not 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. Add your surname/first name as a reference. Tax payers can 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'.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION This weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, when we pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We thank God for the 19 seminarians currently in formation for Westminster Diocese. It costs about £25,000 a year to train each seminarian, so they need your financial support and prayers! See donation envelopes at back of church or www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS in our Parish Centre:
Saturdays at 1.00pm. Free friendly community lunch run by FoodCycle charity (see www.foodcycle.org.uk). Veggie Lunch & take-home bags.

Sundays at 12noon. This is a very simple "Come & Collect" project – you can collect 3 or 4 bags of fruit/vegetables/dairy/meat/fish/bread.

Mondays at 11.15am. Just like the Sunday project – come & collect. We now serve teas and coffees on Monday mornings so people don't have to queue out on the street so more volunteers needed. Could you help between 10am & 12noon? See Laura/Fr Richard.

WORKZONE is a Hammersmith and Fulham funded service which supports residents to access jobs and skills. Come and meet their team: **Monday 9 May 10.30-12.30 in our parish centre.** Employment and training advice and sign up for CV/interview skills workshop that will take place in the parish centre.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE STREET PARTY on Commonwealth Ave on the afternoon of Sunday 5 June (Pentecost Sunday!). This will be a community-led initiative so we need as many local residents to get involved as possible. Our next planning meeting: Thursday 12 May, 18.30 in our parish centre.

JUBILEE WARM-UP PARTY Sunday 8 May (today!), 12.30-3pm in our parish centre. This is an opportunity for the local community to come together, share our delicious homemade food, make some bunting & sign up for how we can all be a part of the main event – the White City Queen's Jubilee Street Party on June 5th. Bouncy castle and other fun activities for children. BBQ! Come and join the party!

THE THURSDAY CLUB – a weekly social time for older parishioners & local residents every Thursday from 10.30am in the Parish Centre. A friendly coffee morning with different activities every week. This Thursday we continue our chair exercises with the wonderful Carol☺

PARISH BIBLE GROUP – 8pm every Wednesday for about 45 mins/1hour looking ahead to the readings of the coming Sunday. To join, email whitecity@rcdow.org.uk by 6pm Wednesday to receive the Zoom link. **THIS WEEK OUR SESSION WILL BE ON FRIDAY EVENING at 8pm.**

NEW WEEKLY ARTS & CRAFTS CLASS Mondays, 11am – 12.30 in our parish centre. No experience necessary, just come along & discover your inner artist! Organised by Open Age for the over 50's with a lovely tutor called Tash. Every Monday £1.50 per session (includes all materials).

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE – our next course will be on the afternoons of Saturday May 14 & 21. Registration forms are still available

OUR LADY of FATIMA FEAST DAY – is this Friday, 13th May. As many will be unable to join us on Friday, we will have a special Mass on Saturday morning at 9.15am. Bring some flowers for Our Lady!

LOVE IN ACTION – over the last 2/3 months our Love in Action journey has helped us to understand better 6 core principles of Catholic Social Teaching - the Church's response to the challenges of modern society. Now we need to reflect & commit together how we will put these principles (eg Solidarity, Dignity of the Human Person, Care for Creation) more deeply into action in our own parish.

Next Sunday from 12.30 in the parish centre – Sr Silvana of Westminster Caritas leads us in a workshop reflecting on the Love in Action journey.

Sunday 22 May – our Love in Action commitment weekend when we will be inviting you to get involved in one aspect of our parish life which embodies one or more key principles of Catholic Social Teaching.