

## SERVICES THIS WEEK – May 2022

<b>SUNDAY</b> 15 May	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 16 May	9.15am	Mass	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 17 May	<b>6.00pm</b>	Mass	<b>No morning Mass as both Fr Ephrem and Fr Richard are not here in the morning.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 18 May	7.30am, 12noon	Mass Mass	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 19 May	9.15am	Mass	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 20 May	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass Mass	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 21 May	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 22 May	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</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: 10am–11.50am; Friday 10-11am; 5-5.50pm; Saturday 10-11am; Sunday 5.15-5.45pm</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	At the above time of adoration & on request
<b>PRAYER GROUPS (in Chapel)</b> 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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### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – LOVE IN ACTION

In today's Gospel we return to the Upper Room on the night of the Last Supper. Judas has just left and Jesus knows these are his final moments with the disciples before he will be taken away from them. So he gives them one final instruction, which he calls the "new commandment" – "love one another as I have loved you... By this love which you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples." If they are not sure what this means, Jesus will show them in the following 24 hours the depths of his love by giving his own life freely for the salvation of all. He loves us to his final breath. He gives everything of himself for us.

This is the "commandment" which Jesus gives to us all – to live generous lives of service and sacrifice which transform the world around us. As a parish community we are called to be a place, a people where this world-changing love is experienced. This flows from our own living relationship with God, celebrated in our coming together at Mass to be renewed in God's love as well as in other forms of shared prayer and devotion. Then this divine love in us should shape all our everyday relationships, helping us to love and forgive even when, in human terms, we most struggle to do this. This divine love should make us an open-doored community with a caring heart for the community in which we live, especially for those most in need. Finally, this love should make us sensitive and responsive to the wider needs of our human family and to recognise that, compared to so many people in the world today, we live relatively comfortable and secure lives and so we have a shared responsibility to help those in our global family in need. This is to be the shape of our lives – Christ's love beating in our hearts.

Why not come to our 'Love in Action' workshop today at 12.30 in the parish centre (or Thurs 7pm Zoom) when Sr Silvana will help us reflect on how can live more deeply as a parish community this "Love in Action."

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

## IN THE PARISH...

**TODAY'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.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 6th Sunday of Easter** Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29;  
Psalm 66 Response: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the  
peoples praise you.** Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23; John 14: 31-35. Jesus  
promises the Holy Spirit.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,108.01**; Loose: £252.96; Planned Giving:  
£398.05; On-line donations: £333.00; Contactless machine: £124.00. *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. So this  
means that last weekend's collection covered only just over 50% of our  
basic running costs.*

**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](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'.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND COLLECTION** – last weekend we celebrated  
Good Shepherd Sunday, when the Church prays for vocations to the  
priesthood and religious life. Thank you for all your donations so far  
totalling **£556.88** for the annual Priest Training Fund collection, which  
pays for the training of the 20 men currently in formation for the  
priesthood in our diocese, including Andrius who joins us on Sundays.  
You can still make a donation this weekend. [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://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](http://www.foodcycle.org.uk)). Veggie Lunch & take-home bags.  
**Sundays at 11.30am.** This is a very simple "Come & Collect" project –  
you can collect 3 or 4 bags of fruit/vegetables/dairy/meat/fish/bread.  
We need more volunteers for this Sunday project – see Laura/Fr Richard  
**Mondays at 11.30am.** 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.

**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 19 May, 18.30 in our parish centre.

Many thanks to all who helped out with and attended our wonderful  
JUBILEE WARM-UP PARTY last Sunday. It showed we will need a lot more  
volunteers for the big Jubilee Street Party on June 5, especially with  
things like adult supervision of the bouncy castle, fairground rides etc...

**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](mailto:whitecity@rcdow.org.uk) by 6pm Wednesday to receive the Zoom link.

**Fr Ephrem is away this week** – he is going to Rome for a meeting with  
other Eritrean chaplains from across Europe. Please keep them in your  
prayers. Fr Richard is visiting his mum on Monday/Tuesday so there will be  
no Tuesday morning Mass – instead **Mass will be at 6pm on Tuesday.**

**LOVE IN ACTION** – this year 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 & decide how to put these principles (eg Solidarity, Human  
Dignity, Care for Creation) more deeply into action in our parish.

**This 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.  
**Thursday 19 May, 7-8.30pm** Zoom session for those who can't make the  
Sunday in-person meeting. For Zoom link, email [whitecity@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:whitecity@rcdow.org.uk)  
by Thurs 6pm. Our livestream community are very warmly invited too!

**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.

**FR STU**, starring Mark Wahlberg, is the true story of a former boxer who  
becomes a Catholic priest. The film has got great reviews and is on at  
the W12 Centre Vue Cinema, Shepherds Bush & the Vue Cinema in  
Westfields this week. Fr Richard is planning to go this Tuesday at 7.30pm  
in Westfields Vue, if you would like to join him! Not a film for children –  
strong language and very gritty. Google 'Fr Stu – Official Trailer'.