

SERVICES THIS WEEK – September 2025

SUNDAY 21 September	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 22 September	9.15am	Mass	
TUESDAY 23 September	9.15am	Mass	St Pius of Pietrelcina
WEDNESDAY 24 September	7.30am 12 noon	Mass	Our Lady of Walsingham
THURSDAY 25 September	9.15am	Mass	
FRIDAY 26 September	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	St Cosmas and Damian
SATURDAY 27 September	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	St Vincent de Paul <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 28 September	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>

ROSARY	After 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 XIV and all entrusted with leadership roles in the Church.
- A lasting and just peace between Ukraine and Russia, Israel, Iran and Palestine.
- Urgent relief for all those near to starvation in Gaza.
- Peace and reconciliation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria and all countries/communities living under the shadow of war at this time.
- Release for all political prisoners held unjustly in captivity around the world.
- Christians, e.g. in Nigeria, and people of faith being persecuted around the world.
- The repose of the soul of Celestina Boyles all who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- 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.
- Our Parish Anniversary Year Parish Centre Renovation Project.
- Our 7 children celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend.
- All those teenagers who have enrolled for our parish Confirmation programme.
- All those struggling in different ways in our local community



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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Learning from Imperfection

The main characters in Jesus' parables can be far from perfect. Think, for example, of the younger son in the parable of the prodigal son, who made selfish choices but ultimately returned home, even if out of desperation. But these flawed characters often have some redeeming quality, however small – something that we can all learn from.

In today's Gospel, we meet a steward, who has been careless, even dishonest with his master's property. Perhaps Jesus is reminding us that no-one is beyond redemption. The steward's redeeming feature is his shrewdness – his ability to think quickly and act creatively when faced with a crisis. Faced with getting sacked by his master, he calls in some of his master's debtors and cuts their bills by up to 50%, so that they will have a debt of gratitude to him and perhaps offer him a job. Jesus comments that, while we should not imitate his dishonesty, we can learn from his decisiveness & creativity in the face of imminent disaster.

What else can we learn from this parable for our own lives? Firstly, think about the idea of stewardship. God entrusts each one of us with gifts and opportunities, sometimes even with material blessings. Do we make the most of these opportunities/gifts to bring blessings to others and to show our gratitude to God? Do we do all we can to make the world around us a better place or do we focus more on making our own lives more comfortable? If we are honest, do we find it easier to serve ourselves and our own interests, than to serve God and others? And do we see that sometimes a crisis we may experience can in fact be an opportunity to help us look again at the priorities and direction of our lives, and so to bring them more into line with what God desires for us? Like the dishonest steward, we will all have to give account one day before God of how we have lived our lives, the paths we have chosen and the choices we have made. What do I need to change in my life if I am to be a truly faithful and fruitful servant of the Lord?

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 140 Parish Mass book) Amos 8: 4-7; Psalm 113 Response: **Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.** Timothy 2: 1-8; Luke 16: 1- 13 *The Parable of the Dishonest Steward*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 143 Parish Mass book) Amos 6: 1, 4-7; Psalm 146 Response: **My soul, give praise to the Lord.** Timothy 6: 11-16; Luke 16: 19-31 *The Parable of Lazarus and Rich Man*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,180.46; Loose Plate: £386.59; Planned Giving: £268.60; On-line donations: £378.27; Contactless machine: £147.00. Remember it costs at least £2,000 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.

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! 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 – this is a HUGE help.

Please note: if you sign up for **GIFT AID** on the contactless machine, you need to put your FULL NAME for the parish to claim your gift aid – your initials are not enough. If you are an envelope holder, you must use the correct envelopes for each week. We cannot claim gift aid donations for unmarked/blank envelopes with handwritten numbers on. These amounts will go into the loose plate.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS:

Saturdays at 1pm is our Parish Centre free community lunch run by the FoodCycle charity. Veggie Lunch & take-home bag. Lots of friendly faces and really delicious freshly cooked food. All welcome☺

White City Monday Community Food Hub begins again this Monday. The project is open to local residents living in the W12 postcode area. To register, contact Laura with proof of address. We are always looking for new volunteers to help with the project. See Fr Richard/Laura.

- **The Thursday Club** for our over-60's meets every Thursday. Tea/coffee from 10am in parish centre. Chair exercises with Carol 11am – 12noon
- **FRIDAY WARM WELCOME:** 10-11am park walk & talk (meet at parish centre) then board games & Boccia with Kevin 11am-12.30pm. Soup and sandwich provided. All welcome☺

PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION PROJECT FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- This is a really important moment for the project as **we finally go out to tender this week.** We hope to have chosen the contractor by November.
- Huge thanks for all who have donated to our **Spacehive** donation page over the last week – we had over 60 donations! Deadline – 1st Oct. See: www.spacehive.com/renovating-our-parish-centre-hub
- **TABLE TOP SALE – next Sunday 28 September, 12.30-2.30pm in the parish centre.** You can book a table for £10. If you have any saleable items to donate please bring to the presbytery by Saturday morning. There will also be an International food lunch cooked by Our Lady of Fatima Union of Catholic Mothers. Come for your Sunday lunch and a bargain!
- **BINGO EVENING** – Saturday 4th October from 6.30pm in parish centre. By popular demand! Good prizes with light refreshments. Great night out!

● Our **parish Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) programme** for families and children of primary school age has begun again. Registration forms for new families are available at the back of church.

● **2025/26 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME** – thank you to all who have registered. We will meet for **an initial meeting, for both the candidates and parents, next Sunday at 4.30pm in the parish centre.**

● **Last call for ALTAR SERVER APPLICATIONS.** Would you like to be an altar server? Forms for new altar servers are available at the back of church by the family/reconciliation room. New training sessions starts very soon, so please apply asap! For more info please see Andrew.

● **CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE of PRACTICE** – Fr Richard is available to meet with parents to discuss secondary school applications over the next few weeks. See sign-up sheet at the back of church. Remember Fr Richard has to follow the strict criteria given to parish priests by the Bishops' Conference. This means he is able to sign the form for families who have been attending Mass regularly (at least 3 times a month) for at least a year. If you have not, Fr Richard is unable to provide such a reference.

● **THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE** will be presented online over 8 consecutive Wednesdays, 7-8.30pm from Oct 1st by the Catholic Speaker Mauro Iannicelli. This excellent free course will give you a clearer understanding of the main themes and 'bigger picture' of the Bible from Genesis all the way to the Book of Revelation. See poster at back of church for more details – you can find out more and register at comeandsee.org

● And finally, **a warm welcome to Ashley Wells**, a Westminster seminarian who will be joining us this year. He will introduce himself next weekend!