

SERVICES THIS WEEK – October 2026

SUNDAY 11 October	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 12 October	9.15am	Mass	
TUESDAY 13 October	9.15am	Mass	St Edward The Confessor
WEDNESDAY 14 October	7.30am 12 noon	Mass Mass	
THURSDAY 15 October	9.15am	Mass	St Teresa of Jesus
FRIDAY 16 October	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	St Margaret Mary Alacoque
SATURDAY 17 October	10.00am 6.00pm	Mass	A DAY WITH MARY special programme <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 18 October	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>

ROSARY	After 9.15am 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 as he prepares for his visits to Uruguay, Argentina and Peru next month.
- The Repose of the soul of Dorothy Wakefield-Curley and all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at about this time.
- Prime Minister Andy Burnham and all the Government, as they try to tackle a number of challenging issues at the moment.
- All who dedicate themselves to defending the sanctity of life in our country.
- Peace & reconciliation in all countries/communities living under the shadow of war.
- All Christian and people of faith being persecuted around the world.
- All who work in our local hospital and care homes.
- For greater cooperation across nations to tackle the causes of climate change.
- 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.
- All who are unemployed at this time, and those who are insecure in their jobs.
- All those struggling with different addictions and for those affected around them.
- For our parish community as we prepare for Archbishop Richard's visit this month.



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Invited to the Banquet...

A wedding feast is meant to be a joyful celebration for everyone invited. But the feast which Jesus describes in today's Gospel is a shocking tale of misery, rejection, even death. What is going on?

Here is one interpretation... The first part of Jesus' story concerns the Jews as the Chosen People of God, represented by those first invited to the royal banquet. But most refuse to come, being more interested in their own affairs. More servants were sent to call them – these were the prophets, who were also rejected and even put to death. The furious reaction of the King, Matthew interprets as a punishment from God as seen in the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans a few years before he wrote his Gospel. Then follows the second part of salvation history – the era of the Church. More servants are sent out, representing the Christian apostles, who go everywhere to find people to invite people to the wedding feast – showing this is no longer about a chosen nation (who are still very much part of the invitation) but it is a mission to the whole world. This time the response is much better and the wedding hall is filled with guests. But there is still a warning for the Church. The King, as he enters the hall, notices one guest who is not wearing a wedding garment & has him thrown out into the darkness. This might seem very strange for us! Perhaps one way to understand this is that at our baptism we wear a white garment, symbolising how we are invited to "put on Christ" and imitate him in our lives. But we actually have to commit ourselves to do this – just having a baptism certificate at home is not enough! We are all invited to the feast but we have to respond and show our respect and love for the King!

As you will see our six new windows have finally been installed in the church. Huge thanks to all who have been a part of the journey of their creation. When you can, I invite you to spend some time with them – see how they speak to you. See the introduction poster as well to help you...

With prayers and blessings - Fr Richard, Fr Ephrem and all the parish team

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 140 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Isaiah 25: 6-10; Psalm 23 Response: ***In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.*** 2nd reading Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20. Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14 The wedding feast and the reluctant guests and unprepared guest.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 143 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; Psalm 96 Response: ***Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.*** 2nd reading Thessalonians 1: 1-5. Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21 Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,898.82; Loose Plate: £402.30; Planned Giving: £360.00; On-line donations: £648.52; Contactless machine: £488.00. We calculate it costs at least £3,000 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.

- Last weekend we heard about the **CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY**, which this year focuses on communities struggling to access clean/safe water such as Tayla & family in Northern Zimbabwe. This weekend we take the collection to support CAFOD's urgent/life-changing work. Hilda has a card reader after each Mass or you can give in your envelope.

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! For help with this, email Collise on whitecity@rcdow.org.uk.

- **THE THURSDAY CLUB** for our wonderful over-60's local residents meets every Thursday in our parish centre, 10am – 12.15pm, with tea/coffee & birthday cake(!), social time & chair exercises with Hannah 11.30 – 12.15

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS

FoodCycle's community lunch Saturdays 1-2pm in our parish centre.

The amazing FoodCycle team cook a 3-course veggie lunch. It's free & a great way to meet local people. Unfortunately there is no lunch next Saturday as we have the Day with Mary. Back on Sat 24th October

Our Monday morning White City Community Food Hub offers free, nutritious food to those in need. Open to residents living in the W12 postcode. To register please bring proof of address & ID. Doors open @ 10.30am for teas/coffees and the food is distributed from about 11am.

- **2026/27 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME REGISTRATION is now complete.**

The parents meet today (Sunday) at 4pm in the midweek chapel.

- **GIFT programme for children of primary school age** Leaflets/registration forms are available at back of church for our Growing in Faith Together group for families with children of primary school age. We meet monthly to deepen their faith & grow in the life of the parish. See Mary C/Fr R...

Season of Creation 2026 *The Season of Creation unites Christians every autumn in prayer & action for the protection of our common home.*

- Today Sunday, 11 Oct, **the third and final 30-minute 'Eco Short' talks after 11am Mass.** This week, **Debbie Peters-Mill** shares her life-changing visit to an orangutan sanctuary in Borneo and how this has changed her attitude to the use of palm oil. **12.30pm, midweek chapel**

- **Next Sunday's planned screening of the 'People's Emergency Briefing' will be postponed until the New Year** as next Sunday we'll rehearse for the Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Richard the following Sunday.

- **CERTIFICATE of CATHOLIC PRACTICE** – Fr Richard has now completed his scheduled appointments. If any parent still wants to arrange an appointment, please email Fr Richard @ nesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

- **A DAY with MARY** returns to our parish on this Saturday – 17th October, 10am–5pm. A beautiful day of prayer, reflection & devotion. We begin with Mass and a procession with Our Lady's statue at 10am. Reflections, rosary, adoration, teaching, enrolment in the Brown Scapular...See flyer for full programme. The day will also be livestreamed on our parish link.

- Our **LUMEN PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** begins again next Sunday after the 6pm Mass. This is a special group for adults aged 18-35 to grow in faith, service and friendship. And with delicious food! Come & see 😊

Our **BIG PARISH CELEBRATION SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER is now only 2 weeks away!** Archbishop Richard Moth, our new Archbishop of Westminster, is coming to celebrate **a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 10.30am on Sunday 25th.** It's the first Sunday of the half-term holiday so please do all you can to be here!!! During/after the Mass Archbishop Richard will bless the 6 new windows in the church and our newly renovated parish centre. Please take a special invitation card for yourself & for others. We will also be inviting you from this weekend to sign up to contribute food/drink...

And finally...**we warmly welcome Brother Luc Wallace & Brother Jenison Johnson OSA**, who are in formation with the Augustinians and at Allen Hall. They will be joining us on Sunday mornings until next summer.