

**SERVICES THIS WEEK – January/ February 2025**



**Our Lady of Fatima**  
Catholic Church - White City

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<b>SUNDAY</b> 26 January	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 27 January	9.15am	Mass	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 28 January	9.15am	Mass	<b>St Thomas Aquinas</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 29 January	7.30am 12noon	Mass Mass	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 30 January	9.15am	Mass	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 31 January	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>St John Bosco</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 1 February	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 2 February	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10-11am &amp; 5-5.50pm; Sat 10-11am</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:**

- The Church and our own parish community that the Jubilee Year ahead in 2025 may be a time of spiritual growth and renewal for us all.
- The fragile ceasefire in Israel/Palestine – that this may lead to a true & lasting peace.
- Peace and reconciliation in all countries at war.
- Release for all political prisoners held in captivity around the world.
- All Christians and people of faith being persecuted around the world.
- Our NHS and care sector services which are under so much pressure at this time.
- All those who have died recently, including Louanne Tranchell and Lorna Christmas, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- The homeless, refugees and migrants – that they may find a place of sanctuary.
- The sick, housebound and most vulnerable members of our parish community.
- Our still relatively new Government, that they may govern wisely, fairly and humbly.
- The work of CAFOD, Mary's Meals, Caritas and the Catholic Children's Society.
- All those still affected by the wild fires in California and around the world.
- Our families – especially those experiencing tests and trials at this time.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – The Sunday of the Word of God**

Today is the 5<sup>th</sup> year when the Church celebrates a new tradition – Pope Francis' inspiration that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time be celebrated as 'The Sunday of the Word of God'. Scripture is a key part of the life of the Church – as we read in Psalm 119: "Your word is a lamp for my path." Pope Francis has asked us to remind ourselves every year on this Sunday of the gift of God's Word in our lives – a Word that is to be honoured (in church, in our homes...), lived (put into action) and shared with others.

Today's readings help us to appreciate the power of God's Word. In our first reading, from the Book of Nehemiah, we hear how the people of Israel return to Jerusalem after many years of exile in Babylon. Their city & Temple lie in ruins but Ezra the priest discovers a copy of the Torah – the Jewish Scriptures – and gathers all the people together to read it to them. He stands on a raised platform and from early morning all through the day he reads them their ancient texts which they have not heard for so long. They listen to the stories of how God has accompanied his people and they remember who they are. They are so moved by this Word that they all bow down to the ground and weep. Then in the Gospel, we hear Jesus also proclaiming the Word of God to the townspeople of Nazareth in the synagogue where he himself learnt to listen to the Word and was catechised. Now, at the beginning of his adult ministry, he chooses a reading from the scroll of Isaiah which speaks of the coming of the Messiah and declares that this prophecy is being fulfilled today. The atmosphere is electric – the Word of God now has a face and flesh, has come to set his people free.

In this special Jubilee Year let us recommit to bring God's Word back to the centre of our lives. A Word which we don't just listen to/read, but one which we seek to live in our daily lives

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

## IN THE PARISH...

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Pg 130 Parish Mass book) Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10; Psalm 18 Response: **Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.** 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30; Luke 1: 1-4, 4:14-21 *Jesus begins his Ministry and is rejected at Nazareth Part 1*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Pg 132 Parish Mass book) Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19; Psalm 71 Response: **My mouth will tell of your salvation, O Lord.** 1 Corinthians 12: 31-13:13; Luke 4: 21-30 *Jesus is rejected at Nazareth Part 2*

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2,397.45;** Loose: £262.477; Planned Giving: £295.30; On-line donations: £1262.68; Contactless machine: £577.00 Just to remind you – 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. Thank you

**Unwanted/Unneeded Christmas present sale** today after Sunday Masses – all money raised will go to our parish charities.

**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 support the parish. Use the parish bank account details above. 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'. 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 envelopes.

### 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. Doors open 10.30am & the food is usually distributed from 11.30am. You need to be registered and live in W12 – bring proof of address and ID.

**THE THURSDAY CLUB** for our local over 60's residents/parishioners every Thursday 10am – 12 noon in the parish centre. Tea/coffee, social time, chair exercises with Carol from 11am. All welcome.

**NEW FAMILY CATECHESIS at Our Lady of Fatima. GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)** is our new approach to helping our children & families grow in their faith in the parish. This includes a new way of preparing children for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Our next family session is **this Saturday 8 February 9.15 – 11.30am**. See Fr Richard/Mary C for more

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** – if you are planning to get married in 2025 (congratulations!!) and live within our parish boundaries, you need to take part in our parish marriage preparation course. See Fr R asap!

**2025 PARISH PILGRIMAGE to FATIMA, PONTEVEDRA & SANTIAGO de COMPOSTELA** – wonderful news, we have exactly 40 parishioners registered for our Jubilee Year pilgrimage at the end of May. The flights and hotels have been booked – we will have a pilgrim meeting soon.

**TWO MORE JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGES!!!** We are excited to announce 2 more parish pilgrimages to Marian shrines later this year:

**LOURDES 26-31 July** to join the annual Westminster Diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent. We are especially hoping some of our younger parishioners would like to serve as Redcaps. Price from £750

**KNOCK 28-31 October** By popular demand we are organising a pilgrimage to Knock in the October half term. Price from £400

**The deadline to register for each pilgrimage is 16<sup>th</sup> February.** See Laura/ Fr Richard for more details. Registration forms at the back of church.

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> February – Parish Pilgrimage to Westminster Cathedral for the annual Lourdes with the Anointing of the Sick.** We will have 2 groups: 1) For those who need transport help, a small minibus will be leaving from our church at 12.45pm. Limited places – you must register with Laura 2) For the more mobile – Fr Richard will be leading a walking pilgrimage to the Cathedral, leaving from our church at 11.30am.

**Our 2 new Alpha courses in the parish begin this week** – one on Tuesday evenings (7-8.30pm)/one on Wednesday lunchtimes (1.30-3.00pm). A really wonderful way to come to know Jesus more deeply within a caring supportive community. Each 90-minute session starts with a shared meal, followed by a teaching video about our faith, and then sharing in small groups. From the end of January all through Lent – a great way to prepare for Easter! It helps us if you can sign up in advance.