

## SERVICES THIS WEEK – MAY 2024

<b>SUNDAY</b> 12 May	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed (see <a href="http://www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk">www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk</a> for link)</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 13 May	9.15am	Mass	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 14 May	<b>6.30pm</b>	Mass	<b>Please note later time for today's Mass</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 15 May	7.30am 12noon	Mass Mass	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 16 May	9.15am	Mass	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 17 May	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 18 May	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass Mass	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 19 May	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass Mass	<b>PENTECOST</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; 5-5.50pm; Sat 9.45-11am</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:

- Peace and reconciliation in Israel and Gaza, and for no further escalation between Israel/Iran.
- Release for all hostages in the war in Israel and Palestine.
- Peace & reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia, Sudan, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Ethiopia, Yemen, Syria and other countries in crisis at this time.
- For all those God is calling to the priesthood and religious life.
- All Christians being persecuted around the world, for example in Nigeria, Nicaragua, Pakistan, India, Burkina Faso, Sudan, China and so many other countries at this time.
- All those affected by the cost of living crisis in our local community and beyond.
- All those affected by famine in Sudan and other parts of the world.
- All who have died recently & all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- All refugees and migrants – that they may find a place of sanctuary.
- The sick, housebound and most vulnerable members of our parish community.
- CAFOD, Mary's Meals, Caritas, Friends of the Holy Land & the Catholic Children's Society.
- Our First Holy Communion and Confirmation families in these final weeks/days of preparation.
- All involved in our parish Alpha course.
- Our parish community as we celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima this Monday.
- The work of the World Apostolate of Fatima who visit our parish this weekend.

12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 / No. 3054



## Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church - White City

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### 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER – SIMPLY THE BEST!

In these final days of this year's Easter journey, it is appropriate that in today's Gospel we hear almost the final words of Jesus to the disciples at the Last Supper before he is taken away from them to his Passion and death. Knowing the preciousness of these final moments he shares with them the deepest prayers of his heart – a prayer that they may be one and not divided, a prayer for their protection from the enemy and a prayer that they may be for ever consecrated in God's truth. Jesus entrusts them (and us!) to his (and our!) Father's care. Jesus wants nothing but the best for them/us, even though he knows that these trusted disciples will all betray him in different ways in the coming days, just as we too betray him in our lives. I recently saw a beautiful sign next to a confessional box, words as if spoken by Jesus to each of us – “Nothing you confess could make me love you less.” This is exactly the spirit of Jesus' total unconditional love for us in today's Gospel.

These final days of Eastertide are of course the days between the Ascension (celebrated last Thursday) and Pentecost (next Sunday). Jesus is again taken away from his disciples, this time through his return to God the Father in heaven, as he entrusts his mission to the disciples and infant Church on earth. Again, at a time of parting, Jesus desires only the best for them/us, as he asks the disciples to wait in expectant prayer, together with Our Lady, in the Upper Room, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them. Think of the Holy Spirit as the love between the Father and the Son. It will be through the power of the Spirit that the disciples will be able to faithfully and fruitfully continue Christ's work on earth. The same is true for us today, and so we are encouraged to pray the novena (9 days' prayer) to the Holy Spirit during these days for a renewal/deepening of the life of the Spirit within us. You'll find such a novena at the back of the church – let's be united in this prayer!

**With prayers - Fr Richard, Fr Ephrem, Deacon Robert and all the parish team**

## IN THE PARISH...

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** (Pg 277 Parish Mass book) Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Psalm 102: Response: **The Lord has set his sway in heaven.** 1 John 4: 11-16; John 17: 11-19 *Jesus' prayer for unity.*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: PENTECOST SUNDAY** (Pg 290 Parish Mass book) Acts 2: 1-11,; Psalm 103: Response: **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.** 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13; John 20: 19-23 *The Risen Christ appears to the disciples. They receive the Holy Spirit.*

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1455.34;** Loose: £359.89; Planned Giving: £428.30; On-line donations: £430.15; Contactless machine: £237.00. 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. The parish is struggling financially – could you help us more?

**The PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND raised £687.03.** Thank you so much!

**CAFOD Sudan Appeal raised £612.30** last weekend, including rail sale. Again huge thanks for your very generous support with this. You can still donate or give directly to CAFOD at [www.cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal](http://www.cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal)

**PENTECOST CAKE SALE NEXT SUNDAY** - we would like to resurrect the ancient White City tradition of a parish Pentecost Sunday cake sale. Please bring/bake cakes – if possible with a bit of Pentecost red!

**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 help the parish. Use the parish bank account details above. Add your surname/first name as a reference. Tax payers - 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 indeed – this is a HUGE help.

### 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 WEDNESDAY WARM WELCOME FAMILY HUB** Weds 3.30 – 6pm in the parish centre. Sports for children, arts & crafts, baking plus upcycling & for parents. Simple supper too! Children must be with a parent/carer.

**THE THURSDAY CLUB** for our older parishioners/local residents meets on Thursdays 10am – 12noon in the parish centre. Social time, knitting, chair exercises with Carol. **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month lunch this Friday** 12.30pm

**The ACTIVE MINDS PROJECT** is about helping mind, body & soul by promoting physical activity & friendship. On **Tuesdays & 3 Fridays a month 12-1.30pm** (excl. the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday) the community are invited to **our parish centre** to participate in social/physical activities for free. **Tuesday afternoons is boxing and Friday is table tennis/multi-sports.** Both sessions are open to adults of all ages and abilities. Why not give it a go!

**THE PARISH ALPHA COURSE** – please continue to hold all those involved in your prayers. We are no longer accepting new participants. We hope to run another Alpha course in the autumn!

**OUR PARISH CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION** takes place very soon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. We will once again be joined by Bishop Michael Campbell. You are all very warmly invited to join with the family & friends of our 12 teenage candidates. Please keep them in your prayers during these final days of preparation – Dinis, Cameron, Winnereth, Roseanne, Ruby, Maria, Charlie, Miracle, Olivia, Claribelle, Lani & Mimi. Also one of the adults from our RCIA group – Renard, who was away at Easter – will be confirmed/received into the Church.

**UNBOUND DELIVERANCE MINISTRY** – we are very blessed that Fr Antonio Ritaccio and his team will be coming to our parish on **the evening of Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May and during the day on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June**. The Unbound Deliverance Ministry is an opportunity for anyone suffering from mental and spiritual wounds to find freedom and healing in Christ. Too often we bear the weight of past wounds - however, through this powerful ministry we can be set free of them. See Deacon Robert for more info.

**Would you like to help sponsor our new parish Lectionary books?** From Advent 2024 all parishes in England, Wales & Scotland must start using a new translation of the Lectionary (the book of readings used at Mass). This will cost the parish £700 for the new set of 4 volumes, plus a further £395 for the decorative Book of the Gospels we carry in procession. The parish has not budgeted for this expense this year and this would lead us into debt for the year. Would anyone like to sponsor one of the books (£175 for one of the 4 volumes or £395 for the Book of the Gospels)? Perhaps several people/families could join together... See Fr Richard@