

SERVICES THIS WEEK – April/ May 2025

SUNDAY 27 April	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 28 April	9.15am	Mass	St George
TUESDAY 29 April	9.15am	Mass	ST Catherine of Siena
WEDNESDAY 30 April	7.30am 12.00pm	Mass Mass	
THURSDAY 1 May	9.15am	Mass	St Joseph
FRIDAY 2 May	9.15am	Mass	St Athanasius
SATURDAY 3 May	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	Sts Philip and James – 1st Saturday Fatima Devotions <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 4 May	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>

ROSARY	After Morning Masses Monday to Saturday
EXPOSITION/private prayer	Wed: 9–10.15am; 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:

- The repose of the soul of Pope Francis.
- The Church at this time of mourning Pope Francis and praying for his successor.
- For a lasting and just peace between Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine.
- 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 in captivity around the world.
- All Christians and people of faith being persecuted around the world.
- All those 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.
- All our parish community – that this Eastertide may be a time of spiritual renewal and deeper commitment to our faith for us all
- All those who were baptised and confirmed at the Easter Vigil here in our parish and across the diocese.
- All in the Eastern Rite/Orthodox churches as we celebrate Easter together this year.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – The 'Shalom' of the Risen Christ

What a day and what a week. Firstly, in our Gospel we hear how the risen Jesus appears to the disciples in the Upper Room in the evening of the first day of the Resurrection. Even though Mary Magdalene has told them that she has seen the Risen Lord, the disciples still don't believe it is possible and so remain locked up in fear, shame and guilt for abandoning Jesus in his hour of greatest need. But then suddenly, without a door or window being unlocked, there is Jesus standing amongst them, still marked by the signs of his crucifixion, but now radiant in his risen glory. And in an instant everything changes – he looks at them his eyes filled with love and mercy and says the word they long to hear – 'Shalom' – 'Peace be with you'. This is the mission he gives to them – to share with others the forgiveness they have themselves received.

And what a week we have had with the news of the sudden death of Pope Francis. On Easter Sunday, he summoned all of the strength he still had within his ailing body to give one last Easter blessing to the world and then travelled around St Peter's Square blessing all those present from his popemobile. His doctors had advised complete rest but, like Jesus himself, Pope Francis chose to give of himself right up to his dying breath. The response to his death the week has been so moving – so many people, both Catholic and non-Catholic, sharing how much he has touched their lives. His humility, simplicity of lifestyle, and great witness to the need for mercy and peace in our troubled and divided world today has been a powerful voice during his 12 years as Pope. He spoke up for the needs of the marginalised, the poor and for our urgent need to change our selfish ways and to work together to protect the environment which we are destroying through our own selfish greed. May Pope Francis know that same mercy which the Risen Christ shared with the disciples and may he rest in peace. On this Divine Mercy Sunday may we all grow in our shared mission to spread the 'Shalom' of Christ.

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 2nd SUNDAY of EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) (Pg 256 Parish Mass book) Acts 5: 12-6; Psalm 118 Response: **Give praise to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.**

Revelation 1: 9-11, 12-13, 17-19; John 20: 19-31 *Jesus Appears to the Disciples in the Upper Room. A week later he appears to Thomas too.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 3rd SUNDAY of EASTER (Pg 259 Parish Mass book) Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41; Psalm 30 Response: **I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.** Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19 *Jesus Appears to the Seven Disciples.*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £3,034.41; Easter Loose: £1,216.04; Easter Planned Giving: £322.90; On-line donations: £1,207.97; Contactless machine: £287.50. Huge thanks for this wonderful Easter collection!

● **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION for the HOLY PLACES:** £452.29 Thank you so much for this excellent collection which, as every year, will help support the Christian communities in the Holy Land, which are living under ever great pressures and intimidation.

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 in 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 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at the SUNDAY 11am MASS: Great news! After a long break since before the pandemic, we are starting again our Children's Liturgy time during this Sunday's 11am Mass. With the help of a great team of volunteers we can reintroduce this time for our children to reflect on the Sunday Gospels at their own level. Children from Reception age are invited to gather together with our leaders to share the Gospel of the day. Our children will open the Word of God together, through listening, discussion and activities, a joyful and fun way to grow in their journey of faith. Initially, we will do this every fortnight and when the team of volunteer catechists grows (each needs a DBS clearance) we hope to be able to offer Children's Liturgy every week during school terms at the 11am Mass.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm today – prayers begin at 2.50pm. We will of course include Pope Francis in our prayers. All welcome.

Learn to Pray Course - Saturday 10th May

We are delighted to welcome Andre Regnier, an internationally renowned Catholic speaker and co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach, who will lead a special day retreat (10am – 5pm in our church) to share with us a simple step-by-step approach for how we can build a disciplined & fruitful prayer life into our busy daily lives. We will be joined by people from around the diocese and beyond for this really special day. All are welcome to join this free event. A poster/leaflet will be available next weekend to share with others.

A Day with Mary – Saturday 24th May in our church/parish centre. We are so pleased to be able to welcome back the wonderful Day with Mary team who dedicate their lives to travelling around the country week by week throughout the year, offering a day of prayer and devotion, rooted in the spirituality/message of Our Lady of Fatima. This is a really special day when you can recharge your spiritual batteries. The day's programme runs from 10am to 5.30pm, but come for as much as you can if you can't make the whole day. See leaflet at back of church.

This year we will be having a special **International Celebration on Sunday 11th May, the nearest Sunday to the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima.** International celebration at the 11am Mass followed by a bring and share international buffet in the parish centre. We will also have a very special announcement about an important development for our parish in the future to share with you on that day. We will also be praying an international Rosary in several languages. Could you help in any way?

Prayer for Francis

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,
whom you made successor of Peter
and shepherd of your Church,
may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,
which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.