

SERVICES THIS WEEK – May 2025

SUNDAY 11 May	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 12 May	9.15am	Mass	
TUESDAY 13 May	9.15am	Mass	Our Lady of Fatima
WEDNESDAY 14 May	7.30am 12.00pm	Mass	St Matthias
THURSDAY 15 May	9.15am	Mass	
FRIDAY 16 May	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
SATURDAY 17 May	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 18 May	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <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:

- Our new Pope – Leo XIV!
- All whom God is calling to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.
- 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, including Thomas Kinsella, 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 Special Project being presented to the parish this w/end.
- The defeat of the Assisted Suicide Bill which returns to Parliament for its next vote this week on Friday 16th May.
- Our Year 6 pupils who take their SATS exams over the coming days.



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Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church - White City

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER – The Good Shepherd is Calling All of Us

In our very short Gospel today we hear Jesus as the Good Shepherd: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protects & cares for his people, for his Church. He knows and loves every sheep individually. The sheep for their part also need to recognise the shepherd's voice and stay close to him as he will protect them from danger and lead them to good pasture. This is an image of the relationship which we are each called to have with God, within the "sheep-fold" of the Church.

Here on earth, the Pope is called in a very special way to be the face, voice and heart of the Good Shepherd to the Church and to the world. We give thanks to God for the election of our new Pope – **Pope Leo XIV**. I was very moved to watch all of the emotions on his face as he stood on the balcony at St Peter's after he had been presented to the huge crowds below. You could see his deep emotion with perhaps incredible gratitude, joy, but also an understanding of the cross he was about to take up in imitation of Christ himself. He spoke very beautifully in his opening address about the need to build peace in the world – the peace that only the Risen Christ can give – about our need to be a missionary Church, reflecting God's unconditional love for all. He spoke about our mission as Christians to be 'bridge builders' in our divided world today. What a mission – a mission we are all called to share.

On this "Good Shepherd Sunday" the Church also asks us to pray for those whom he is calling in a particular way at this time to serve the Church as priests, deacons and religious. We pray for Devon, our Westminster seminarian who is with us on Sundays this year, and all those in formation for our diocese. We pray many others will hear & respond to that same call, maybe even someone from our parish here in White City! May we all hear the voice of Christ, the Good Shepherd, calling us to a life of deeper service and mission in the Church & world.

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 4th SUNDAY of EASTER (Pg 262 Parish Mass book) Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Psalm 100 Response: **We are his people, the sheep of his flock.** Revelation 7: 9, 13, 14-17; John 10: 27-30 *Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 5th SUNDAY of EASTER (Pg 265 Parish Mass book) Acts 14: 21-27; Psalm 145 Response: **I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.** Revelation 21: 1-5; John 13: 31-35 *Jesus gives his disciples his new commandment at the Last Supper*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,942.89; Loose Plate: £476.14; Planned Giving: £303.20; On-line donations: £845.45; Contactless machine: £317.50. Remember it costs at least £2,000 a week just to cover the basic expenses of running the parish. Thank you for all your support.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – on this 4th Sunday of Easter, we usually pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, and have a collection for the Priests' Training Fund. But we will be having this appeal in a few weeks' time, when Seminarian *Devon* will share with us.

Online Donations Account Name: WRC DT 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.

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. Also, **this Friday is our monthly lunch club for the over-60's.** From 12.45pm in the parish centre.

FREE FRIDAYAM EXERCISE SESSIONS in the parish centre: 10-11am Come & join '**Poi 4 Joi**' – a new fun exercise activity to stimulate memory, focus and coordination. Then 11am – 12noon **BOCCIA** session with Kevin.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at the SUNDAY 11am MASS: Great news! After a long break since before the pandemic, last week we started again our Children's Liturgy time during this Sunday's 11am Mass. 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. Huge thanks to our enthusiastic new team of catechists!

A Day with Mary – Saturday 24th May in our church/parish centre. This is a really special day when you can recharge your spiritual batteries, led by the wonderful Day with Mary team who travel around the country week after week throughout the year, offering a day of prayer and devotion, rooted in the spirituality/message of Our Lady of Fatima. 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.

We are having a special **International Celebration at the 11am Mass today Sunday, 11th May, the nearest Sunday to the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima.** Then a bring and share international buffet in the parish centre, to which you are all very welcome! This weekend we also have a very special announcement about an important development for our parish in the future to share with you. We will also be praying an international Rosary in several languages. Please wear your national costumes/bring flowers for Our Lady! Let's come together☺

Could you help to clean the church on Saturday mornings, 11.30am – 12noon? Our team has really shrunk in recent months. See Fr R/Olivia.

A Prayer for our new Pope – Pope Leo XIV

Loving Father, source of eternal life and truth, give to Pope Leo XIV a shepherd's heart in imitation of Christ, the Good Shepherd. Fill him with a spirit of courage, wisdom and love. By leading with fidelity and charity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build up your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Give him a servant's humble and selfless heart so that he might lead our whole human family to your heart. Amen.