

SERVICES THIS WEEK – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY 24 November	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	CHRIST THE KING <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed (see www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk for link)</i>
MONDAY 25 November	9.15am	Mass	
TUESDAY 26 November	9.15am	Mass	
WEDNESDAY 27 November	7.30am 12.00noon	Mass Mass	
THURSDAY 28 November	9.15am	Mass	
FRIDAY 29 November	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
SATURDAY 30 November	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	St Andrew
SUNDAY 1 December	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>

ROSARY	After Morning Masses Monday to Saturday
EXPOSITION/private prayer	Wed: 10–11.50am; Fri: 10.15-11am, 5-6pm; Sat: 10-11am
RECONCILIATION	At the above time of adoration & on request
PRAYER GROUP (in Chapel)	Charismatic Prayer Group - Monday evenings 7pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- For peace & reconciliation in all countries at war. Especially, Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Palestine/Lebanon, Sudan, Nigeria, Yemen and other countries in crisis at this time.
- Release for all hostages in Israel & Palestine, and other political prisoners in the world.
- Meaningful and urgent action on climate change amongst nations after COP29.
- All Christians, and people of faith, being persecuted around the world
- All those affected by famine in Sudan and other parts of the world.
- All who have died recently and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- All the Holy Souls during this month of November.
- The sick, the housebound and most needy & vulnerable members of our community. And for all those who care for them.
- The people of the USA – for healing after the divisions of the election campaign.
- CAFOD, Mary's Meals, Caritas, Friends of the Holy Land, the Catholic Children's Society & all who support those most in need in our society and world today.
- A rejection of the latest attempt to pass legislation in our parliament which would lead to the legalisation of euthanasia and assisted dying in our country.

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. At every step of his journey, from the very moment he was conceived in the womb of a young woman from a poor and humble family, Jesus showed that he came into the world not to dominate us with power but to free us from sin and bring us back to God the Father. He is a king of love shown through service and self-sacrifice – a true king who dedicates himself to the good and growth of his people. In today's Gospel, we see Jesus, not enthroned in power, but humbly standing his hands tied before Pontius Pilate, ready to suffer and give his life for his people.

What strikes me in this conversation between Jesus and Pilate is how Jesus has no concern for his own safety but instead tries to release Pilate from the world of political compromise and intrigue in which he has become trapped. Pilate was a soldier at heart – a very successful military commander who had been rewarded for his victories with a political office. But we sense that he would much rather return to the 'honesty' of the battlefield than be caught up in the intrigues of the palace. Jesus knows how to touch his conscience and it is only Pilate's fear of appearing weak which stops him from following his instinct and releasing Jesus. Jesus, the prisoner, is the one who is truly free.

Pilate condemns Jesus to death, but Jesus does not condemn Pilate. Even at this eleventh hour, Jesus offers him a chance to show his true self. Yes, his true self because Jesus explains that his is a kingdom of truth- a kingdom not focused on winning more land and power but on the freedom of the human heart. Jesus shows us the truth about God, our loving and merciful Father; the truth of who we are as cherished children of God, brothers and sisters to each other; the truth which sets us free. Tragically Pilate chose not to live in this truth – how about us?

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: CHRIST THE KING (Pg. 160 Parish Mass book) Daniel 7: 13-14; Psalm 92: Response: **The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.** Apocalypse 1: 5-8; John 18: 33-37 *Mine is not a kingdom of this world... Jesus stands before Pontius Pilate.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Pg. 82 Parish Mass book) Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 24 Response: **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.** 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2; Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36 *They will see the Son of Man coming in glory.*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,957.72; Loose: £ 319.65; Planned Giving: £380.00; On-line donations: £1,101.07; Contactless machine: £157.00. 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. Thank you for everything☺

Many thanks for your donations for the annual collection to support the Sick and Retired Priests of our diocese. So far we have raised £406.96. We'll keep this collection open one more week. Can we reach £500?!!

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 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.

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 in 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). 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 meets every Thursday 10am-12noon in our parish centre - tea/coffee, social time and then chair exercises with Carol from 11am. All welcome!
Last chance to book a place on the Cardinal Vaughan Christmas Tea Dance on 6th December 4-6pm. Transport provided. Let Laura know by Fri. 29th November
- **Our PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH for SENIORS** is on Thursday 12 December @12.30 in the parish centre. Registration essential – see Laura asap.
- **NEW FAMILY CATECHESIS at Our Lady of Fatima...** 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 their **First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion**. You can still register & join the group. See Fr R.
- Could you join **our new parish welcoming teams for Saturday evening/ Sunday Masses**? Come to Mary Crowley's training on 'The Ministry of Welcome' on Sat 30 Nov, 1.30-3.30pm. We also need **fire marshals** for each weekend Mass – your parish needs you!!! See Fr R/Laura.

● **BIBLE REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT.** Each Sunday during Advent – 1st/8th/ 15th & 22nd Dec there will be a time of Biblical Reflection for Advent: 7–8pm in the small Chapel led by Sr Anne. Everyone welcome!

● **CARITAS ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR** is available to collect. A great way to support others this Christmas. This will help the parish to collect extra supplies for the busy winter period for our Monday Community Food Hub.

● **Our PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR** will be on Sunday 8 December after the 11am Mass. A chance for us all to come together and celebrate. Raffle tickets are on sale from this weekend - £1 a strip. Lovely hampers to win!

● **Donate CHRISTMAS PRESENTS for the CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** to help a local child/family in need. Please bring only brand new gifts & you don't need to wrap them. Please bring your gifts to church **by Sunday 1st Dec (next weekend!)** as the Catholic Children's Society need time to sort

● **This Friday MP's will debate and vote on the Assisted Suicide Bill.** The Bishops of England & Wales urge us all to contact our MP's in these final days if we haven't already done so to voice our concerns. Please read Fr Richard's letter to our local MP and the letter from the Bishops on the back of it. See Bishops' Conference website for more: www.cbcew.org.uk (including a short documentary called 'Do No Harm'). For a simple link/template to email your MP see www.righttolife.org.uk. Opposition to the bill is growing across many different parts of our society. Please pray, pray, pray this week for its defeat.