

## SERVICES THIS WEEK – March 2024

<b>SUNDAY</b> 24 March	9.00am, <b>10.45am</b> 6.00pm	Mass	<b>PALM SUNDAY of THE PASSION of THE LORD</b> The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed (see <a href="http://www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk">www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk</a> for link)
<b>MONDAY</b> 25 March	9.15am <b>6.30pm</b>	Mass	<b>LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 26 March	9.15am	Mass	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 27 March	7.30am 12noon	Mass	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 28 March	<b>8.00pm</b>	Mass	No morning Mass <b>MASS of the LORD's SUPPER</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 29 March	10.00am <b>3.00pm</b>		Children's Stations of the Cross <b>SOLEMN COMMEMORATION of THE LORD's PASSION</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 30 March	<b>8.30pm</b>	Mass	<b>EASTER VIGIL - CELEBRATION of THE LORD's RESURRECTION</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 31 March	<b>9.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Mass	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed. No evening 6pm Mass

<b>ROSARY</b>	After Morning Masses Monday to Wednesday
<b>EXPOSITION/private prayer</b>	<b>Wed: 10–11.50am</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 at this time of war, suffering and violence.
- 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.
- 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.
- King Charles, the Princess of Wales and all suffering from cancer at this time.
- Fr Michael Daley and 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.
- All those struggling to forgive others in their lives.
- Our parish community – that we may Christ to the centre of our lives this Holy Week.
- Janis, Denise, Aisha and Christine who are to be baptised this Easter, Eva who is to be received into full communion and Ian who is to be confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 / No. 3047



## Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church - White City

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### PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – ENTERING into HOLY WEEK

And so our Lenten journey has brought us to Holy Week. These 7 days make up the week to which all other weeks in the Church year lead – the revelation in all its drama of God's total, unconditional love for us through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and his triumph over death in the resurrection. It is as if we feel God's heart beating next to ours in these most powerful days. And it is indeed drama – the church feels different this week as we are invited to experience something of the Last Supper, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus here in our own church. We need to change our normal routine and be as present to Jesus as we can during these days – to let him lead us through this life-changing drama of Holy Week.

This week shows us the drama of our human story, of our journey with God. From the honeymoon excitement of the adoring crowds welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the intimacy of the Last Supper, from the trials and tempests of Good Friday through the emptiness of Holy Saturday to the incredible joy of the Resurrection. The whole point is that we are invited to be active participants in this drama, not passive spectators from afar. I would like to really encourage you to participate in all the main celebrations you can this week. When we make the effort to be close to Jesus this week, we can be touched and transformed by the depth of his love and sacrifice for us.

One way to go deeper this week is to think about what you are struggling with in your own life at the moment and learn from the lessons which Jesus teaches during these days. If, for example, you are struggling with pride, see how Jesus at every step witnesses to the power of humility – from the lowly donkey he rides on Palm Sunday, to washing the disciples' feet at the Last Supper and then his total self-sacrifice on Good Friday. Or perhaps for you it's forgiveness, anger or self-control... Let Jesus be your teacher this week to help you become more like him. As always, the more you give, the more you will receive in this week of grace, growth and glory!

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

## IN THE PARISH...

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: PALM SUNDAY** (Pg 187 Parish Mass book)  
Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalm 21: Response: **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?** Philippians 2: 611; Mark 14:1-15:47 The Passion of the Lord

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: EASTER SUNDAY** (Pg 255 Parish Mass book)  
Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Psalm 117: Response: **This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.** Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20:1-9 The Resurrection!

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1471.56**; Loose: £409.60; Planned Giving: £222.90; On-line donations: £616.06; Contactless machine: £223.00. Just a reminder – it costs over £8,000 a month/ £2,000 a week to cover just the parish's basic running costs – we do not receive money from the diocese/Vatican/Government but rely 100% on your support. The parish is really struggling financially these days – could you help us more?

**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.

**CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY/MARY'S MEALS/FRIENDS of the HOLY LAND Lenten donation envelopes** can be put in the special box at the back of church by Thursday this week. Many thanks for all your generosity.

### **COST OF LIVING CRISIS - 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 distributed from 11.30am. You need to be registered/live in W12 – bring proof of address/ID. **Closed Easter Monday**

**The WEDNESDAY WARM WELCOME FAMILY HUB** – Wednesdays 3.30 – 6pm in the parish centre. Sports activities for children, arts & crafts, baking plus sewing/upcycling for parents. Simple supper too! Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. **We are meeting this Wednesday and then will have a 2-week Easter break.** All welcome☺

**THE THURSDAY CLUB** for our older parishioners/local residents meets this Thursday 10am – 12noon in the parish centre. Social time, knitting, chair exercises with Carol & much more. Meeting this week then a week's break.

### **HOLY WEEK SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

See the separate leaflet with all the times of the Holy Week services. In addition, please note the following:

**LENTEN/HOLY WEEK PENITENTIAL SERVICE – Monday 25 March 6.30-7.30pm.** Fr Richard and Fr Ephrem will be joined by Fr Mark Walker (from East Acton) and Fr John Williamson (from the Carmelites in High St Ken). This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare spiritually for Holy Week. All welcome! Don't worry if it's been a while – we're here to help you!

**STATIONS of the CROSS for CHILDREN on Good Friday at 10am.** We urgently need children to help this happen and bring the stations alive in a child-friendly way. As most schools don't break up until Maundy Thursday lunchtime, we will have time for only one **rehearsal!** This will be on **Thursday, 3-5pm in the church.** Costumes provided! It's a great help if you put your child's name on the sign-up sheet at the back of church this weekend. This would be a very powerful experience for your child.

**BLESSING of POLISH FOOD** – we continue our tradition of many years on Holy Saturday when Fr Richard will bless the baskets of traditional food for Easter morning. The blessing is at **3pm on Holy Saturday** (March 30<sup>th</sup>).

**GOOD FRIDAY meditation around the Cross – 7pm.** After all the drama of the Good Friday liturgy at 3pm, why not join Fr Richard for a quiet, reflective time of prayer in the candle-lit stillness of the church...

**EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT for children** after the 11am Mass. Come and explore the parish gardens in search of Fairtrade Easter choccies!

**BEAT THE STREET UPDATE!** Our parish and The Thursday Club have a team and are doing really well! Feb 28 – April 10 Hammersmith & Fulham residents are encouraged to get more active by playing the Beat the Street game. See [www.beatthestreet.me](http://www.beatthestreet.me) for how to play. If you would like to join either team, see Fr Richard/Laura asap. Keep going teams!!!

After Easter we will be running a trial **Alpha course** in the parish, in preparation for a big launch in the autumn. Alpha has been used in over 100 countries around the world and is a really powerful way to introduce people of whatever faith background to the heart of our Christian faith. It is also a brilliant way to renew your faith. If you would like to be a part of/help with this trial course, see Fr Richard/Izzy asap.