

SERVICES THIS WEEK – November 2023

SUNDAY 19 November	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed (see www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk for link)
MONDAY 20 November	9.15am	Mass	
TUESDAY 21 November	9.15am	Mass	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
WEDNESDAY 22 November	7.30am 12noon	Mass Mass	St Cecilia
THURSDAY 23 November	9.15am	Mass	
FRIDAY 24 November	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass Mass	St Andrew Dung-Lac
SATURDAY 25 November	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass Mass	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 26 November	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass Mass	CHRIST THE KING The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed

ROSARY	After Morning Masses Monday to Saturday
EXPOSITION/private prayer	Wed: 10–11am; Fri 10-11am; 5-5.50pm; Sat 9.45-11am
RECONCILIATION	At the above time of adoration & on request
PRAYER GROUPS (in Chapel)	Charismatic Prayer Group - Monday evenings 7pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Peace and reconciliation in Israel and Gaza at this time of war, suffering and violence.
- Peace & reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia, Sudan, Afghanistan, South Africa, Nigeria, Iraq, Ethiopia, Yemen, Syria and other countries in crisis at this time.
- Our own political leaders that they may be wise, humble and honest public servants.
- Pope Francis as he prepares to attend the COP28 Climate Change conference.
- All those affected by extreme climate change weather events around the world, and all who continue to mourn & rebuild their lives after the Moroccan earthquake & Libyan flood disaster.
- All those Christians in Pakistan, India, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, China and other countries who are being persecuted for their faith at this time.
- All those affected by the cost of living crisis in our local community and beyond.
- Gladys Bardouille and all who have died recently & all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- The eternal rest of all whose names are in our parish Book of Remembrance.
- The homeless, refugees and migrants – that they may find a place of sanctuary.
- All those who are preparing for or recovering from surgery, 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.

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Time of reckoning!

Fr Ephrem writes... In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the parable of the talents. He symbolises the Kingdom of God with the different talents given to different men who had to give an account of their business to their master on his return. Each person was given talents according to his capacity, but he was required to produce with what he was given.

Similarly the Lord has given different gifts to each of us that we may use them and produce some results. The Lord does not expect us to produce the same amount or to use our talents in the same way. But no one is exempt from producing some kind of fruit.

Applying this parable in our lives, we can assert the following facts:

1. Each one of us is gifted with one or many gifts and talents.
2. All the gifts are given to build up the Body of Christ, the Church.
3. We have to use all our gifts and contribute to the life of the Church and the wider world.

But to do so, we have first to ask ourselves what talents we actually have. God gives us natural as well as supernatural gifts. We could be endowed with natural talents or spiritual gifts from the Lord. Once we discern our gifts the next step is to generously use them in the life of the Church and to make the world a better place to live in.

Sometimes we may not be able to see our own gifts! In this case, it would be wise to listen to what others say about our hidden gifts. Sometimes unforeseen circumstances may bring our talents to the fore. Once we discover our hidden talents, we should not bury them; instead, we have to develop them in every way we can so that we may use them to build up the Church. As far as we try our best to serve in every way we can, our talents will not remain hidden and eventually they will bear much fruit for the glory of God, the good of others and ourselves. Please always remember that you are talented!

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 155 Parish Mass book) Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 127 Response: **O blessed are those who fear the Lord.** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25: 14-30 **The Parable of the Talents.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: CHRIST THE KING (Pg 158 Parish Mass book) Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17; Psalm 22 Response: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.** 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28; Matthew 25: 31-46 **The Day of Judgement – the sheep and the goats**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1440.30; Loose: £382.55; Planned Giving: £327.50; On-line donations: £544.25 Contactless machine: £186.00. *Just a reminder – it costs approx. £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.*

*Many thanks for your donations for the annual collection to support the **Sick and Retired Priests of our diocese.** So far we have raised **£429.80.** 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 the parish. Use the parish bank account details above. Add your surname/first name as a reference. Tax payers 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 indeed – this is a HUGE help to the parish.

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). 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 on Mondays in our parish centre. Doors open at 10.15am and the food is 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 Sports activities for children, plus arts & crafts, and sewing/upcycling for parents. We now have a wonderful baking teacher as well. Simple supper too! 3-6pm in the parish centre. Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

Journey of Faith for Adults seeking to better understand the Catholic faith, including anyone considering being received into the Church, or any Catholics who have not yet celebrated their First Holy Communion/Confirmation. **We meet on Tuesdays 7-8pm in the presbytery.** Sessions led by Fr Richard, helping you to explore our faith in a real & relevant way.

THE THURSDAY CLUB for our older parishioners and local residents meets Thursdays 10am – 12noon in the parish centre. Social time, knitting, chair exercises with Carol & much more.

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER AND ADORATION – after every Saturday 9.15am Mass, there is a Holy Hour with prayers and reflections on a particular theme. 1st Saturday of the month – Fatima First Saturday Devotions; 2nd Saturday – Peace; 3rd Saturday – The Church & Vocations; 4th Saturday – Family. Why not come and join us for a time of prayer and stillness in your busy week. Our world needs prayer so much!

BLESSING OF GRAVES – today, Sunday between 2pm & 4pm Fr Richard will visit North Sheen & then Mortlake cemeteries. Please let Fr Richard know if you would like him to bless your relative's grave.

OUR NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE starts soon. Register by returning the form available at the back of the church. We wait until we have a big enough group, so please return your registration form asap!

2024 CONFIRMATION JOURNEY We plan to begin this year's Confirmation group for Year 10 & above young parishioners from January 2024, but we would like to start working with all candidates asap. Please take and return a registration form asap.

Izzy, our new Parish Youth and Evangelisation Worker has prepared a 'Youth Survey', initially for 15-18 yr olds in the parish. See back of church.

Looking ahead – a couple of dates for your diary:

Friday 1st December: Hope in White City evening in our church 6.30-8.00pm. We will begin our Advent journey with a celebration of inspiring local people and projects who are bringing hope to our community. If you know any inspiring local musicians/ people, please see Fr R asap!

Sunday 10th December: Parish Christmas Fair. Could you help in any way e.g. help with raffle prizes, or run a stall? See Marie Kelly/Fr R asap.

CARITAS ADVENT GIVING CALENDAR is available to collect this weekend. The calendar encourages adults and children alike to support others this Christmas. This will help the parish to collect extra donations for the busy winter period for our Community FoodHub. Calendars are **FREE**.