

SERVICES THIS WEEK – July 2026

SUNDAY 5 July	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 6 July	9.15am	Mass	St Maria Goretti
TUESDAY 7 July	9.15am	Mass	
WEDNESDAY 8 July	7.30am 12 noon	Mass	
THURSDAY 9 July	9.15am	Mass	
FRIDAY 10 July	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
SATURDAY 11 July	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	St Benedict <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 12 July	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time <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:

- All those who have died in the earthquake in Venezuela and all affected by it.
- Our parish community on this Thanksgiving weekend.
- Pope Leo – that people may read and reflect deeply on his new Encyclical on safeguarding human dignity in the age of artificial intelligence.
- The 12 children who received their First Holy Communion in the parish last Sunday.
- An end to all forms of prejudice/discrimination in our society, including anti-Semitism.
- Peace and reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Palestine, Sudan, Syria, Myanmar, DRC, Afghanistan and all countries/communities living under the shadow of war.
- All Christians, e.g. in Nigeria, and people of faith being persecuted around the world.
- The repose of all who have died recently, including Betty Fleming and Robert Dineen, 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 Centre Renovation Project. Pray for the builders!
- Local school communities as they enter the final 2 weeks of the school year.

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – THANKSGIVING WEEKEND!

This weekend is a great time of celebration in the USA as they mark the 250th anniversary of their Declaration of Independence. President Trump has promised the biggest fireworks display the world has ever seen! Here at Our Lady of Fatima we are having our own 'Thanksgiving Weekend' – albeit on a slightly smaller scale! We are fast approaching the end of the school year, and it just seems like an important moment to stand back, reflect and thank God and each other for the many gifts and graces of the last 12 months. If we are honest, we probably don't say the word 'thank you' enough in our lives. It can be easier to complain or criticise. Yes, of course, there have been challenging times – but these too God can use to help us grow and mature.

In today's Gospel we are privileged to enter into Jesus' own heart as he prays to the Father. He begins his prayer with the simple words: "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth..." – so words of praise and thanksgiving. This is not because he is experiencing great success in his ministry – indeed, to the contrary, he is facing opposition. Two of the small towns around the Sea of Galilee - Chorazin & Bethsaida - have rejected him and the religious authorities are beginning to coordinate their attacks against him. We might expect Jesus to become discouraged and frustrated but instead he praises God! When we are doing God's work, we don't usually receive prizes and public awards – quite the opposite! Jesus knows that the resistance means that change is happening. He has absolute trust in his Father – he knows that whatever we might see on the outside, God is always at work

Finally, Jesus opens his heart wide for all "who labour and are overburdened, and invites them (that means us too!) to find our rest in him. So let's give thanks to Jesus this weekend for all his constant care and concern for us. Let's join him in saying, "I thank you Father, Lord of heaven and earth!"

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 99 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Zechariah 9: 9-10; Psalm 145 Response: ***I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.*** 2nd reading Romans 8: 9, 11-13; Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30: *Come to me all who labour...*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 102 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Isaiah 55: 10-11; Psalm 65 Response: ***Some seed fell onto the good soil and yielded its fruit.*** 2nd reading Romans 8: 18-23; Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23: *The parable of the sower and the seed.*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2,802.83; Loose Plate: £671.86; Planned Giving: £314.75; On-line donations: £1,512.22; Contactless machine: £304.00. Remember it costs at least £2,000 a week just to cover the basic expenses of running the parish. We do not receive money from the diocese or the Vatican (!), but rely totally on your support.

BREAKING NEWS! Next weekend we will be sharing our Parish Accounts for 2024 & 2025. It will be a chance to reflect on our parish finances.

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! For help with this, email Collise on whitecity@rcdow.org.uk

Please note: if you sign up for GIFT AID on the contactless machine, you must put your FULL NAME for the parish to claim your gift aid - initials are not enough.

We heard this week of the death of **Betty Fleming** – many of you will remember her amazing presence in the parish over many years. **Her funeral Mass will take place in our church on Wed 15th July at 9.30am**

● **THE THURSDAY CLUB** for over-60's meets in St Michael & St George Church hall. Thursdays from 10am – 12.30pm with tea/coffee/cake/ social time. Chair exercises with Hanna, from 11.30am – 12.15pm.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS

The Saturday FoodCycle free community lunch has relaunched in a temporary home at the Ed City Dorando's café. **1-2pm every Saturday.** It will return to our parish centre from September.

Our Monday morning White City Community Food Hub is currently at St Michael & St George church because of our parish centre renovation. Food distributed from about 10.30/10.45am. The Food Hub will continue to the end of July and then have a break in August.

PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

● A week of some frustrations and delays, I am afraid, with one key delivery very overdue which is holding up many others things. But the team are working on it and hope to get back on track this week. The expected completion date is still the end of July. Not long to go!

● **Parish International Mass of Thanksgiving today Sunday 5th July at the 11am Mass.** Please join us for our big parish celebration which is an opportunity to give thanks to God for his many gifts and graces over the last 12 months. Last chance to write your prayer of thanksgiving and put it in the special box in front of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

The Mass will be followed by **a traditional White City bring & share party in the school playground next door, complete with bouncy castle!**

Everything is free – all food and drink, but **we are inviting you to make a donation to support CAFOD's emergency campaign to help the survivors of the recent earthquake in Venezuela.** Many thanks for your generosity! And huge thanks to all who prepare and share delicious food and drink!

● **Working with Caritas St Joseph's, we are exploring how the parish can better support families who have children with special needs.** If you would like to be part of this conversation, please see/contact Fr Richard. We have been invited by the diocese to host an 'Inclusive Mass' here in our parish for adults & children with special needs in the autumn. Would you like to help organise this? See Fr Richard

● Many thanks to all who joined the **parish reading groups of Pope Leo's new encyclical Magnifica Humanitas - on safeguarding human dignity in the time of artificial intelligence.** They were magnificent conversations!

Here are some of Pope Leo's words from *Magnifica Humanitas* (section 212):

"[We may be tempted to give in to] a subtle temptation... namely the thought that the problems are too big and we are too small, and that our choices, therefore, cannot make a difference...Certainly, not everyone has the same power to make a difference. There are those who govern, make investment decisions, lead institutions, conduct research, educate, produce or provide information, and then there are those who only seem to live their daily lives. Yet, no one is without responsibility. We all have our own areas for action, and it is precisely there that we must choose whether to fuel the mentality of force (eg through indifference, cynicism, lies, hatred...) or to preserve the mindset of peace (with truth, moderation, closeness and care.)"