

SERVICES THIS WEEK – November 2025

SUNDAY 2 November	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	ALL SAINTS <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 3 November	9.15am 7.00pm	Mass	ALL SOULS
TUESDAY 4 November	9.15am	Mass	St CHARLES BORROMEIO
WEDNESDAY 5 November	7.30am 12 noon	Mass	Sts ELIZABETH and ZECHARIAH
THURSDAY 6 November	9.15am	Mass	
FRIDAY 7 November	9.15am 11.45am 6.00pm	Mass	Requiem Mass for Beatrice Abakah
SATURDAY 8 November	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	with our GIFT children and families <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 9 November	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA <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:

- Pope Leo XIV and all entrusted with leadership roles in the Church.
- A new beginning and a lasting, just peace in Israel and Palestine.
- All victims of Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica and surrounding countries, and for the emergency relief needed now by so many in the aftermath of the hurricane.
- Peace and reconciliation in Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria and all countries/communities living under the shadow of war.
- Release for all political prisoners held unjustly in captivity around the world.
- All Christians, e.g. in Nigeria, and people of faith being persecuted around the world.
- The repose of the soul of Beatrice Abakah, Daniel Brophy and all who have died recently, 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 Parish Centre Renovation Project.
- Our local Council and Councillors here in Hammersmith and Fulham.
- Eternal peace and rest for those we have known who have died/the Holy Souls.



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ALL SAINTS DAY – Knock, Knock, Knocking on Heaven's Door!

This week 48 of our parishioners travelled to Knock in Ireland for our latest Jubilee Year pilgrimage. It was a really blessed time, in which we were able to understand better something of Ireland's history and to experience the power and peace of the Knock apparition.

Knock was a small rural community in the North-West of Ireland which for much of the 19th century lived under the shadow of poverty, even famine. Then on the evening of 21 August 1879, something extraordinary happened. At about 8pm, word spread throughout the village that all should rush to the parish church. Here on the side wall of the church, the villagers experienced a heavenly vision surrounded by brilliant light. These witnesses saw the Blessed Virgin Mary dressed in white robes, her hands and eyes turned towards heaven in prayer. On her head was a golden crown with a golden rose. On her right, bowing respectfully was St Joseph, and to her left stood St John the Evangelist, vested as a bishop, wearing a mitre with a book of the Gospels in his left hand. He appeared to be preaching but no voice was heard. At the centre of the apparition was a lamb, stood upon a plain altar with a Cross behind. In heavy rain, a group of 22 men, women and children knelt in prayer, reciting the Rosary together for the next 2 hours, transfixed by this extraordinary vision. None of the heavenly figures spoke a single word.

The Knock apparition can help us to enter deeper into today's feast of All Saints' Day, when we celebrate the reality of heaven, and the fact that many countless saints, not only those officially canonised by the Church, are already there in God's presence. At Knock, as in Lourdes, Fatima, this heavenly reality breaks through into the ordinariness of our human lives so as to encourage us and give us hope in difficult times. God wants us all to be saints and so to join with Our Lady and all the saints in God's glory and peace. This a life-long journey, but one in which we are helped so much by the intercession and example of the saints.

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: ALL SAINTS DAY (Pg 194 Parish Mass book) First reading – Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24 Response: **Such are people who seek your face, O Lord.** Second reading – 1 John 3: 1-3; Gospel – Matthew 5: 1-12 *The Sermon on the Mount.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (Pg 202 Parish Mass book) First reading – Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 46 Response: **The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High.** Second reading – 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17; Gospel – John 2: 13-22 *Jesus Cleanses the Temple.*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2,048.07; Loose Plate: £345.93; Planned Giving: £230.50; On-line donations: £1,197.64; Contactless machine: £274.00. 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.

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! 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 must put your FULL NAME for the parish to claim your gift aid - initials are not enough. Envelope holders must use the correct envelopes for each week. We cannot claim gift aid donations for unmarked envelopes with handwritten numbers on.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS:

Saturdays at 1pm is 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 every Monday in the parish centre. Doors open@10.30am for teas/coffees. Food distributed from 11.30am. For local residents living in the W12 postcode area. To register, contact Laura with proof of address. New volunteers needed. See Fr Richard/Laura.

• **The Thursday Club** for our over-60's meets every Thursday. Tea/coffee from 10am in parish centre. Chair exercises with Carol 11am – 12noon. Why not come and join our very friendly club! And it's all free☺

PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION PROJECT FUNDRAISING EVENTS

• Huge thanks for all who have donated to our **Spacehive** donation page – the amazing news is that we reached our target of £150,000!!! Huge thanks to over 260 people who made donations. The parish Spacehive page is still active for anyone who would like to donate. See: www.spacehive.com/renovating-our-parish-centre-hub

• **More good news** – by last Friday's deadline we had received 4 tender submissions, one of which we can actually afford! This needs to be fully analysed/checked but the hope is that we will be able to start the work by Christmas & complete by the end of April 2026. We're getting there!

• **Our next fundraiser** is one of our very popular **BINGO evening this Saturday 8th November from 6.30pm. Tickets £10 each, in advance or at the door**, to include light refreshments. A great time for all ages.

• Our **parish Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) programme** for families and children of primary school age - registration forms for new families are available at the back of church. **Our next family session is this Saturday – 9.15am Mass and then session in the parish centre until 11.30am.**

• You are all warmly invited to join Mark Cazalet, creator of our church stained glass windows, and Pansy Campbell, calligrapher, for the second workshop as part of our **exciting new project to create 6 new windows in the church. The workshop is this Tuesday, 4 November, 7.00-8.00pm in the church/midweek chapel.** It doesn't matter if you weren't able to make the first session. Come and be part of the journey – you don't need to have great artistic talent – it's more about sharing our experiences of our personal and community faith journeys with the Lord...

• Please keep praying for **our Sunday evening parish Alpha course**, which is going really well. We have a wonderful group of younger parishioners in their 20's & 30's. As we have reached week 4 out of 8, we have now closed the group, but we hope to run another Alpha course in the parish next May/June so there will be another chance for anyone who has missed this course. All in God's time!

• Sheets for the **NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** giving the names of our deceased loved ones are available at the back of church. These will be included in our Book of Remembrance before the altar during November and prayed for at every Mass during November.

• **All Souls' Day** is tomorrow, Monday November 3rd, when we will pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory. There will be an extra Mass at 7pm, as well as the normal 9.15 am Mass.