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Our Lady of Fatima
Catholic Church - White City

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SERVICES THIS WEEK – November 2026

SUNDAY 15 November	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	***33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*** *The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed*
MONDAY 16 November	9.15am	Mass	***St Margaret of Scotland***
TUESDAY 17 November	9.15am	Mass	***St Elizabeth of Hungary***
WEDNESDAY 18 November	7.30am 12 noon	Mass Mass	***Dedication of Sts Peter & Paul Basilicas***
THURSDAY 19 November	9.15am	Mass	
FRIDAY 20 November	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
SATURDAY 21 November	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	***Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
SUNDAY 22 November	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	***The Feast of Christ the King*** *The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed*

ROSARY	After 9.15am 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 in these final days of his 12-day Apostolic Journey to Uruguay, Argentina & Peru. May he lean on God and others for the strength he needs.
- Archbishop Richard Moth in his leadership role in our diocese and our country.
- The repose of the soul of all who have died recently, including Tang Cong Tran, and for all whose anniversaries occur at about this time.
- All the faithful departed whose names are in our November Book of Remembrance.
- All who dedicate themselves to defending the sanctity of life in our country.
- Peace & reconciliation in all countries/communities living under the shadow of war. For peace and reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia and in the Middle East.
- All Christian and people of faith being persecuted around the world.
- For the COP 31 Climate Change Conference continuing in Turkey this week.
- The homeless, refugees and migrants – that they may find a place of sanctuary.
- All who work in our local hospital and care homes.
- 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.
- All who are unemployed at this time, and those who are insecure in their jobs.
- All those struggling with different addictions and for those affected around them.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Using our Talents Wisely and Well!

We are entering the final 2 weeks of the Church's year (Advent starts on 29th November!) so there is a recurring theme of 'final judgement' in our readings at this time of the year. Perhaps a topic we might choose to avoid! Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the talents – a wealthy master travels away and entrusts large sums of money (5 talents, 2 talents, & 1 talent) to 3 of his servants based on their abilities. A talent was actually a huge sum of money of Jesus' day (rather than a gift or skill as we understand it today) – a single talent of silver or gold was worth about 6,000 denarii - equivalent to about 15 to 20 years wages for an ordinary worker! This is an extraordinary sign of trust in the servants by the master. A trust which the first 2 servants repay by investing the money wisely and creatively, whereas the 3rd servant simply buries his single talent in the ground and so has no profit to return, just a dirty talent!

What is Jesus saying in this parable? God's love is creative, generous, life-giving and so we should show these same qualities in our own lives. Indeed, God's love in us in incomplete until we pass it on to others – this is like the 'profit' the first two servants make. The 'batteries' of life are charged by being used – they lose their charge if they are just left idle. The third servant is condemned not for losing the money in a bad investment (at least he would have tried!), but for doing nothing at all. Burying the talent represents spiritual apathy, laziness, and letting fear of failure prevent action. God expects active, faithful stewardship rather than passivity while we await Christ's return. Jesus shows how we should use the grace, resources, gifts & opportunities entrusted to us during our time here on earth. As St Peter says: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others and give glory to God". (1 Peter 4: 10) Here in the parish I see this all the time – how one person can bring so much life to the community by giving generously of themselves. So let's use our gifts & talents for the good of others & the glory of God!

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

IN THE PARISH…

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Pg 155 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128 Response: ***Blessed are all who fear the Lord.*** 2nd reading 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6. Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30 The parable of the talents.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: **The FEAST of CHRIST the KING** (Pg 158 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23 Response: ***The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*** 2nd reading 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28. Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46 The Sheep & Goats.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,449.66; Loose Plate: £311.96; Planned Giving: £196.20; On-line donations: £416.50; Contactless machine: £525.00. We calculate it costs at least £3,000 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.

● This weekend is **the annual collection for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund**. We now have **80 retired priests** (!) in our diocese, many of whom need our support. They have given a lifetime of dedicated service to us, and now it is our time to show our gratitude and support for them. You can Gift Aid your donation using the special envelopes or simply put a donation in the basket at the end of Mass. Thank you for 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! For help with this, email Collise on whitecity@rcdow.org.uk .

● **THE THURSDAY CLUB** for our wonderful over-60's local residents meets Thursdays in our parish centre, 10am–12.15pm, with tea/coffee, cake, social time & chair exercises. All welcome and it's free!

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS

FoodCycle's community lunch Saturdays 1-2pm in our parish centre. The amazing FoodCycle team cook a 3-course veggie lunch. It's free & a great way to meet people. All welcome! This Saturday we'll have a "Community Swap Shop" – bring something someone might want.

Our Monday morning White City Community Food Hub offers nutritious, free food to those in need. Open to residents living in W12 postcode. To register please bring proof of address & ID. Doors open @ 10.30am for teas/coffees and the food is distributed from about 11am.

● **You are warmly invited to OUR LADY OF FATIMA WARM HUB** - Fridays 9.30am -2pm in the parish centre: Zumba 10am; Boccia 11am; Light Lunch 12-1.30pm & tea/coffee/refreshments. A great opportunity to get out of your flat and come into our lovely warm parish centre, where you will find a warm welcome, lots to do and people to meet. And it's free!

● **Cardinal Vaughan Seniors Tea Dance** Friday 4th December 4pm-6pm. Transport provided to & from Church. Email whitecity@rcdow.org.uk or see Laura asap. Book by Wednesday 18th November. Limited places

● Our **LUMEN PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** is for adults aged 18-35 in our parish to grow in faith, service & friendship. Next Meeting – after 6pm Mass next Sunday 22 Nov: Bible Study: Discerning God's Word & Growing in Holiness. Also **music practice for Lumen choir: Sat 3.30-5pm in the church**

● Our parish **RCIA course for adults** wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith starts with a 'Come & See' session, this **Wednesday 18 November, 7-8pm, Presbytery**. This is for adults 18+ who may not be Catholic and would like to understand our faith, perhaps even prepare for baptism, or for Catholics who would like to grow in faith/prepare to receive Confirmation. See registration forms at the back of church.

● On **Saturday 28 November at 2pm** we will host **our first Parish Inclusive Mass for families with children with special educational needs**. If you'd like to be part of the team, email Fr Richard@ rnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

LOOKING FORWARD to ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

● Advent is only 2 weeks away! This weekend we have our traditional sale of **Fairtrade, Christian Advent calendars**. Still only £5☺

● Next weekend **Caritas Advent Giving Calendars** will be available to take home. Sr Silvana will explain all at the 9am/11am Masses.

● **Our annual Parish Christmas Fair is on Sunday 6th December** after the 11am Mass. We need your help and ideas! From this week, we'll have **Christmas Raffle tickets** on sale. We would be really grateful if anyone could offer/donate any raffle prizes – see Marie/Andrew.

●Also, in the parish **repository** shop, we have a really good selection of **Christmas cards/Christian 2027 calendars** etc… on sale.

● As every year, we will be collecting **toys and gifts for the Catholic Children's Society** to distribute to families in need across London. See basket at back of church – new gifts only. **Deadline: Sunday 6 Dec**

● This Advent we are making a special collection of **warm clothes & bedding for needy families in Ukraine**. See poster. **Deadline: 8 Dec**