

**SERVICES THIS WEEK – APRIL 2024**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 21 April	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed (see <a href="http://www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk">www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk</a> for link)</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 22 April	9.15am	Mass	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 23 April	9.15am	Mass	<b>St GEORGE</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 24 April	7.30am 12noon	Mass Mass	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 25 April	9.15am	Mass	<b>St MARK, Evangelist</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 26 April	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 27 April	<b>9.30am</b> 6.00pm	Mass Mass	<i>with St John XXIII school</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 28 April	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass Mass	<b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>

<b>ROSARY</b>	After Morning Masses Monday to Saturday
<b>EXPOSITION/private prayer</b>	<b>Wed: 10–11.50am; Fri 10-11am; 5-5.50pm; Sat 9.45-11am</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, and for no further escalation between Israel/Iran.
- 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.
- For all those God is calling to the priesthood and religious life on this Vocation Sunday.
- 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.
- All those affected by the cost of living crisis in our local community and beyond.
- All who have died recently & all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- The homeless that they may receive the support they need during these winter months.
- 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.
- Our first parish Alpha course, which began last Thursday
- Our parish community – that we may Christ to the centre of our lives this Eastertide.
- All those in our parish and across the diocese received into the Church this Easter.



**Our Lady of Fatima**  
Catholic Church - White City

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**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – Deacon Robert reflects...**

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us all to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to embrace the Gospel. This Sunday however, being Good Shepherd Sunday, Pope Francis has asked us in a particular way, to pray for vocations to the priesthood. In his prayer, the Pope implores Our Father in heaven that the hearts of young men be filled with the Spirit of courage and love and for families to be filled with grace, to discern and encourage priestly vocations.

I remember when I felt the call to the priesthood. I was working a full time job as a Civil Engineer, and I had my career mapped out before me. I had life goals and ambitions to fulfil but God had other plans! When the call from Our Lord came to me, at first, I was shocked, even a little angry; I could not believe God was de-railing all my best-laid plans. In the beginning, I tried to ignore the desire to become a priest, but the call persisted. A few weeks later, as I stood in my parish church looking up at the tabernacle, I finally accepted the Lord had called me and that my happiness was in doing his will, not mine. Looking back I can now see it was fear that prevented me from immediately saying 'yes'. I feared what people would say and I feared the unknown, but God blessed me with a loving parish who encouraged me and strengthened me to go forward and so, I plunged into the unknown with God.

Six years later, as I now approach my ordination, the greatest lesson I have taken from my experience is this... God is Good and I would happily plunge a thousand times over into the great unknown with Him - over and over again! For with God there is nothing to fear, there is only love! If you feel Our Lord is calling you, Rejoice! His ways are better than our ways, his plans are better than our plans. If you think, you see someone who has a vocation let them know, you may be the sign they are waiting for. Finally, I implore you myself, please pray for vocations, support vocations and above all encourage families to foster vocations. May God bless you all.

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

## IN THE PARISH...

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** (Pg 265 Parish Mass book) Acts 4: 8-12; Psalm 117; Response: **The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.** 1 John 3: 1-2; John 10: 11-18 *I Am the Good Shepherd.*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** (Pg 268 Parish Mass book) Acts 9: 26-31; Psalm 21; Response: **Alleluia!** 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8 *I Am the True Vine.*

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1979.93**; Loose: £407.03; Planned Giving: £300.90; On-line donations: £1145.00; Contactless machine: £127.00. It costs over £8,000 a month/ £2,000 a week to cover just the parish's basic running costs. We don't receive money from the diocese/Vatican /Government but rely 100% on your support. The parish is struggling financially – could you help us more?

**Our New 2024/5 WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** can be collected from the Presbytery. If you would like to sign up for weekly envelopes/ standing orders, please contact Collise on 0208 743 8334 Mon/Wed/Fri

### **ANNUAL COLLECTION for the PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND THIS WEEKEND**

**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.

### **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 usually 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** Weds 3.30 – 6pm in the parish centre. Sports for children, arts & crafts, baking plus upcycling & for parents. Simple supper too! Children must be with a parent/carer.

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

**The ACTIVE MINDS PROJECT** is about helping mind, body & soul by promoting physical activity & friendship. On **Tuesdays & 3 Fridays a month 12-1.30pm** (excl. the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday) the community are invited to **our parish centre** to participate in social/physical activities for free. **Tuesday afternoons is boxing and Friday is table tennis/multi-sports.** Both sessions are open to adults of all ages and abilities. Why not give it a go!

**The PARISH BEAT THE STREET TEAM!** Huge congratulations and thanks once again to all of you who were a part of this. Fr Richard received a magnificent trophy and certificates this week for the parish and Thursday Club teams. You are amazing. Keep up the exercise!!!

**FIRST EVER PARISH ALPHA COURSE!!!** began last Thursday evening. It was a really wonderful start – we were all buzzing afterwards. This Thursday is the last opportunity to join this course. **Thursday evenings 7- 8.30pm in the parish centre from Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April for 10 weeks!** It helps if you can register in advance: email Izzy at [whitecityyoutheva@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:whitecityyoutheva@rcdow.org.uk)

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> April:** Our parish is one of the 7 West London churches included in the **2024 UNLOCK WALK 41.** This is an ecumenical Christian initiative which organises annual walks for Christians of all faiths to inner city churches to understand better something of their unique mission and the challenges they face. We are expecting 500 - 700 people to visit our church between 9am & 5pm. Could you help with hospitality? We need a team of parishioners to help welcome walkers from 9am to 4pm. Please sign up for an hour slot on the sheet at the back of church. See <https://www.unlock-urban.org.uk/support/walk> for more info.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Parish Retreat Day led by the World Apostolate of Fatima** (WAF) – a day of prayer, teaching and devotion. A beautiful way to prayer for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 2:30pm.** Cardinal Vincent is inviting all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please let Fr Richard know the following details asap: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).