

SERVICES THIS WEEK – August/ September 2025

SUNDAY 31 August	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 1 September	9.15am	Mass	
TUESDAY 2 September	9.15am	Mass	
WEDNESDAY 3 September	7.30am 12noon	Mass	St Gregory the Great
THURSDAY 4 September	9.15am	Mass	
FRIDAY 5 September	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	St Teresa of Calcutta
SATURDAY 6 September	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	First Saturday Fatima Devotions <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 7 September	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	23rd 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:

- Pope Leo XIV and all entrusted with leadership roles in the Church.
- A lasting and just peace between Ukraine and Russia, Israel, Iran and Palestine.
- Urgent relief for all those near to starvation in Gaza.
- Peace and reconciliation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria and all countries/communities living under the shadow of war at this time.
- Release for all political prisoners held unjustly in captivity around the world.
- Christians, e.g. in Nigeria, and people of faith being persecuted around the world.
- The repose of the souls of Robert Clarkson 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 school communities as they begin their new school year this week.
- All children/pupils starting nursery/school/new schools in the coming days.
- All those affected by the heatwaves, fires and extreme weather around the world.
- The Missionaries of Charity family around the world.

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The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Table talk...

This year most of our Sunday Gospels are taken from Luke. If someone was to make a stage play of Luke's Gospel and hadn't got much of a budget for the set, they could get away with just having a large table in the middle of the stage! This is because time and time again Luke presents us with a picture of Jesus at a meal or telling stories which involve meals.

For example, Jesus shows that sinners like the tax collectors Matthew & Zaccheus have been forgiven/reconciled with God by inviting himself to their houses for a meal. Many of his parables, such as the Prodigal Son, conclude with a special meal. After his death and resurrection the Risen Christ is finally recognised by the two disciples at Emmaus when they sit down together for supper and Jesus breaks the bread. Jesus often uses meals as opportunities to teach – a more intimate and personal environment than great crowds. He obviously really enjoys sharing food and company with others. At the Last Supper he shows us how to be the perfect host, treating his guests – the disciples – with loving service, respect and deep trust, giving of himself unconditionally.

But in today's Gospel we witness a time when Jesus was invited to a meal at the house of a leading Pharisee and was made to feel very unwelcome. Notice how frosty the atmosphere is around the table – they have invited Jesus in order to test and trap him, but Jesus turns the tables and exposes their meanness and arrogance. I think one reason why sharing a meal is so important for Jesus is that it looks forward to the heavenly banquet when all sorts of people, regardless of their social rank or importance on earth, will be joyfully united in glorifying God. So the meal is used by Jesus/Luke as an image of how our relationships here on earth should be – generous, loving, non-judgemental, caring, merciful and God-centred. A question to reflect on - if you were to invite Jesus for a meal to your home what kind of host would you be?

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 130 Parish Mass book) Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 68 Response: **In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.** Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24; Luke 14: 1, 7-14 *The Parable of the Wedding Feast.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 133 Parish Mass book) Wisdom 9: 13-18; Psalm 90 Response: **O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.** Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14: 25-33 *The Cost of Discipleship*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,226.93; Loose Plate: £345.57; Planned Giving: £296.71; On-line donations: £444.65; Contactless machine: £140.00. 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 need to put your FULL NAME for the parish to claim your gift aid – your initials are not enough. If you are an envelope holder, you must use the correct envelopes for each week. We cannot claim gift aid donations for unmarked/blank envelopes with handwritten numbers on. These amounts will go into the loose plate.

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 on Mondays is on a summer break until Monday 8th September. The project is open to local residents who live in the W12 postcode area. Anyone who would like to register, needs to contact Laura with proof of address. Also, we are always looking for new volunteers to help with the project. See Fr Richard/Laura.

• **HOLIDAY POSTCARDS!** Thank you for your holiday postcards – it's lovely to see where you have been this summer! See board at back of church

PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

• The project architect & team are currently finishing all of the technical drawings. We hope to be able to go out to tender asap and then start the work by Christmas! More updates to follow very soon!

• **PARISH PICNIC & FAMILY SPORTS DAY together with our Sponsored 2.5 km/5km Walk/Run on Sunday 14th September** after the 11am Mass up at Wormwood Scrubs. Sponsorship forms are available at the back of church. A time for us to be together – bring a picnic/food to share!

Last few weeks to donate to our SPACEHIVE link (ends October 1st) See: <https://www.spacehive.com/renovating-our-parish-centre-hub> Please share this link with family/friends/work colleagues. Fantastic news – we've received **a donation of £40,000 from H&F Council** on our Spacehive site

Our next **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** begins on Sat 13th September, 4-5pm in the church. See Fr Richard for a registration form asap.

2025/26 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME. If you will be 14 years old & above (Year 10) by 1st September 2025, you are warmly invited to join our parish Confirmation programme. A helpful guide for candidates and their parents is available at the back of church, as well as a registration form. If you would like to find out more, see Fr Richard and/or Andrew/Marie. **The registration deadline is SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER!!!**

• **ALTAR SERVER APPLICATIONS.** Would you like to be an altar server? Forms for new altar servers are available at the back of church by the family/reconciliation room. New training sessions begin in September, so please apply asap! For more info please see Fr Richard and/or Andrew.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE to WALSINGHAM on Saturday 20th September. Come & join Cardinal Vincent & other pilgrims from around the diocese. We leave by 7am & return by 9pm so a long day with a lot of walking so you need to be quite mobile. Cost £25 for coach seat plus £5 for the Westminster diocesan levy. Registration forms are at the back of church. We really need to know asap if you would like to join this pilgrimage!

PRAYERS for our LOCAL SCHOOLS – we hold in our prayers this week the whole community of St John XXIII Catholic Primary School and all our other local schools, as they begin their new school year in the coming days. There will be a special celebration on **Thursday 11th September** when **Bishop Jim Curry is coming to celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving as the school marks 60 years** since it first opened its doors back in September 1965. All are welcome to this special celebration!