

SERVICES THIS WEEK – April 2026

SUNDAY 19 April	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	3rd SUNDAY of EASTER <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 20 April	9.15am	Mass	
TUESDAY 21 April	9.15am	Mass	St Anselm
WEDNESDAY 22 April	7.30am 12 noon	Mass	
THURSDAY 23 April	9.15am	Mass	St George
FRIDAY 24 April	11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	Requiem Mass for Peter Salmon
SATURDAY 25 April	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	St Mark the Evangelist <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 26 April	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	4th SUNDAY of EASTER <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>

ROSARY	After Morning Masses Monday to Saturday
EXPOSITION/private prayer	Wed: 10 –11.50am, Fri: 9-10am, 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 as he continues his pilgrimage to Algeria, Cameroon, Angola and Equatorial Guinea from 13th to 23rd April.
- Peace and reconciliation in those countries in Africa ravaged by war.
- An end to the war in and around Iran/Lebanon. For all victims of the war on all sides.
- Peace and reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Palestine, Sudan, Syria, Myanmar, DRC, Afghanistan 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 Peter Salmon 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 Centre Renovation Project. Pray for the builders!
- Our parish community – that these sacred days of Eastertide may be a time of great spiritual renewal for us all.

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3rd SUNDAY of EASTER – Be living signs of the Resurrection!

In today's Gospel we hear how the Risen Christ literally turns around the life of 2 disciples who are escaping from Jerusalem after the crucifixion. They are so shocked by Jesus's brutal death that they are broken, dejected and in despair - they had believed that Jesus could be the promised Messiah but how could that be possible when it seems that all has ended so tragically... It is in their despair that the risen Jesus joins them as they walk along the road to Emmaus – a spa town about seven miles away from Jerusalem – although they do not recognise him at first.

Jesus firstly simply listens to them, with all their gloom & doom, and talk of hope lost and buried. Then he begins his patient healing by explaining how all they experienced in Jerusalem had been predicted in Scripture and how he is indeed the fulfilment of the ancient prophecies of the Messiah, including in his rejection and execution at the hands of his own people. Finally, when the disciples ask him to stay with them for a meal when they reach Emmaus they finally recognise him when he breaks the bread – a distinctive gesture of his which they would have seen so many times during their time with Jesus. Now, renewed in hope, with eyes & heart opened, they run back to Jerusalem to share their joy with the disciples. Filled with Easter joy, they run to tell the Good News!

There is a lot for us to learn from all this. Easter is a time when we are asked to reflect on the journey of our own lives. Am I heading in the right direction? Is Jesus the one who leads and guides my life or do I allow my fears and insecurities to lead me astray? And how do I respond to those who seem to be walking in the wrong direction in their lives? Do I rush in to judge and tell them to change, or, like Jesus, do I simply walk with them, listen to them and, when the time is right, encourage them to walk with the Lord, perhaps guiding them back to the Church? What can I learn from Jesus' journey with the 2 disciples for the journey of my life?

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 3rd SUNDAY of EASTER (Pg 258 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Acts 2: 14, 22-33; Psalm 16 Response: **O Lord, you will show me the path of life.** 2nd reading 1 Peter 1: 17-21; Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35 The Risen Christ accompanies the 2 disciples to Emmaus

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 4th SUNDAY of EASTER (Pg 262 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Acts 2: 14, 36-41; Psalm 23 Response: **The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.** 2nd reading 1 Peter 2: 20-25; Gospel: John 10: 1-10 Jesus says: I am the Good Shepherd. I am the Gate

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,644.76; Loose Plate: £408.54; Planned Giving: £254.50; On-line donations: £707.72; 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.

Next Sunday, 4th Sunday of Easter, is also 'Vocations Sunday': a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & consecrated life. There will be a retiring collection to support the Priest Training Fund.

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.

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.**

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 11.00am. New members must live in W12 and bring 2 proofs of address. Could you help as a volunteer, even just once a month...? To find out more, see Laura or Fr Richard.

• **THE THURSDAY CLUB** for over-60's now meets in St Michael & St George Church hall due to our parish centre renovation. Thursdays from 10am – 12.30pm with tea/coffee/cake/social time. We have chair exercises with our new instructor, Hanna, from 11.30am – 12.15pm. Why not come along and join us!

PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

• If you pass by the building site, you will see that the bricklayers made good progress this week. You can also begin to see the size of the 3 feature windows (huge!). So more steady progress and things are taking shape. The expected completion date will still be in June rather than May, but we are getting there, as British Rail used to say!

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – Next weekend, on Good Shepherd Sunday, there will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund. This fund plays a crucial role in supporting men who are discerning and preparing for the priesthood. Their formation includes academic study, spiritual development, and pastoral training - all of which are essential for their future ministry. As we reflect on Christ as the Good Shepherd, we are reminded that He continues to call shepherds for His Church today. Please keep our seminarians and those discerning this calling in your prayers. **Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to support this important work. Thank you for your generosity**

• **LUMEN** – our new group for young adults aged 18-35 in the parish to grow in faith and friendship. Shared supper, Bible study, Q&A, fellowship and prayer. See poster at back of church to join the group. All welcome! Next meeting date to be announced asap.

• **ANNUAL MASS of THANKSGIVING for the Sacrament of Matrimony,** Saturday 23rd May 2.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. Archbishop Richard invites all couples from the diocese celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th & 60th (and every year over 60!) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries, please let Fr Richard know **by today, Sunday 19th April**, giving the following details: husband and wife's names, date & place of wedding, full postal address and contact email (or phone number if no email). Please give this info to Fr Richard or email whitecity@rcdow.org.uk by close of play next Sunday. A personal invitation will be posted to you.

• **POPE LEO on PILGRIMAGE in AFRICA** This week Pope Leo continues his 12-day pilgrimage to Africa from 13-23 April – to Algeria, Cameroon, Angola & Equatorial Guinea. In Cameroon he said: *"Brothers and sisters, consolation for broken hearts and hope for change in society are possible if we entrust ourselves to God and God's word. We must, however, always keep the Apostle Peter's exhortation in our hearts and bring it to mind: obey God, not human beings. To obey him, because he alone is God"*. Please keep Pope Leo in your prayers during these days and follow him online.