

## SERVICES THIS WEEK – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2024

<b>SUNDAY</b> 27 October	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed (see <a href="http://www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk">www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk</a> for link)
<b>MONDAY</b> 28 October	9.15am	Mass	<b>Sts Simon and Jude</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 29 October	9.15am	Mass	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 30 October	7.30am 12noon	Mass Mass	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 31 October	9.15am	Mass	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 1 November	<b>9.15am, 12noon &amp; 6pm</b>	Mass	<b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> <b>Church open all day to Midnight</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 2 November	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>ALL SOULS DAY</b> <b>First Saturday Fatima devotions 10-11am</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 3 November	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed

<b>ROSARY</b>	After Morning Masses Monday to Saturday
<b>EXPOSITION/private prayer</b>	<b>Wed: 10–11.50am; Fri: 10.15-11am, 5-6pm; Sat: 10-11am</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 & reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Palestine/Lebanon, Sudan, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Ethiopia, Yemen, Syria and other countries in crisis at this time.
- Release for all hostages in the war in Israel & Palestine, and other political prisoners in the world
- 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 famine in Sudan and other parts of the world.
- All who have died recently, including Eduardo Garlitos, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- The sick, the housebound and the most needy and vulnerable members of our community. And for all those who care for them.
- All those whose lives are being destroyed by drugs.
- CAFOD, Mary's Meals, Caritas, Friends of the Holy Land, the Catholic Children's Society & all who support those most in need in our society and world today.
- A rejection of the latest attempt to pass legislation in our parliament which would lead to the legalisation of euthanasia and assisted dying in our country.

27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 / No. 3078



## Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church - White City

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### 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME – The Blind Man who Helps us to See

For the last 5 Sundays we have been walking with Jesus on his final journey towards Jerusalem and witnessing various encounters he had along the way. A question running through the whole journey has been “What does it really mean to follow Jesus?” We have seen examples of people who really struggle to follow Jesus, like the rich young man who couldn't leave his wealth behind, or others who struggle to follow Jesus on his terms, like James & John last week who wanted power and glory but not the self-sacrifice and suffering of a true disciple. Today we at last meet a true disciple – the blind beggar Bartimaeus.

Jesus has reached Jericho, 15 miles from journey's end in Jerusalem. At the side of the road sits Bartimaeus, as he has for years. His life seems hopeless – he has been blind for so long and no cures have worked. All he can do is beg. But somebody has told him about Jesus and a spark of hope has been lit within him. The more scraps of information he has pieced together, the more he has dared to believe that this could be the long-awaited Messiah – the one who “will open the eyes of the blind.” Then one day, Bartimaeus hears a strange excitement in the crowd – not the usual subdued, prayerful pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem. What is causing this buzz? Then Bartimaeus hears the cry “Jesus! Jesus!” So he shouts with all his strength, “Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me!” The crowd try to shut him up but he persists - Jesus hears him and stops. Nothing and nobody can stop Bartimaeus and he seizes his moment and begs Jesus to cure him. He then throws off his beggar's cloak, stands up and goes to Jesus. In this moment he shows what it really means to follow Jesus – to believe that for God nothing is impossible, to persevere in prayer even when others mock, to have faith in God's power and the courage to follow him, wherever he leads – a true disciple at last! What can you learn from Bartimaeus?

**With prayers - Fr Richard, Fr Ephrem & all the parish team**

## IN THE PARISH...

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Pg 149 Parish Mass book) Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Psalm 125: Response: **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.** Hebrews 5: 1-6; Mark 10: 46-52 The blind man Bartimaeus receives his sight.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Pg 152 Parish Mass book) Deuteronomy 6: 2-6; Psalm 17: Response: **I love you, Lord, my strength.** Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 12: 28-34 Which is the greatest Commandment?

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2,099.42;** Loose: £263.51; Planned Giving: £272.52; On-line donations: £1,302.13; Contactless machine: £261.26. 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. Thank you for everything☺

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL** – Huge thanks to all who have already donated – we have raised **£974.81!** Can anyone help us to take this over £1000? See [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) for more on CAFOD's work.

**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 THURSDAY CLUB** for our local over 60's local residents/parishioners meets every Thursday 10am - 12noon in our parish centre with tea/coffee, social time and then chair exercises with Carol from 11am. All welcome! **The THURSDAY CLUB is on a HALF-TERM BREAK this week**

• **NEW FAMILY CATECHESIS at Our Lady of Fatima...**is our new approach to helping our children & families grow in their faith in the parish. This includes a new way of preparing children for their **First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion**. See the leaflet at the back of the church, called **Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)**. You can still register & join the group.

• **SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION** – all young adults in the parish in Year 10 & above who would like to celebrate their Confirmation next year, are invited to complete & return a registration form from the back of church asap. The sessions, on alternate Sundays after the 11am Mass, will begin in November. **The absolute deadline for registration is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.**

• **SEEKING GOD – A Journey of Faith for Adults.** A special group for adults seeking to understand more about the Catholic faith, including anyone considering being baptised into the Church, or any Catholics who have not yet celebrated their First Holy Communion/Confirmation. We meet on **Wednesdays 7-8pm in the presbytery**. Very relaxed and no exams!

• **CARDINAL VINCENT'S URGENT APPEAL on ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL:** "We are calling on Catholics in England & Wales to unite in prayer/compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. Another attempt is being made in Parliament to legalise assisted suicide and we need you to contact your MP to voice your opposition." For more info see [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

• **TALK on ASSISTED SUICIDE** Fr Mark Vickers, Parish Priest of Holy Ghost and St Stephen, Shepherds Bush invites us to a talk by Brian McGreevy, who will reflect from his experience as a GP, on why assisted suicide would be so disastrous. **4.30 pm next Sunday, 3 November**, Parish House basement, Holy Ghost and St Stephen, 44 Ashchurch Grove, W12 9BU.

• **CHURCH OPEN ALL DAY THIS FRIDAY to MIDNIGHT.** We are starting again all day/evening adoration on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. Please sign up if you can to watch & pray with the Lord for a particular hour. Thank you☺

### November – Month of Prayer for the Holy Souls

This week we celebrate **All Saints (Nov 1<sup>st</sup>: Mass at 9.15am, 12noon & 6pm) & All Souls Day (Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>)**, which remind us of our beautiful Catholic tradition of praying for those who have died, just as we, in turn, are supported by the prayers of the saints in heaven. We're all connected!

**November Book of Remembrance** – sheets are available at the back of church for you to write the names of your deceased family/friends. Place the completed sheets in the box next to the lectern and we will then pray for all those written on the sheets throughout November.