

SERVICES THIS WEEK – March 2026

SUNDAY 15 March	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	4th SUNDAY OF LENT <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 16 March	9.15am	Mass	
TUESDAY 17 March	9.15am	Mass	St Patrick
WEDNESDAY 18 March	7.30am 12 noon	Mass	
THURSDAY 19 March	9.15am	Mass	St Joseph
FRIDAY 20 March	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	Stations of the Cross after Morning and Evening Masses
SATURDAY 21 March	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 22 March	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	5th SUNDAY OF LENT <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 and our new Archbishop, Richard Moth, This is their first Lent in their roles.
- All our mothers as we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend.
- An end to the war in and around Iran. For all victims of the war.
- 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. We pray for the all the children kidnapped in recent months in Nigeria by extremists.
- The repose of the soul of Mary-Anne Theophile 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 this sacred season of Lent may be a time of great spiritual renewal for us all.

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4th SUNDAY OF LENT – SEEING AS GOD SEES

On our Lenten journey with Jesus we finally arrive in Jerusalem and just like last week's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, we once again find Jesus transforming someone's life around a pool of water. This reminds us that the journey of Lent leads us to the renewal of the graces of baptism in each one of us at the living waters of the Easter celebrations. The pool of water in this week's Gospel is the Pool of Siloam (a Hebrew word meaning "sent") which contained water brought into the city by a special channel which had been cut through 400 metres of rock. This pool was a life-line for the city in times of siege or drought – it was literally "heaven sent" water of salvation just like Jesus who is the 'living water'.

As a sign of the healing and redemption he has come to offer, Jesus meets a man born blind and gives him new sight in the waters of the pool. Of course, it is not just physical sight which Jesus gives to this man but more importantly he brings alive in him the light of faith. We see a stunning transformation in this man – at the start of the Gospel he is a nobody, indeed his blindness is seen by people as a punishment for sin – either his own or his parents. But through Jesus' healing grace he is able to see what the religious leaders cannot – that Jesus is Lord. This most insignificant and despised man becomes a teacher to his own people and leaders.

Just as in our own journey of faith from the waters of baptism, this light grows gradually within the man who at first refers to "the man called Jesus". Later, when questioned by the Pharisees, he says, "He is a prophet." Finally when he comes before Jesus again, his eyes of faith are fully opened and he worships Jesus as "Lord". This journey of ever deeper understanding of who Jesus is one we can make in our own lives. This also links to another theme running through today's readings on how we need to learn to see the world around us as God sees it. This includes seeing the value and dignity of people whom the world dismisses as weak or 'worthless' today. Lord Jesus, open our eyes to our blindness and help us to see as you see!

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 4th SUNDAY OF LENT (Pg 164 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Psalm 23 Response: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.** 2nd reading Ephesians 5: 8-14; Gospel: John 9: 1-41 Jesus heals the man born blind

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 5th SUNDAY OF LENT (Pg 170 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Ezekiel 37: 12-14; Psalm 130 Response: **With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.** 2nd reading Romans 8: 8-11; Gospel: John 11: 1-45 The Raising of Lazarus from the dead

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2,000.33; Loose Plate: £368.58; Planned Giving: £222.71; On-line donations: £972.04; Contactless machine: £437.00. 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. We also need to raise more money at this time to help pay for our parish centre renovation project. Please keep this in your prayers.

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

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – We are ordering envelopes next week. If you would like to start using envelopes or are signed up for envelopes that you no longer require, please email the parish office.

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

Our Saturday free community lunch run by FoodCycle is now on an extended break until the parish centre renovation is completed.

Our Monday morning White City Community Food Hub has moved to St Michael & St George church because of our parish centre renovation. Food distributed from about 11.00am. 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 – 12noon with tea/coffee/cake/social time. Chair exercises 11.30am – 12.15 with our new instructor, Hanna. All welcome!

PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

- If you visit the building site, you will see a big change – we now have a beautiful concrete foundation slab for the new extension. We're getting there! Please keep the project & the builders in your prayers!
- HUGE thanks to **the Thursday Club** who continue their weekly raffles to raise money for the project. Thank you – you are simply the best!

• **LUMEN – our new group for young adults**, 18-35 meets **next Sunday after the 6pm Mass**. This is a new community for young adults 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!

• **FAIRTRADE EASTER EGGS** on sale this/next weekend. As every year we are selling the Meaningful Chocolate Company's Fairtrade Easter eggs next weekend - £5 each. These are ethically made by a Christian company and tell the true Easter story. Not available in the shops!

LENT 2026

• On **Sunday evenings in Lent after 6pm Mass**, Sr Anne is leading a Scripture group open to all to help us understand deeper the Sunday readings. Today, Sunday 7-8pm. Next Sunday: 4.30-5.30pm

• **STATIONS of the CROSS** are prayed together in the church every Friday of Lent after the 9.15am and 6pm Masses. This is an incredibly powerful way to literally walk with Jesus during Lent. Come and walk with the Lord

• **Lenten PARISH GARDEN CLEAR UP!** Spring is all around us and we need to tidy up the parish garden, ready for Holy Week/Easter. **Come and help this Saturday, 11.30-1pm** Just wear old clothes. All welcome!!

• **LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will take place **on Tuesday 31st March from 6.30pm**. This is a really important opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Holy Week – the best preparation possible for the most important days of our whole Christian year. There will be another priest or two besides Fr Richard and Fr Ephrem. Holy ground!

CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY APPEAL

Thank you for your donations. So far, we have raised £917.83 in cash, plus £564 on the contactless machine, which is wonderful! If you haven't done so it's not too late to make a donation. If you wish to 'Gift-Aid' your donation, please use one of the CAFOD green envelopes. Let's see if we can reach the £2000 mark! For more info see www.cafod.org.uk