

## SERVICES THIS WEEK – SEPTEMBER 2024

<b>SUNDAY</b> 15 September	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</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> 16 September	9.15am	Mass	<b>Sfs. Cornelius and Cyprian</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 17 September	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass	<b>Requiem Mass for Vincent Myers</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 18 September	7.30am 12noon	Mass	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 19 September	9.15am	Mass	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 20 September	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 21 September	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>St. MATTHEW</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 22 September	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</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 10.15-11am, 5-6pm; 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:

- A new urgency and unity in our shared efforts to combat climate change.
- Peace & reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Palestine, 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 Vincent Myers, Kathleen Gilmartin, Eddie Ferns and David Dore, 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.
- CAFOD, Mary's Meals, Caritas, Friends of the Holy Land & the Catholic Children's Society.

15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 / No. 3072

## Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church - White City



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### 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Who do you say I am?

In today's gospel, we hear Jesus asking His disciples the most important question regarding their relationship with Him. As what He was about to ask them was a very important question, Jesus took His disciples to a remote place where they could be by themselves away from any distractions. The first question seems to be a kind of preparation for the second and most important one. What others think and say about Jesus is not that much important to them. But what they think and say about Him determines their relationship with Him.

Jesus asks us the same question today through His words in the Scriptures and the teaching of His Church. Our collective response as members of the Church has been proclaimed for ages through the Creed we profess so proudly at our Liturgies. Personally speaking, now the true question is, 'Who is Jesus to you and me on personal terms?' Keeping in mind what we profess in our Creed, Who is He to us in our day to day life? Do our lives reflect that He truly is the Son of God, the Christ (the Messiah) and the Lord of our lives?

It was only after that incident at Caesarea Philippi, that Jesus began to speak openly to His disciples about His suffering on the cross. His Lordship has never been separated from His suffering on the cross and it is only through sharing at His suffering that His disciples could follow Him properly. Peter thought he was doing favours to Jesus by trying to persuade Him to take a shorter and painless way to glory only to be rebuked so strongly by Jesus. In the Lord's plan for our salvation, suffering and the cross take a **crucial** place. If we want to follow Him as His true disciples, there is no other way apart from the way Jesus Himself took. He says to us, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.' (Mk 8:34)

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

## IN THE PARISH...

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Pg 132 Parish Mass book) Isaiah 50: 5-9; Psalm 114: Response: **My soul, give praise to the Lord.** James 2: 14-18; Mark 8: 27-35 Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Pg 135 Parish Mass book) Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 53: Response: **The Lord upholds my life.** James 3: 16 – 4:3; Mark 9: 30-37 Jesus predicts his passion

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,526.78;** Loose: £374.41; Planned Giving: £365.90; On-line donations: £479.47; Contactless machine: £307.00. 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.

**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 have started again after the summer break 10am to 12noon in our parish centre with tea/coffee, social time and then chair exercises with Carol from 11am. All welcome – new faces too! Friendly and free!

- We are looking for **NEW ALTAR SERVERS!** Both adults & children are welcome to apply to serve at God's altar. Please complete a form at the back of the church and place it in the box, or scan the QR code on the form/on the posters to complete this online. Training will take place in October and November. Please speak to Andrew Kelly for more details.

- **NEW FAMILY CATHECHESIS at Our Lady of Fatima.** We are launching a new approach to helping our children & families grow in their faith in the parish. This includes a new way of preparing children to celebrate their **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.** We have produced a leaflet, called Growing in Faith Together, to explain the vision and practicalities of this new approach, which is available at the back of the church along with registration forms. Please feel free to come & talk to Fr Richard about all of this! The first session is on the morning of Sat 28 Sept.

- **ANNUAL WESTMINSTER PILGRIMAGE to WALSINGHAM** led by Cardinal Vincent, on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September.** We have hired a coach to take a group from the parish, led by Fr Richard. A wonderful day, but please note, it is a long day as we leave by 7am and get back by about 9pm. There is a lot of walking so pilgrims should be able to cope with this. The price per pilgrim is £25 to include coach travel & diocesan levy. Sign-up at back of church. Please pay before pilgrimage to secure your place. **Please be at the church by 7am. Please do not be late!**

- **SEASON of CREATION 2024** – a series of events to help us respond to Pope Francis' call for Christians to care for creation. This year we are invited to understand the impact of fossil fuel use. Also, this week: **Next weekend we will be relaunching our parish Mary's Meals project. There will be a new Mary's Meals film after the 11am Mass.**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October – 'Green Living Fair' 11am to 2pm in our parish centre.** Come and be inspired by many local people and projects which are showing different ways to care for our environment and tackle climate change.

- This year's Season of Creation parish project is creating **a new community garden in front of St John XXIII school.** We need some muscle **Come and help on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 11am to 3pm.** The garden is at the side of school on Commonwealth Av.!

- **SEEKING GOD – A Journey of Faith for Adults.** This is 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 and/or Confirmation. We will meet on a weekday evening (either Wednesday or Thursday) for an hour, eg 6.30-7.30pm. The meetings are led by Fr Richard and will help you to explore in a real and relevant way what is at the heart of our faith. It is very relaxed & there are no exams! **Registration forms** are at the back of church. See Fr Richard if you want to know more **Intro 'Come and See' meeting: Thurs 26 Sept 7-8pm in the presbytery.**