

SERVICES THIS WEEK – JULY 2024

SUNDAY 14 July	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed (see www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk for link)
MONDAY 15 July	9.15am	Mass	St Bonaventure
TUESDAY 16 July	9.15am	Mass	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
WEDNESDAY 17 July	7.30am 12noon	Mass Mass	
THURSDAY 18 July	9.15am	Mass	
FRIDAY 19 July	9.30am 6.00pm	Mass	St John XXIII End of School Year Mass
SATURDAY 20 July	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
SUNDAY 21 July	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass Mass Mass	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed

ROSARY	After Morning Masses Monday to Saturday
EXPOSITION/private prayer	Wed: 10–11.50am; Fri 10-11am; 5-5.50pm; Sat 9.45-11am
RECONCILIATION	At the above time of adoration & on request
PRAYER GROUPS (in Chapel)	Charismatic Prayer Group - Monday evenings 7pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our new Prime Minister and government.
- Spiritual and moral renewal in our nation.
- All those preparing to finish primary or secondary school in the coming days.
- Fathers Robert Smialek, Thomas Blackburn and Domagoj Matokovic after their recent ordination to the priesthood at Westminster Cathedral.
- 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 the cost of living crisis in our local community and beyond.
- All those affected by famine in Sudan and other parts of the world.
- All who have died recently & all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- The sick, housebound and most vulnerable members of our parish community.
- CAFOD, Mary's Meals, Caritas, Friends of the Holy Land & the Catholic Children's Society.
- All our young people making important decisions for the future at this time.

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Trained & Sent Out by the Lord

Today's Gospel shows us that moment when Jesus for the first time sent out the 12 disciples in pairs to experience for themselves his healing and preaching ministry. He is forming them, training them for the rest of their lives which will be one continuous missionary journey, led by the Holy Spirit, to different corners of the known world. The fundamental principle which Jesus wants them to learn on this first short training experience is trust and total dependence on God. So they are not to take with them all the usual securities – money, food, lots of luggage... No, they are simply to rely on God's providence & care and so let God work through them. We hear of the great fruit this attitude/approach brings – they are able to heal many and deliver many more from evil spirits. Their mission brings great blessings.

We have seen a modern-day version of this over the last few weeks with the journey of the England football team, all the way to the European final! In Gareth Southgate the team is blessed with a very humble and dedicated leader who has formed a team in his own image, teaching them to work together on a common mission rather be divided by their individual egos. The 12 disciples were also very different characters, initially with their own personal agendas, but Jesus formed them into a real team, complementing each other rather than competing among themselves. Commitment is also key. Apparently Harry Kane is still usually the first to arrive and the last to leave the training sessions and it is this commitment which has made him the great player he is today. So we too need to practise our faith and not be passive spectators if we are to achieve our God-given potential. There will be tests & trials, setbacks & disappointments (like in football!) but if we let Jesus be our trainer and follow his vision, then we really can change the world around us.

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 106 Parish Mass book) Amos 7: 12-15; Psalm 84: Response: **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.** Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 7-13 Jesus sends out the Twelve.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 109 Parish Mass book) Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Psalm 22: Response: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.** Ephesians 2: 13-18; Mark 6: 30-34 The disciples return. Jesus has compassion on the crowds.

Welcome to our 5 new parish readers – Vivienne, Suzanne, Renard, Charles and Anthony who completed their training last weekend.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1507.03; Loose: £358.61; Planned Giving: £441.02; On-line donations: £449.40; Contactless machine: £258.00. 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 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). 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 WEDNESDAY WARM WELCOME FAMILY HUB Weds 3.30 – 5.30pm in the parish centre. A time for crafts, games, sports and family fun together. **THIS WILL BE OUR FINAL SESSION BEFORE THE SUMMER BREAK.** There will be lots of ice cream! Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

● **THE THURSDAY CLUB/FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB SUMMER PARTY for the over-60's this Thursday 18th July.** This is a combined final session before the summer break. The Thursday Club starts as usual at 10am, including chair exercises with Carol from 10.30am. Then there will be a buffet-style lunch with live singer, bingo and raffle from 12.30pm.

● **LOURDES CAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND** – the parish is sponsoring a wheelchair for the Westminster Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage this year in memory of our beloved Pat Leslie, who had such a love for Lourdes. We will have a cake sale to raise funds for this next Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses. Bake or bring a cake/some cakes to help with this! **Our parish Lourdes group** leaves this Saturday to join the Westminster Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Under Our Lady of Fatima's statue there are cards to write any **intentions** you would like them to take to Lourdes.

● Fr Robert would like to express his great gratitude for all who helped with his First Mass and then parish party afterwards. He absolutely loved it all! He will hopefully be visiting again a few times over the summer.

● **NEW FAMILY CATHECHESIS at Our Lady of Fatima.** As we explained at our recent Parish Vision Day, there will be a new approach to helping our children and families grow in their faith in the parish from September. This includes a different approach to preparing children to celebrate their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We have produced a leaflet to explain the vision and practicalities of this new approach which is available at the back of the church along with registration forms. Fr Richard is also here for you to come and talk about all of this!

● **HOLIDAY POSTCARDS!** Last summer Fr Richard and F Ephrem enjoyed receiving postcards from so many of you from your summer hols. We would love to hear from you again this summer, wherever you go and then put them at the back of the church.

● **FOREIGN CURRENCY for MARY'S MEALS** We also invite you once again to bring back to the parish any foreign currency – notes and coins – which you have at the end of your summer hols, for those who are going abroad. Last summer this raised over £500 for Mary's Meals!

Fr Richard writes... My mother's funeral will finally take place on Tuesday 23rd July. This will be in Bath, my mum's home town of the last 40 years. I would be very grateful if you could keep my mum (Christina) and also my late father (Ian) in your prayers during these days. I will also be offering a Month's Mind Mass for my mum here in the parish this Saturday at 9.15am.