

## SERVICES THIS WEEK – April 2026

<b>SUNDAY</b> 12 April	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>2nd SUNDAY of EASTER (Divine Mercy)</b> <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 13 April	9.15am	Mass	<b>St Hermenegild</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 14 April	9.15am	Mass	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 15 April	7.30am 12 noon	Mass	
<b>THURSDAY</b> 16 April	9.15am	Mass	<b>St Bernadette Soubirous</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 17 April	9.15am 6.00pm		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 18 April	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>with our GIFT families</b> <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 19 April	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>3rd SUNDAY of EASTER</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: 10-11am, 5-5.50pm, 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:

- Pope Leo as he prepares for his pilgrimages to Algeria, Cameroon, Angola and Equatorial Guinea from 13<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April.
- 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.
- Fr Ephrem's Eritrean Gheez Rite community as they celebrate Easter this weekend.

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## Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church - White City

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today's Gospel begins: "In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week..." telling us that we are still in the day of Christ's resurrection - the day which changed humanity and history for ever. Today is the last day of the "Easter Octave" – 8 days in which we are held in this one awesome day, which for ever afterwards would become the "first day" of the week for Christians – Sunday, the day of the resurrection. Last Sunday we heard about the dawn of this first Easter day, when Mary of Magdala discovered the empty tomb and ran to tell the disciples. Today we reach the evening of that same day when the risen Christ appears to the disciples still hiding in fear behind locked doors in the Upper Room where just a few days earlier they had celebrated the Last Supper. Imagine all the different emotions the disciples must have experienced when Jesus appears among them – guilt, fear, amazement, relief, joy...

Guilt? Yes, because these closest friends of Jesus had betrayed and even denied knowing him in his hour of need. Now Jesus shows them the wounds in his hands, feet and side, which are signs of how we have all in different ways betrayed him. But the first word he speaks to them, and to us, is "Shalom" – "Peace be with you!" So he doesn't respond to their/our unfaithfulness with anger or resentment (as we probably would have done!) but with mercy. With this one word, "Peace", he heals their spiritual and emotional wounds and shows that his love is greater than any of our sins. It is this great mercy of God which we celebrate on this Divine Mercy Sunday. This relatively new devotion is one of St John Paul II's many gifts to the Church. Join us this afternoon at 3pm for the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Gaze at this beautiful image of the risen Christ, perhaps as he appeared to the disciples on the evening of the Resurrection. Let Christ enter the locked room of your heart and let his mercy transform your own life. Jesus, I trust in You!

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

## IN THE PARISH...

### **THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER (Feast of Divine Mercy)**

(Pg 255 in Parish Mass book) 1<sup>st</sup> reading Acts 2: 42-47; Psalm 118  
Response: **Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.** 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 1 Peter 1: 3-9; Gospel: John 20:19-31 The Risen Christ appears to the disciples in the Upper Room

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

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2,525.24;** Loose Plate: £797.66; Planned Giving: £156.50; On-line donations: £729.52; Contactless machine: £841.56. 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.

**And HUGE, HUGE thanks for your great generosity with the Good Friday collection for the Holy Places which raised a record £807.94!**

**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](mailto: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. Could you help as a volunteer, even just once a month...? To find out more, see Laura or Fr Richard. We start the service again this Monday after a 1-week Easter break

• **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**

• A bit of a 'slow but steady' week with more delays because of the challenges of receiving key materials because of the war. But definite progress and this coming week the bricklayer team will be back in force so there should be a surge! The expected completion date will still be in June rather than May, but we are getting there, as British Rail used to say!

• **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION TODAY** This is one of St John Paul II's many great gifts to the Church (indeed it is first and foremost a gift from Jesus himself for us all!). Jesus wants us to know of his life-changing mercy, his first great gift to the disciples in the Upper Room on the day of the Resurrection. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm today – prayers begin at 2.50pm. If you don't know this great prayer, please come and join us. All welcome 😊

• **LUMEN – our new group for young adults**, meets today, Sunday 12 April, after 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!

• **ANNUAL MASS of THANKSGIVING for the Sacrament of Matrimony**, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. Archbishop Richard invites all couples from the diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> & 60<sup>th</sup> (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 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 begins an 11-day pilgrimage to Africa from 13-23 April – to Algeria, Cameroon, Angola and Equatorial Guinea. Among the themes he is expected to address are peace/reconciliation, Christian/Muslim relations, migration, care of the environment, young people & the family. Please keep him in your prayers during these days. Why not follow his progress on the internet...

And finally – congratulations to **Fr Ephrem and his Gheez Rite community** who celebrate their Easter this weekend, a week after ours. And **a HUGE, HUGE 'thank you'** to all who in so many different ways contributed to what was a really special Holy Week here at Our Lady of Fatima. So many people in so many ways gave so much. We are so blessed!