

## SERVICES THIS WEEK – January 2026

<b>SUNDAY</b> 18 January	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 19 January	9.15am	Mass	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 20 January	<b>11.30am</b>	Mass	<b>Requiem Mass for Raymond Ince</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 21 January	7.30am 12 noon	Mass	<b>St Agnes</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 22 January	9.15am	Mass	
<b>FRIDAY</b> 23 January	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
<b>SATURDAY</b> 24 January	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>St Frances de Sales</b> <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> 25 January	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10-11am; 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:

- Archbishop-Elect Richard Moth, our soon to be Archbishop of Westminster.
- All victims of the recent Government crackdown in Iran.
- Peace and reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Palestine, Sudan, Syria, Myanmar, DRC, Venezuela 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 Raymond Ince, Donna Fitzgerald 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 2026 may be a time of grace & growth for us.
- All who are undergoing surgery or important medical treatment at this time.

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## Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church - White City

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Peace Sunday

Today the Church celebrates "Peace Sunday"- an invitation at the start of each new year to rededicate ourselves to the mission given to us by Christ himself to build peace in our world and our own community. How urgently we need to do this – every day the news shows us how broken and traumatised our world/country/city is by violence. Pope Francis often described this as a "world war fought in instalments." Think Ukraine, Iran, Syria, Venezuela, Yemen, Sudan... Think inner city knife crime/drugs/gangs

In his first World Peace Day message Pope Leo reflects deeply on how promoting/building peace is at the heart of the Church's mission. He writes: "Peace is a principle that guides and defines our choices. Even in places where only rubble remains, and despair seems inevitable, we still find people who have not forgotten peace. Just as on the evening of Easter Jesus entered the place where his disciples were gathered in fear and discouragement, so too the peace of the Risen Christ continues to pass through doors and barriers in the voices and faces of his witnesses. This gift enables us to remember goodness, to recognise it as victorious, to choose it again, and to do so together."

This weekend we have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection to support the work of Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for Peace. Pax Christi was itself born out of the experience of war as it was founded by a French woman, Martha Dortel-Claudot, in France in 1945 to pray for reconciliation between the people of France & Germany. Today Pax Christi works in over 50 countries: a network of Christians inspired to work for peace, reconciliation and nonviolent change. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist proclaims Jesus as "the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world". Jesus himself lived in violent, brutal times but he transformed the world not through more violence but through the power of his unconditional love. This is our mission – to follow Jesus' command to love our enemies and so to respond to evil with good and so break the chain of hatred, injustice, violence and war.

**New Year blessings & prayers, Fr Richard, Fr Ephrem & all the parish team**

## IN THE PARISH...

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (Pg 125 in Parish Mass book) 1<sup>st</sup> reading Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6; Psalm 29 Response: **Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.** 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3; Gospel: John 1: 29-34 *John Testifies about Jesus*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (Pg 127 in Parish Mass book) 1<sup>st</sup> reading Isaiah 9: 1-4; Psalm 27 Response: **The Lord is my light and my salvation.** 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17; Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23 *Jesus calls his first disciples*

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,524.02;** Loose Plate: £402.02; Planned Giving: £255.00; On-line donations: £550.00; Contactless machine: £317.00. 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.

**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! 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 – this is a HUGE help.

**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. Envelope holders must use the correct envelopes for each week. We cannot claim gift aid donations for unmarked envelopes with handwritten numbers on.**

### 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 11.15am. Could you help as a volunteer, even just once a month. To find out more, see Laura or Fr Richard.

• **The Thursday Club** for our over-60's now meets in St Michael & St George Church hall due to our parish centre renovation. Thursdays from 10am with tea/ coffee/cake and social time. All over-60's welcome! From this Thursday, we will have chair exercises again from 11am. All welcome and it's free 😊

### PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

• You will see that the builders have begun to excavate the front of the parish centre, as they prepare the ground for the foundations of the new extension. Please keep the project and the builders in your prayers!

**UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENT SALE** – HUGE thanks to all who donated & to all who bought! We raised over £200 for our parish centre renovation project – thank you so much! Our next fundraiser will be a cake sale.

• **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** – the next course will take place on 2 Saturday afternoons (4-5pm) later in January or early February. Please register asap. You can either come on the course before or after your baby has been born. Registration forms are at the back of the church.

• **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** – if you are planning to get married in 2026 (congratulations!!) and live within our parish boundaries, you will need to take part in our parish marriage preparation course. It would be a HUGE help if you could contact Fr Richard asap about this.

• **PARISH PILGRIMAGES for 2026** This year we are planning 2 pilgrimages abroad. We plan to go to **Medjugorje in the May half-term**: May 25-30. Cost - £750pp (plus plane baggage costs). Full info sheet available at the back of church. **The deadline to register for the pilgrimage is this Sunday – 18<sup>th</sup> January.** And then once again, we will join the Westminster Diocese Pilgrimage to **Lourdes at the very beginning of the school summer hols**: something like July 18- 23 (tbc). Full info available soon. This will also be our new Archbishop's first Westminster pilgrimage to Lourdes.

• **Sunday evening gathering for parishioners in their 20's and 30's.** Next Sunday is the "Sunday of the Word of God", an annual celebration encouraging us to know and cherish Scripture more deeply in our lives, instituted by Pope Francis. To mark this, all parishioners in their 20's/30's are invited to **a special session after the Sunday 6pm Mass (so from 7-9pm)** There will be some shared food in the presbytery, followed by a time led by Fr Richard to help us all better understand the Gospel of Matthew, which is our main Sunday Gospel for this year. All welcome!

• **CATHOLIC CURRY CLUB MEN'S GROUP** – we will be meeting again soon after a few months without a session. Watch out for info on WhatsApp group, and/or see Fr Richard/Andrew for more details...

And finally... huge thanks to all who came to help take down/put away the Christmas lights/decorations yesterday. We had a great turnout – very much appreciated indeed.