

SERVICES THIS WEEK – February 2026

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| SUNDAY 8 February | 9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm | Mass | 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed |
| MONDAY 9 February | 9.15am | Mass | |
| TUESDAY 10 February | 9.15am | Mass | St Scholastica |
| WEDNESDAY 11 February | 7.30am 12 noon | Mass | Our Lady of Lourdes |
| THURSDAY 12 February | 9.15am | Mass | |
| FRIDAY 13 February | 9.15am 6.00pm | Mass | |
| SATURDAY 14 February | 9.15am 6.00pm | Mass | St Cyril and Methodius – GIFT session First Mass of Sunday |
| SUNDAY 15 February | 9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm | Mass | 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed |

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| 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:

- 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 Donna Fitzgerald, Myles Moriarty, Yvonne Charles 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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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Be Salt and Light!

In today's Gospel we are still with the disciples on the hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee, listening to Jesus forming them for the mission ahead in which they are to help him build "the kingdom of heaven" here on earth. Having listened to his radical vision of the Beatitudes, the disciples might have been sitting there thinking, "How on earth are we supposed to do this? We are not religious experts or highly trained missionaries – we are just ordinary people!" Reading their thoughts, Jesus encourages them by saying "You are salt of the earth... and the light of the world." What is Jesus saying here and what does it mean for me and you?

Salt preserves the goodness of things, it brings out the true taste of food and can also be used for healing wounds. Light illuminates the darkness, warns us of the dangers around us and guides us safely home. This is how we are to be for each other. This is what the kingdom is to be – lives given generously to help bring out the goodness in others, to bring meaning and healing to others, to guide people into the light of truth and faith. It is the power of self-giving, transforming love to drive out the poison of sin and selfishness from the world. We can all love, or learn how to love from Jesus.

Note how Jesus says: "You are salt... You are the light..." not "You are to become the salt...the light." So, it is not in our own talents/initiatives that we are to build this kingdom – no, it is by God's gift already present within us that we can shine and bring the world alive. The disciples/we simply need to be fully open to the Spirit of God living in us and working through us. We already have all we need – we just have to work with God and let his light shine through us. Trust. Surrender. Believe. Act!

Please pray this week for **our new Archbishop of Westminster, Richard Moth**, who will be installed at Westminster Cathedral this Saturday. He will celebrate Vespers on Friday at 5.30pm (open to all). The Mass on Saturday (12 noon) is ticket only but you can watch Vespers/Mass on the Cathedral livestream – live or catch-up: www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: **5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (Pg 133 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Isaiah 58: 6-10; Psalm 112 Response: **A light rises in the darkness for the upright.** 2nd reading 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16 Salt of the earth, light of the world...

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: **6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** (Pg 136 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Sirach 15: 15-20; Psalm 119 Response: **Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.** 2nd reading 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10 Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37 A new way of living...

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,870.28; Loose Plate: £363.48; Planned Giving: £278.10; On-line donations: £925.70; Contactless machine: £303.00. 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.

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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 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 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 from 11am. Why not come along for some good company and fun activities.

PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

- The builders are now close to being able to begin the construction of the steel frame and foundations for the new extension. Good progress. Please keep the project and 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!

• **The next BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** will take place on Saturday Feb 28 and March 7 (4-5pm). Please register asap. You can come before or after your baby has been born. Registration forms available at back.

• **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** If you are planning to get married in 2026 (congratulations!) & live within our parish boundaries, you will need to take part in our parish marriage preparation course. Contact Fr R asap

• **LOURDES JULY 2026** Once again, we will join the Westminster Diocese Pilgrimage to **Lourdes at the very beginning of the school summer hols:** July Sat 18th -Thurs 23rd. Full info sheet available at back of church. Please register/pay deposit by Sunday 15th February. For more info see Laura. This will be our new Archbishop's first Westminster pilgrimage to Lourdes.

• **Would you like to serve the parish as a READER?** It is a wonderful way to deepen your own love of Scripture and to serve the parish. Full training course on Sat 7 March, 11.30-2pm. Registration forms at back of church.

• **PARISH CATHOLIC CURRY CLUB for men 18+** – we meet this Thursday evening at the Pavilion pub, Wood Lane from 7pm. Social time and planning the year ahead. Please let Fr R/Andrew know if you can join us.

• **LOOKING FORWARD TO LENT** – Ash Wednesday is on 18th Feb, so just over a week away! Next weekend we will have a special Lenten journey to present to you all. **On Sunday evenings in Lent after 6pm Mass, Sr Anne will lead a Scripture group open2all to help deepen our understanding of the Sunday readings. Intro session next Sunday 7-8pm.**

MARY's MEALS RELAUNCH!

2026 is the 10th year of our support for the wonderful Mary's Meals charity. Since 2016 we have committed ourselves to raising the approx. £5,000 a year to fund a year's school meals at **Mongola primary school in Malawi**. This weekend we want to relaunch the project as many parishioners may not be aware of Mary's Meals and of our parish sponsorship project.

Next weekend, we invite you to bring cakes for **a cake sale after 9am and 11am Masses**, and also **a pop-up pre-loved clothes sale** (weather permitting!) – all to raise money for our Mary's Meals project.