

SERVICES THIS WEEK – April 2025

SUNDAY 20 April	9.00am, 11.00am No 6pm Mass	Mass	EASTER SUNDAY <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 21 April	9.15am	Mass	
TUESDAY 22 April	9.15am	Mass	
WEDNESDAY 23 April	7.30am 11.00am	Mass Mass	Requiem Mass for Hilda Wilson
THURSDAY 24 April	9.15am	Mass	
FRIDAY 25 April	9.15am	Mass	
SATURDAY 26 April	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 27 April	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>

ROSARY	After Morning Masses Monday to Saturday
EXPOSITION/private prayer	Wed: 9–10.15am; 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:

- Pope Francis as he continues his recovery. For all those responsible for his medical care and all those taking on his responsibilities during his illness.
- The thousands of victims of the earthquake in Myanmar and all affected by it.
- For a lasting and just peace between Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine.
- Peace and reconciliation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria and all countries/communities living under the shadow of war at this time.
- Release for all political prisoners held in captivity around the world.
- All Christians and people of faith being persecuted around the world.
- All those 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.
- All our parish community – that this Eastertide may be a time of spiritual renewal and deeper commitment to our faith for us all
- All those who have been baptised and confirmed at the Easter Vigil.
- All in the Eastern Rite/Orthodox churches as we celebrate Easter together this year.



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EASTER SUNDAY – The Lord is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A Happy and Blessed Easter to you all! Yes, after all the drama of Holy Week from the euphoria of Palm Sunday to the intimacy of the Last Supper and then the desolation of Good Friday – we come to the explosion of joy and new life which is Easter. These days take us to the very core of our faith in Jesus Christ – what an incredible time of renewal Holy Week is for us all. Thanks be to God! Thank you Lord Jesus!!!

In what at times can seem like a very dark and broken world, the Resurrection promises us that in the end love does triumph over hatred, peace does triumph over chaos and conflict, forgiveness and reconciliation does triumph over bitterness and revenge. Life is stronger than death and good stronger than evil. God has the last word and the Resurrection of Jesus is that final word.

Today we read John's Gospel account of the Resurrection. He tells the story of how on that first Easter morning he himself ran to the tomb. There he sees that the tomb is empty except for the Jesus' neatly folded burial cloths. Because John is a disciple who sees with the eyes of love, he understands immediately what all this means – he knows that Christ has risen from the dead and so no longer needs his grave clothes. He sees this spiritual Spring and dawn of new life. And so, in writing his Gospel, he invites us to trust in his testimony and believe in the Resurrection. Then we too, like John, are called to bring the good news of this new life to others – to be witnesses of Christ's resurrection.

Talking of new life... HUGE congratulations to all who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation this Easter - Alice, Latifa, Tia, Diana, JohnJo, Jack, Amelia and Isaac. Welcome to the family of the Church! What gifts you have received! What a gift you are to us! Together may we all be heralds of the Resurrection☺ Happy Easter once again to you and all your family!

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: EASTER SUNDAY (Pg 252 Parish Mass book) Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Psalm 118 Response: **The is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.** Colossians: 3:1-4; John 20: 1-9 *Mary of Magdala discovers the empty tomb...*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 2nd SUNDAY of EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) (Pg 256 Parish Mass book) Acts 5: 12-6; Psalm 118 Response: **Give praise to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.** Revelation 1: 9-11, 12-13, 17-19; John 20: 19-31 *Jesus Appears to the Disciples in the Upper Room. A week later he appears to Thomas too.*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,916.10; Loose: £497.60; Planned Giving: £338.00; On-line donations: £815.00; Contactless machine: £265.50. Just to remind you – 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.

● **CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY – HUGE THANKS!** We raised an amazing **£2,315.12** for **CAFOD's Lenten appeal** – our biggest ever total. Thanks to all of you who donated, including one very large donation.

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 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 need to put your FULL NAME for the parish to claim your gift aid – your initials are not enough. If you are an envelope holder, you must use the correct envelopes for each week. We cannot claim gift aid donations for unmarked/blank envelopes with handwritten numbers on. These amounts will go into the loose plate.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS:

Saturdays at 1pm in our Parish Centre free community lunch run by the FoodCycle charity. Veggie Lunch & take-home bag. Lots of friendly faces and really delicious freshly cooked food. All welcome☺

White City Community Food Hub – Mondays in our parish centre. This Monday (Easter Monday) we are having a week's break. Back 28/04.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at the SUNDAY 11am MASS: Great news! After a long break since before the pandemic, we are starting again our Children's Liturgy time during the Sunday 11am Mass. With the help of a great team of volunteers we can reintroduce this opportunity for our children to reflect on the Sunday Gospels at their own level. From 2nd Sunday of Easter, 20th April, children from Reception age are invited to gather together with our leaders to share the Gospel of the day. Our children will open the Word of God together, through listening, discussion and activities, a joyful and fun way to grow in their journey of faith. Initially, we will do this every fortnight and when the team of volunteer catechists grows (each needs a DBS clearance) we hope to be able to offer Children's Liturgy every week during school terms at the 11am Mass.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION NEXT SUNDAY We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm next Sunday – prayers begin at 2.50pm.

Learn to Pray Course - Saturday 10th May

We are delighted to welcome Andre Regnier, an internationally renowned Catholic speaker and co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach, who will lead a special day retreat (10am – 5pm in our church) to share with us a simple step-by-step approach for how we can build a disciplined & fruitful prayer life into our busy daily lives. We will be joined by people from around the diocese and beyond for this really special day. All are welcome to join this free event. A poster/leaflet will be available next weekend to share with others.

A Day with Mary – Saturday 24th May in our church/parish centre. We are so pleased to be able to welcome back the wonderful Day with Mary team who dedicate their lives to travelling around the country week by week throughout the year, offering a day of prayer and devotion, rooted in the spirituality/message of Our Lady of Fatima. This is a really special day when you can recharge your spiritual batteries. The day's programme runs from 10am to 5.30pm, but come for as much as you can if you can't make the whole day. See leaflet at back of church.

This year we will be having a special **International Celebration on Sunday 11th May, the nearest Sunday to the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima.**

International celebration at the 11am Mass followed by a bring and share international buffet in the parish centre. We will also have a very special announcement about an important development for our parish in the future to share with you on that day.

Finally, please keep our Parish pilgrimage 2 Paris this Thursday in your prayers!