

SERVICES THIS WEEK – February 2026

SUNDAY 1 February	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 2 February	9.15am 6.30pm	Mass	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
TUESDAY 3 February	9.15am	Mass	St Blaise (with the blessing of throats)
WEDNESDAY 4 February	7.30am 12 noon	Mass	
THURSDAY 5 February	9.15am	Mass	St Agatha
FRIDAY 6 February	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	St Paul Miki and Companions
SATURDAY 7 February	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 8 February	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>

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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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – The “Be-Attitudes”

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus' teaching known as the Beatitudes - what it means to be really happy or blessed. Imagine the scene as Jesus speaks – he is looking down over the Sea of Galilee, one of the most beautiful places on earth. Imagine how the calm, clear waters of the lake reflect the beauty of the sky above. This is a picture of Jesus' mission – to make our lives on earth reflect the kingdom of heaven.

In his teaching Jesus explains how we can do this. Happiness does not depend on the outward events and experiences of our lives – if we win or lose the lottery or have the best/worst job – but on taking on the attitudes and behaviour which Jesus describes in the Beatitudes. Real joy is completely independent of all the chances and changes of life, the things which life may give or take away. We are to draw our strength from the unchanging depths of the sea and not from the ever- shifting storms on the surface. In this Jesus is turning upside down the logic of the world – he speaks of happiness in terms of being poor in spirit, hungering for justice, being close to those who mourn, having the humility to be the first to forgive/ show mercy, risking persecution and abuse for standing up for what is right. It doesn't sound like our normal route to happiness! But Jesus will show each and every one of these 'beatitudes' in his own life on the journey ahead which will lead firstly to the cross but ultimately to the resurrection. He will reconcile heaven & earth, bring true liberation from sin and death for humanity - all this by himself following this radical path of the beatitudes.

Finally, have a look again at the portraits of the saints at the back of the church and you'll see that amongst their images we have put the words of the Beatitudes. Simply because each of these saints reached the happiness and joy of heaven by living out in their own life at least one of the Beatitudes. We are called to follow in their footsteps...

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Pg 130 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Zephaniah 2:3; 3: 12-13; Psalm 146
Response: **Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** 2nd reading 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31; Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12 *The Sermon on the Mount – the Beatitudes*

NEXT 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...

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,921.76; Loose Plate: £415.33; Planned Giving: £228.60; On-line donations: £963.72; Contactless machine: £260.00. 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.

PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

• The builders have worked hard again this week, in very mixed weather, digging out more London clay for the foundations of the new extension. Good progress. Please keep the project and the builders in your prayers!

• HUGE thanks to the Sir Harold Hood's Charitable Trust which this week sent us a grant of £1000 towards the cost of the project. Great news!

• **The next BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** will take place on 2 Saturday afternoons (4-5pm) in February. Please register asap. You can come before or after your baby has been born. Registration forms available.

• **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

• **PARISH PILGRIMAGES for 2026** There is a meeting for our **Medjugorje** pilgrims after the 11am Mass today – 12.30pm in the midweek chapel.

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.

• **Sunday evening gatherings for parishioners in their 20's and 30's.** Huge thanks to the really great group of younger parishioners who bonded so well last Sunday. We plan to continue with a monthly gathering on a Sunday evening. See Fr Richard/Bruna for more info.

• **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 a Saturday in February. Registration forms at back of church.

• **NEW CHURCH WINDOW PROJECT** Our 2 artists, Mark Cazalet and Pansy Campbell, presented at last Sunday's 11am Mass their draft designs for the 6 new windows in the nave (main body) of the church – 3 on either side. After workshops with parishioners, visits to parish groups, they have created some really powerful & meaningful images. If you missed it, you can still watch their presentation on the 11am Mass livestream recording (see www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk) and feedback to Fr Richard asap!

• **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)** is tomorrow, Mon 2nd February. This celebrates that moment 40 days after the birth of Jesus when Mary and Joseph present the baby Jesus in the Temple. A truly beautiful feast day – there will be an extra Mass in the evening at 6.30pm