

SERVICES THIS WEEK – November 2025

SUNDAY 23 November	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	CHRIST THE KING <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 24 November	9.15am	Mass	St Andrew Dung-Lac
TUESDAY 25 November	9.15am	Mass	
WEDNESDAY 26 November	7.30am 12 noon	Mass	
THURSDAY 27 November	9.15am	Mass	
FRIDAY 28 November	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
SATURDAY 29 November	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 30 November	9.00am 11:00am 6.00pm	Mass	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT <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:

- Pope Leo, Cardinal Vincent and all entrusted with leadership roles in the Church.
- Real fruit/radical decisions at the COP30 UN Climate Change Conference in Brazil.
- A just and lasting peace for the people of Ukraine.
- Peace and reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Palestine, Sudan, Syria, Myanmar, DRC 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 days in Nigeria by extremists.
- The repose of the soul of Patricia Cannon 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.
- Our national and local politicians.
- The work of CAFOD, Mary's Meals, Caritas and the Catholic Children's Society.
- Our Parish Anniversary Year Parish Centre Renovation Project.
- Eternal peace and rest for those we have known who have died/the Holy Souls.

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The Feast of **CHRIST THE KING** – The Servant King

On this last Sunday of the Church's year we praise and honour Jesus as King and Lord of the universe. Our Gospel might come as a surprise – Jesus' crucifixion – but it is in these final moments of his earthly life that we see everything about Jesus which makes him our king.

Jesus' 'kingship' is not one of power but of service. He did not sit on a mighty throne but hung from a cross; he did not wear a bejewelled crown but a crown of thorns; his was not a dazzling, majestic presence but instead an appalling sight, despised and rejected; he had no army at his command nor servants in attendance, but instead he came to serve and to offer his life as a ransom for all. Earthly kings have often lived privileged lives far removed from "commoners" – Jesus, in contrast, lived among them and died between two of the lowliest of them - condemned criminals. His redeeming work was for billions of people, yet his immediate focus was on the individual, the one. That one, the repentant thief, he promised a place in paradise that very day. The kingships of this world have often shown an immense love of power – the kingship of Jesus was built on the immense power of love.

So we honour Jesus by making a commitment to imitate him in all things: to a life of humility and service, to working for a world of justice for all, a world where violence, prejudice and intolerance are exposed & rejected; a world in which there is a fair sharing of resources and opportunities; a world where the essential dignity and value of every human life at every stage and every state is cherished. It means working for a society in which the often forgotten values of tenderness, mercy & compassion are lived & proclaimed. All of this Jesus models so perfectly for us on the cross. Today, we simply give him thanks & praise for being our King and Saviour. We love you, Lord – help us to serve you and live for you as you lived and died for us.

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: CHRIST THE KING (Pg 167 Parish Mass book) 1st reading 1 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 122 Response: **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.** 2nd reading – Colossians 1: 2-20; Gospel – Luke 23: 35-43 *The Crucifixion.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Pg 82 in the new orange Parish Mass book) 1st reading Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122 Response: **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.** 2nd reading – Romans 13: 11-14; Gospel– Matthew 24: 37-44 *Stay awake for the Son of Man is coming*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,853.26; Loose Plate: £414.29; Planned Giving: £325.00; On-line donations: £893.97; Contactless machine: £220.00. 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.

ANNUAL COLLECTION for the SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – Envelopes are available at the back of church. Thank you for your generosity.

Online Donations Account Name: WRC DT 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 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:

Saturdays at 1pm is 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 every Monday in the parish centre. Doors open@10.30am for teas/coffees. Food distributed from 11.15am.

• **The Thursday Club** for our over-60's meets every Thursday during term time. Tea/coffee/naughty but nice cake from 10am in parish centre. Chair exercises with Carol 11am – 12noon. All welcome!

PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION PROJECT FUNDRAISING EVENTS

• Our Spacehive page is still active for anyone who would like to donate. See: www.spacehive.com/renovating-our-parish-centre-hub

• **This is another critical week for the project!** The final cost is higher than predicted – almost £500,000! We hope to start the work on Monday 8th December but before we can start, the diocese requires us to raise 80% of the total cost. We are about £10,000 short of this. If you have been meaning to make a donation to the project, but have not yet managed to do so, this would be such a great week to do it! We need to reach the target by this Wednesday!!! For online donations, please include **PARISH CENTRE** in the payment reference. Gift Aid forms are available at the back of church!! Thank you! We are so close now... One last push.

• **Our next big fundraiser is our Parish Christmas Fair, on Sunday 7th Dec in the parish centre.** Marie and Andrew Kelly have kindly offered to help organise the fair again this year, but they absolutely need your help to make it happen!! If you would like to help out, see Andrew/ Marie/Fr Richard asap. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church if you have an idea for a stall/can cook food...We are also looking for raffle prizes! We will also need help in advance setting up the parish centre.

• Our **parish Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) programme** for families and children of primary school age - registration forms for new families are available at the back of church.

• Our final Jubilee Year parish pilgrimage is to the **WINTERSHALL NATIVITY JOURNEY** on Saturday 20 Dec at 2pm. Wintershall is a country estate near Guildford, Surrey where the local community put on performances of the life of Jesus. See www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-nativity-journey/. We need you to commit/pay a 50% deposit by the end of November.

• **FAIRTRADE CHOCOLATE ADVENT CALENDARS & ADVENT CANDLES** on sale after Masses this weekend. Advent begins next weekend! We also have a good selection of **Christmas cards in the repository** with more on their way. Christmas calendars & candles should be with us this week.

• **LOOKING AHEAD to ADVENT.** Why not take part in a series of **four 'Advent 2025 Bible Studies' sessions online**, led by our old friend Mauro Iannicelli... Four Wednesdays, 7-8pm starting this Wednesday on 26 November, 3, 10 & 17 December, each time looking ahead to the following Sunday's readings. See poster in porch. Register today at: www.comeandsee.org/advent25 A great way to a deeper Advent.