

SERVICES THIS WEEK – October 2026

SUNDAY 18 October	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 19 October	9.15am	Mass	
TUESDAY 20 October	9.15am	Mass	
WEDNESDAY 21 October	7.30am 12 noon	Mass Mass	
THURSDAY 22 October	9.15am	Mass	St John Paul II, Pope
FRIDAY 23 October	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
SATURDAY 24 October	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 25 October	10.30am 6.00pm	Mass	Mass with Archbishop Richard Moth 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>The 10.30am Mass is livestreamed</i>

ROSARY	After 9.15am 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 as he recovers from his recent surgery. For all suffering from cancer.
- The repose of the soul of Robert McMillan and all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at about this time.
- Prime Minister Andy Burnham and all the Government, as they try to tackle a number of challenging issues at the moment.
- All who dedicate themselves to defending the sanctity of life in our country.
- Peace & reconciliation in all countries/communities living under the shadow of war.
- All Christian and people of faith being persecuted around the world.
- All who work in our local hospital and care homes.
- For greater cooperation across nations to tackle the causes of climate change.
- 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 who are unemployed at this time, and those who are insecure in their jobs.
- All those struggling with different addictions and for those affected around them.
- For our parish community as we prepare for Archbishop Richard's visit next weekend



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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Bearing the Image of God

In today's Gospel, we see Christ faced with an explosive situation – a group of Pharisees try to trap him by asking one of the most divisive questions for Jewish people of his day: "Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" If he argues against paying taxes he could be accused of sedition against the Romans, but if he supports payment, then he could lose popular support. It's a very dangerous trap. Jesus, however, is a step ahead of their clever conspiracy. He doesn't directly answer their specific question. Instead, he leads them to find the answer to their own question – an answer found in a most surprising place – in their own pockets! "Show me a coin," he said. "Whose image is this?" "Caesar's." So, if they choose to accept the advantages of the Roman Empire such as better roads, commercial opportunities and international protection, then they should be prepared to pay for them. Think about the things we have in our modern-day pockets – mobile phones, credit cards, car keys – what do these represent in our lives? What price do we pay for them? Are these the most important things in my life?

OK. But Jesus continues, "Give to God what belongs to God." As always, Jesus takes the discussion to a higher level by challenging his listeners (including us!) to think deeply about what truly belongs to God. And the answer to that question we can simply find by looking in the mirror! Scripture tells us we are made in the image and likeness of God, so in a mystical way, we bear the imprint or image of God in ourselves, just as a coin bears the image of the ruler of that nation. So our deepest value and dignity come not from things we have or own, or from our social status - but from our God-given dignity and identity as a beloved child of God. So, a simple but profound question from Jesus – do the deepest values and priorities of my life reflect this understanding of what really matters in life? Or have I misjudged the priorities and loyalties of my life? May Jesus help us to reveal his face and presence to others.

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 143 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; Psalm 96 Response: **Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.** 2nd reading 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5. Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21 Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, & to God...

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 146 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Exodus 22: 21-27; Psalm 18 Response: **I love you, Lord, my strength.** 2nd reading 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10. Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40 Which is the greatest commandment of the law?

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,444.53; Loose Plate: £256.26; Planned Giving: £303.90; On-line donations: £534.37; Contactless machine: £350.00. We calculate it costs at least £3,000 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.

• Thank you for your support of the **CAFOD HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY**, which this year focuses on communities struggling to access clean/safe water such as Tayla & family in Northern Zimbabwe. So far we have raised a total of **£997.04**, £760.04 in envelopes & cake sale, £237.00 on the contactless machine.

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! For help with this, email Collise on whitecity@rcdow.org.uk.

• **THE THURSDAY CLUB** for our wonderful over-60's local residents meets every Thursday in our parish centre, 10am – 12.15pm, with tea/coffee & birthday cake(!), social time & chair exercises with Hannah 11.30 – 12.15

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS

FoodCycle's community lunch Saturdays 1-2pm in our parish centre.

The amazing FoodCycle team cook a 3-course veggie lunch. It's free & a great way to meet local people. After a week's break, the lunch is a back on this coming Saturday, 24th October.

Our Monday morning White City Community Food Hub offers free, nutritious food to those in need. Open to residents living in the W12 postcode. To register please bring proof of address & ID. Doors open @ 10.30am for teas/coffees and the food is distributed from about 11am.

• **2026/27 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME REGISTRATION is now complete.**

The candidates meet today (Sunday) at 4pm in the midweek chapel.

• **GIFT programme for children of primary school age** Leaflets/registration forms are available at back of church for our Growing in Faith Together group for families with children of primary school age. We meet monthly to deepen their faith & grow in the life of the parish. See Mary C/Fr R...

• **CERTIFICATE of CATHOLIC PRACTICE** – Fr Richard has now completed his scheduled appointments. If any parent still wants to arrange an appointment, please email Fr Richard @ nesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

• Our **LUMEN PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** meets tonight, Sunday, after the 6pm Mass. This is a special group for adults aged 18-35 to grow in faith, service and friendship. And with delicious food! Come & see ☺

Our **BIG PARISH CELEBRATION on SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER is only 1 week away!** Archbishop Richard Moth, our new Archbishop of Westminster, is coming to celebrate **a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 10.30am on Sunday 25th.** During/after the Mass Archbishop Richard will bless the 6 new windows in the church and afterwards our newly renovated parish centre. Please take a special invitation card for yourself & for others. We still need more people to sign up to contribute food, especially your national speciality dishes! You are also warmly invited to wear national costumes to the celebration!

This is such an important day for our parish – a great opportunity to give thanks to God & entrust our parish to his continuing care/guidance. So please do everything you can to join us, & reach out to invite others. And please, please do everything you can to arrive in good time – it will not give a good impression of our parish to Archbishop Richard if people are wandering into Mass after it has started! Aim for 10.15am! And please join us for the parish party afterwards in our beautiful parish centre!

Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Sts Jacinta and Francisco to Westminster Cathedral: Saturday 31st October, 12noon to 5pm. Organised by the World Apostolate of Fatima, including Mass celebrated by Archbishop Richard Moth. See programme leaflet at the back of the church.

And finally...**we warmly welcome Brother Luc Wallace & Brother Jenison Johnson OSA**, who are in formation with the Augustinians and at Allen Hall seminary. They will be joining us on Sunday mornings until next summer and they will briefly introduce themselves at the end of the 9am and 11am Masses. Welcome to White City Brother Jenison & Brother Luc!