

SERVICES THIS WEEK – September/ October 2026

SUNDAY 27 September	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 28 September	9.15am	Mass	
TUESDAY 29 September	9.15am	Mass	Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
WEDNESDAY 30 September	7.30am 12 noon	Mass Mass	St Jerome Requiem Mass for Frank Hope
THURSDAY 1 October	10.45am	Mass	Requiem Mass for Pauline Deegan (Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus)
FRIDAY 2 October	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	Holy Guardian Angels
SATURDAY 3 October	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	First Saturday Fatima devotions 10-11am <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 4 October	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>The 11.00am 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 prepares for his visit to France this week.
- The Repose of the soul of Frank Hope, Pauline Deegan & Michael Coleman whose funerals take place this week. We pray also for their families/friends at this time.
- Prime Minister Andy Burnham whose father, Roy, died recently. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for some time. We pray of his eternal rest.
- 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.
- Local school communities and families in these early weeks of the new school year.
- All those starting or re-starting at university in the coming days.
- For our parish community as we prepare for Archbishop Richard's visit next month.



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – God loves a Good U-Turn!

In today's Gospel, we hear a very provocative and challenging parable from Jesus about 2 sons addressed firstly to the chief priests and elders (but of course to all of us as well!) in which he makes it clear to them that they are failing to do the Father's will and respond to his grace, unlike many of the prostitutes and tax collectors, who therefore stand a much better chance of getting into heaven than they do! You can imagine how well that went down with the religious leaders...

Jesus stresses that what matters to God is not our social status or how respectable we are in the eyes of the world, but simply how open we are to His will and call in our lives. Yes, the tax collectors and prostitutes have lived sinful, scandalous lives but with the coming of John the Baptist and now with Jesus, they have been the ones who have really opened their minds and hearts to the call for conversion, while most of the religious leaders have resisted this urgent call from God and have focused instead on their own power and status. In our own day, we can often be very critical of people who are seen to change their opinions and beliefs – when we see our political leaders do this we say they are “making a U-Turn”, which is usually seen as something very negative. But in the Bible we see that God loves it when people make U-Turns! To finally wake up to the truth that we are heading in completely the wrong direction in our lives and then humbly admit our need for change if we really want to be centred on God and live with integrity is a very powerful moment in anyone's life. I have experienced this many times in my own life and it is always such a grace!

It's very easy to be critical of our political leaders, when we should always first & foremost be praying for them. Our Prime Minister's father, Roy, died recently after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Let's hold them in our prayers at this time. But this parable is addressed urgently to each one of us. What U-Turns do I need to make in my life?

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 134 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Psalm 25 Response: **Remember your compassion, O Lord.** 2nd reading Philippians 2: 1-11. Gospel:

Matthew 21: 28-32 *Jesus challenges the Chief Priests and Elders of the people*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 137 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 80 Response: **The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.** 2nd reading Philippians 4: 6-9. Gospel:

Matthew 21: 33-43 *The ungrateful & rebellious tenants of the vineyard*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2,228.16; Loose Plate: £468.49; Planned Giving: £354.50; On-line donations: £991.17; Contactless machine: £414.00. 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.

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 over-60's is back after the summer break - 10am - 12.15pm & back in our own parish centre! Tea/coffee/cake & social time followed by chair exercises with Hannah from 11.30-12.15. This is a lovely friendly club where our "Golden Generation" can come together for friendship and community time. And it's free!

- **PARISH CENSUS FORMS** – we are asking all parishioners to complete a census form (one per household). This will help us better understand the needs of our community & be better connected. Census forms are available at the back of church – huge thanks for all completed forms.

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.

Our Monday morning White City Community Food Hub has started again in our newly renovated parish centre! Open to residents living in the W12 postcode – to register please bring proof of address and ID. Doors open @ 10.30am for teas/coffees and the food is usually distributed from about 11am.

- **2026/2027 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME APPLICATIONS** are at the back of church. We look forward to starting our new programme later this Autumn. This is for young adults in Year 10 & above. **This weekend is the final deadline for registration.** For more info, see Fr R/Marie

- **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...

- **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** – the 1st session **Saturday 10th October, 4-5pm in the church.** We will agree together on the day/time for the 2nd session on that day. Please collect a registration form from Fr Richard.

Season of Creation 2026 *The Season of Creation unites Christians every autumn in prayer & action for the protection of our common home. We are invited to pray/engage in community events to help deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour & the earth we share.*

- Today Sunday, 27 Sept, **the first of three 30-minute 'Eco Shorts' talks after 11am Mass** on 27/09, 4 & 11/10. Firstly, **Beata Rozycka** reflects on her role as CAFOD Westminster Coordinator – how can we best respond to "the cry of the earth & the cry of the poor?" **12.30pm, midweek chapel**
- Next Sunday, we will have a sale of home-made produce and items after the 9am/11am Mass to raise money for CAFOD. You could bake a cake, bring some home-made jam/chutney, or fruit/veg from the allotment: children can make/sell friendship bracelets/cup cakes..

- **CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE of PRACTICE** – Fr Richard is available to meet with parents to discuss secondary school applications over the next few weeks. See sign-up sheet at the back of church. Remember Fr Richard has to follow the strict criteria given to parish priests by the Bishops' Conference. This means he is able to sign the form for families who have been attending Mass regularly (at least 3 times a month) for at least a year. If you have not, Fr Richard is unable to provide such a reference

A Date 4 your DIARY! Our **BIG PARISH CELEBRATION SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER.** Archbishop Richard Moth, our new Archbishop of Westminster, is coming to celebrate **a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 10.30am on Sunday 25th October.** This is the first Sunday of the half-term holiday so please do all you can to be here!!! During/after the Mass Archbishop Richard will bless the 6 new windows in the church and our newly renovated parish centre. Please take a special invitation card for yourself and for others.