

SERVICES THIS WEEK – September 2026

SUNDAY 13 September	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 14 September	9.15am	Mass	The EXALTATION of the CROSS
TUESDAY 15 September	9.15am	Mass	Our Lady of Sorrows
WEDNESDAY 16 September	7.30am 12 noon	Mass Mass	St Cornelius & St Cyprian
THURSDAY 17 September	9.15am	Mass	
FRIDAY 18 September	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
SATURDAY 19 September	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
SUNDAY 20 September	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	25th 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 month.
- Prime Minister Andy Burnham and our government as they try to deal with a number of challenging issues at the moment.
- All those who affected by the floods in Nepal, China & Tibet.
- All those still affected by the September 11th terrorist attacks on this 25th anniversary.
- 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 Christians, e.g. in Nigeria, and people of faith being persecuted around the world.
- The repose of the soul of all who have died recently, including Frank Hope, Pauline Deegan, Michael Coleman & all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- 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 will take part in the Westminster diocese pilgrimage to Walsingham.
- Local school communities and families in these early days of the new school year.



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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – How many times should we forgive?

In today's Gospel, we hear a remarkable conversation between Jesus and the disciples about forgiveness. This is obviously something Peter has been struggling with and so he asks Jesus, "How many times should I forgive my brother if he wrongs me?" He offers his own answer – seven times, which he probably thought was very generous as the Jewish leaders' /rabbis' official teaching at the time was three times. But Jesus blows Peter's offer out of the water by saying "Not seven but seventy-seven times!" – in other words the willingness to forgive should go beyond counting, it should be limitless and unconditional in us.

In order to really show the power of forgiveness Jesus then tells the story of the servant who is incredibly forgiven the debt of 10,000 talents which he owes to his King but then himself refuses to cancel the debt of a fellow servant who owes him 100 denarii. It helps to know that just one talent was equivalent to 15 years' wages for an average citizen and that the total annual revenue of a wealthy province like Galilee was only 300 talents. So this was an absolutely HUGE sum of money which the servant would never have been able to repay. In contrast one denarius was about a day's wages, so 100 denarii was about 3 months' wages – not an impossible sum to repay. Jesus' point is that the debt we owe to God for all he has done for us is beyond anything we could ever repay and yet he is eager and joyful to forgive us our sins and selfishness. As followers of Jesus, we should learn from him how to forgive others. Jesus' answer to Peter's question says it all – if you're counting how many times you have forgiven someone you're not really forgiving them, but simply postponing revenge! Nothing that we have to forgive can even remotely compare with what we have ourselves been forgiven by God. As we say in our psalm today: **The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy!** Amen, amen! Lord, help us to forgive others as you forgive us!

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

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 128 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Sirach 27: 30–28:7; Psalm 103 Response: ***The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*** 2nd reading Romans 14: 7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35 *The Parable of the corrupt and unforgiving servant.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 131 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Isaiah 55: 6-9; Psalm 145 Response: ***The Lord is close to all who call him.*** 2nd reading Philippians 1: 20-24, 27 Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16 *The Parable of the labourers in the vineyard.*

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,736.47; Loose Plate: £519.76; Planned Giving: £368.00; On-line donations: £457.71; Contactless machine: £391.00. 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 returns to our newly renovated parish centre on Saturday 26 September. 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 after the August break, and 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

PARISH CENTRE RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

- Nearly complete! We are just finishing the final few things like the railings and electronic door controls, so we are starting to use the building again. Lots of positive feedback which is great!

- **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. **We are holding the applications open for another 2 weeks.** 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...

- **Altar Server training begins today Sunday 13 Sept @ 12:30pm**, after 11am Mass. The training will be weekly for 4 weeks.

- **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE** – the 1st session of our next course will be on **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.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE to WALSINGHAM next Saturday 19th September. This is now fully booked – there is a reserve list just in case anyone cancels. Can all pilgrims be at the church by 7am, bring a packed lunch (please no peanuts), and sensible walking shoes & a rain coat just in case!

ASSISTED DYING BILL – thank you all for your prayers! It was such a relief to hear that the majority of MPs rejected the bill. Of our local MPs Andy Slaughter voted in favour of the bill, while Rupa Huq opposed it.

A Date 4 your DIARY! Our BIG PARISH CELEBRATION SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER. We are delighted that Archbishop Richard Moth, our new Archbishop of Westminster, is coming to celebrate **a special Mass of Thanksgiving at 11am 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 (watch this space!) and our newly renovated parish centre.

We obviously need to start planning for this major celebration – we need all your help, energy and creativity to really make this a true celebration of our parish. We are going to have **an initial planning/blue-sky thinking Zoom session this Tuesday evening @ 8pm**. All welcome!!! If you would like to join the call, send Fr Richard an email @ mesbitt@rcdow.org.uk