

## SERVICES THIS WEEK – August 2022

<b>SUNDAY</b> 7 August	9.00am, 11.00am	Mass	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed No Sunday 6pm Mass until 4 September</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 8 August	9.15am	Mass	<b>St Dominic</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9 August	9.15am	Mass	<b>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10 August	12noon	Mass	<b>St Lawrence</b> <i>No 7.30am Mass until 7 September</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 11 August	9.15am	Mass	<b>St Clare</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b> 12 August	9.15am	Mass	<i>No Friday 6pm Mass until 2 September</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b> 13 August	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
<b>SUNDAY</b> 14 August	9.00am 11.00am	Mass	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed No Sunday 6pm Mass until 4 September</i>

<b>ROSARY</b>	After Morning Masses Monday to Saturday
<b>EXPOSITION/private prayer</b>	<b>Wed: 10–11.50am; Friday 10-11am; Saturday 10-11am</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	At the above time of adoration & on request
<b>PRAYER GROUPS (in Chapel)</b> Charismatic Prayer Group	Monday evenings at 7pm in the church.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our Government and country during this time of political turmoil.
- Huda and Dawit who are getting married in our church later this month.
- All those affected by the high temperatures around the world.
- The people of Sri Lanka during this time of social, economic & political breakdown.
- The people of Ukraine during this tragic time of suffering for them.
- World leaders that they may do everything possible to bring peace & stop the war.
- All who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur now.
- All of those struggling with illness at this time, including the coronavirus.
- The homeless, refugees and migrants – that they may find a place of sanctuary.
- Peace & reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia, Afghanistan, South Africa, Nigeria, Iraq, Ethiopia, Yemen and other countries in crisis at this time.
- Our school communities as they continue their summer holidays.
- The sick, housebound and most vulnerable members of our parish community.
- Those suffering from addictions – alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography...
- The work of CAFOD, Mary's Meals, Caritas and the Catholic Children's Society.



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## Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church - White City

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### **The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Be awake! Have your lamps lit!**

The new Premier League football season begins this weekend. I must be honest that I find it scandalous when so many people are struggling to make ends meet in our country and beyond, that so many football players in the top leagues are earning crazy sums of money every week. Top flight football seems so dominated by money and profit. But there are still some with higher aims such as Brighton's manager – Graham Potter. I read a fascinating interview with him in which he shared his own journey and management vision. Having played as a competent if unspectacular defender for 11 different clubs in his own playing career, he retired at 30. He described a key moment in his life which led to this decision – he found himself reading a very silly article in a tabloid newspaper and suddenly “woke up” – as he explains: “I suddenly thought, here am I sliding down the leagues as a player and reading meaningless rubbish in the paper, what am I doing with my life?” He realised that he needed to change direction & be much more deliberate about how he lived his life. So he went back to studies and earned a Masters degree in Leadership and Emotional Intelligence before taking his first managerial role at a 4<sup>th</sup> division team in Sweden called Ostersund. Every season they were promoted until they were playing in the Europa League, in which they beat Arsenal in London. This led to his appointment as manager of Swansea and later of Brighton.

His football “philosophy” is refreshingly different. He says: “Players are human beings before they are footballers. So it’s important to understand how I can help them to become happier people, more able to deal with life’s challenges, on and off the pitch. It’s not just about winning matches – they need to be able to play with freedom, to express themselves and not be afraid of making mistakes. Failure and learning from failure is part of life, part of growth.” What a great attitude! You could read Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel as if they were a “team talk” to his disciples – he too stresses that we need to “wake up” and live our lives with freedom, focus and fire in our belly, ready at all times for his return. How “awake” are you in your life?!

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

## IN THE PARISH...

**TODAY'S READINGS: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Pg 121 Parish Mass book) Wisdom 18: 6-9; Psalm 32 Response: **Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.** Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19; Luke 12: 32-48. **See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit !**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Pg 188 Parish Mass book) Apocalypse 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10 Psalm 44 Response: **On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.** 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26; Luke 1: 39-56. **The Visitation**

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1566.94;** Loose: £168.79; Planned Giving: £241.15; On-line donations: £877.00; Contactless machine: £280.00. *Just a reminder - it costs approx. £8,000 a month/£2,000 a week to cover just the parish's basic running costs – we do not receive money from the diocese/Vatican/Government but rely 100% on your support.*

**On Line Donations Account Name: WRCDT White City Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 31264990.** A great way for you to support the parish is by setting up a regular standing order for the parish using the parish bank account details. Add your surname/first name as a reference. Tax payers can gift aid your donation. Email [giftaid@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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'.

**OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS** in our Parish Centre:  
**Saturdays at 1.00pm.** Free friendly community lunch run by FoodCycle charity (see [www.foodcycle.org.uk](http://www.foodcycle.org.uk)). Veggie Lunch & take-home bags. This is a very special community time with lots of friendly faces and really delicious freshly cooked food – all are welcome! **The Saturday project will now have a 2 week summer break and will return on 27 August.**

**Sundays at 11.30am.** This is a very simple "Come & Collect" project – you can collect 3 or 4 bags of fruit/vegetables/dairy/meat/fish/bread. We need more volunteers for this Sunday project – see Laura/Fr Richard **After more than 2 years, we will be stopping the Sunday project from the beginning of September & focus on the Saturday/Monday projects.**

**Mondays at 11.30am.** Just like the Sunday project – come & collect. We now serve teas and coffees on Monday mornings so people don't have to queue out on the street so more volunteers needed. Could you help between 10am & 12noon? See Laura/Fr Richard.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH

**COOKING 4 CULTURE Free mini summer holiday cookery course** for 9-16 year olds (parents welcome too!). Learn essential cooking skills plus recipes from different cultures. Tuesday – Thursday this week 11.30am-1.30pm in our parish centre. Email [paul.smith2@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:paul.smith2@lbhf.gov.uk) to reserve your spot. And of course you get to eat the food you cook!

**SUMMER SEASIDE COACH TRIP to SOUTHEND-ON-SEA** for local White City residents. **Thursday 25 August – leave White City at 10am, return by 7pm.** Suggested donation of £5 for adults/£3.50 for children up to 16 (but if money is a problem, don't worry!) There will be 3 coaches going from White City – one of them from our parish. To reserve your place, see the sign-up sheet at the back of church. A great chance to have a day by the seaside before the children go back to school!

**FREE PADDLEBOARDING SESSION for ALTAR SERVERS aged 9 – 17 year olds in either Brentford or Paddington Lock.** We are hoping to find a day before the end of August to have a go together at this fun and very safe sport. See email from Andrew: we need you to reply asap to book a spot

**LAST WEEK of the SUMMER CYCLING COURSE at OUR LADY of FATIMA.** Why not bring your children to FREE family programmes of cycle training and basic bike maintenance sessions at our parish centre. No problem if you haven't got a bike – we can provide! See posters at the back of church for more info. Book your place at: [hello@walkandcycle.london](mailto:hello@walkandcycle.london)

**FREE SUMMER SEWING/DESIGN WORKSHOPS for CHILDREN/FAMILIES** on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 12noon – 2pm in the parish centre with Marisol. Come and make your own summer bag or backpack – for children aged 8+ accompanied by a parent.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FORMS** are now available at the back of the church for our 2022/23 programmes, which begin in September. The First Holy Communion group is for children of Year 3 & above from September and Confirmation for those in Year 10 & above from September. Any questions, see Fr Richard©

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER.** We are delighted to announce that after a 2-year break we will be joining the Westminster Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 24 Sept (Our Lady of Walsingham's feast day!). Coaches are now much more expensive so it will cost £25 per seat. We will leave at 6.45am and return by 10pm so a long day! See sign-up sheet at the back of church – you book by paying!

**MARY'S MEALS UPDATE** – we are delighted to share the great news that we have reached our fundraising target for June 2021 – June 2022. Our target this year was £4547.00 to pay the cost of a daily meal throughout the year for all pupils at the Mongola Primary School in Malawi. Once again we exceeded our target and raised £4,815.81 - a truly magnificent effort. Huge thanks to all who were a part of this. This means that in our first 6 years since we started fund-raising for Mongola school in 2016 we have raised over £30,000! Our target for June 2022-June 2023 is £4,134.00 which will feed the school's 260 pupils. See our project link:

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/fundraising#/detail/7011n000001FOkOAAW> You can make a donation directly to our parish project on this link.