

SERVICES THIS WEEK – July/ August 2022

SUNDAY 31 July	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i>
MONDAY 1 August	9.15am	Mass	St Alphonsus Ligori
TUESDAY 2 August	9.15am	Mass	St Eusebius of Vercelli St Peter Julian Eymard
WEDNESDAY 3 August	7.30am 12noon	Mass Mass	
THURSDAY 4 August	9.15am	Mass	St John Vianney
FRIDAY 5 August	9.15am	Mass	The Dedication of the Basilica No Friday 6pm Mass until 2 September
SATURDAY 6 August	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
SUNDAY 7 August	9.00am 11.00am	Mass	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed</i> No Sunday 6pm Mass until 4 September

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our Government and country during this time of political turmoil.
- Daniel and Nardos who got married in our church this weekend.
- 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 began 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 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Vanity of vanities!

The Book of Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth) begins with those famous words "Vanity of vanities. ... All is vanity" to remind us of the trivialities of worldly life. Nothing remains here forever. All will pass away one day. All we have worked for so hard will not go with us after death. At best, someone dear to us might inherit it; otherwise it will probably be taken by others whom we had never known before. Remembering this is an important piece of wisdom.

Vanity is similar to trying to build an enormous edifice with no concrete foundations. A vain person wants to do or look great taking no considerations to his/her existential reality. Like the man in today's Gospel, a vainglory seeker, forgets his brother's needs just to satisfy his own desire of accumulating wealth by any means including by unjustly taking other's share of a property. Jesus warns us of any form of avarice as it is one of the deadliest sins.

Jesus has frequently spoken about the importance of detachment from worldly riches. Money and wealth are created to serve us; not the other way round. If we are wealthy, that is fine, but we have to be careful not to be governed by our wealth. Following Jesus' warnings about the danger that is attached to the improper love of money and of the words of the Book of Ecclesiastes, St. Paul classifies, greed as idolatry. He correctly shows us that an inappropriate attachment to wealth is a form of false worship of a false god. Hence he taught that the love of money led many astray.

And it is not without reason that Jesus told us that we cannot serve God and money at once. As far as money is subject to God and us, it is an important means; but if it takes the place of God, then it has become an idol, a false god. May the Lord give us wisdom to be generous with our wealth and may we serve Him with all He has given us.

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

IN THE PARISH...

TODAY'S READINGS: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 118 Parish Mass book) Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Psalm 89 Response: **O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.** Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11; Luke 12: 13-21. **The rich man and his barns.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 19th 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. **The rich man and his barns.**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £970.64; Loose: £199.25; Planned Giving: £301.45; On-line donations: £389.74; Contactless machine: £80.20. *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 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). 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!

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

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.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE – our parish's pilgrims to Lourdes have come back home after a wonderful pilgrimage together with our diocesan pilgrims which were led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. They are telling us how

wonderful it had been. Thanks be to God for this successful pilgrimage after the terrible time we had because of the pandemic!

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.

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. It really helps us if people register earlier rather than at the last minute! 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@

SUMMER CYCLING COURSE at OUR LADY of FATIMA. Now that the summer holidays have begun, 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 you with one. Starts Tuesday 26 July – see posters at the back of church for more info. Book your place asap at hello@walkandcycle.london See also www.walkandcycle.london

FREE SUMMER SEWING/DESIGN WORKSHOPS for CHILDREN/FAMILIES on Saturday 30th July and 6 & 13th 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.

Please also note that during the summer holidays there will be no Friday 6pm and no Sunday 6pm Mass. These begin again in early September. Our parish office will also be only open on Mondays during August.