SERVICES THIS WEEK – November 2026

SUNDAY 22 November	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	***The Feast of Christ the King*** *The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed*
MONDAY 23 November	9.15am	Mass	***Saint Columban***
TUESDAY 24 November	9.15am	Mass	***Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions***
WEDNESDAY 25 November	7.30am 12 noon	Mass Mass	***Saint Catherine of Alexandria***
THURSDAY 26 November	9.15am	Mass	
FRIDAY 27 November	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
SATURDAY 28 November	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
SUNDAY 29 November	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	***1ST Sunday of Advent*** *The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed*

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, Archbishop Richard and all entrusted with leadership roles in the Church.
- Our parish community as we prepare for Advent – may this be a time of grace for us
- The repose of the soul of all who have died recently, including Tang Cong Tran, and for all whose anniversaries occur at about this time.
- All the faithful departed whose names are in our November Book of Remembrance.
- 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. For peace and reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia and in the Middle East.
- All Christian and people of faith being persecuted around the world.
- For the COP 31 Climate Change Conference continuing in Turkey this week.
- The homeless, refugees and migrants – that they may find a place of sanctuary.
- All who work in our local hospital and care homes.
- 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.

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The Solemnity of CHRIST the KING – Jesus is on the throne!

The Feast of Christ the King is a relatively recent feast in our liturgical calendar. It was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. Why? When the First World War ended in 1918 it left the world, especially Europe, in great turmoil. Out of the bitterness and divisions of those days, there rose up strong forces of atheism, nationalism and secularism, which would soon open the door for Hitler, Stalin and other ruthless dictators. Both political extremes of fascism and communism rejected the authority, even the existence of God. Instead they put human power at the centre.

Pius XI realised the need to assert that it is not man who has the ultimate power and authority in the world but God. So in our Gospel today, for example, we see Christ as the Judge of all creation at the end of time, dividing humanity into the sheep and the goats. Pius XI saw that as respect for the Church's authority was waning so also this understanding of Christ's power was also under attack. Governments/dictators come and go, but Christ reigns as King forever.

Can we say that the situation 100 years later is any better? In superpowers like Russia and China we see repressive dictatorships still in power, but we also have more subtle forms of slavery. We live in a very materialistic society which side-lines, even rejects God and also in an increasingly individualistic society in which the only authority is my own will – what I want. There is a distrust of authority and a discomfort with titles such as "Lord" and "King". But this is to completely miss the point – Christ's kingship is one of humility, service and self-sacrifice. He shows us what it means to be a true king – a servant king, who gives everything for his subjects, even his own life. Our life's mission is to learn from Jesus what it means to live, love & serve and then to put this into action in our own lives. May Christ the King rule in our hearts!

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

IN THE PARISH…

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: **The FEAST of CHRIST the KING** (Pg 158 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17; Psalm 23 Response: ***The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*** 2nd reading 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28. Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46 The Sheep & Goats.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: **1st Sunday of Advent** (Pg 82 in Purple Parish Mass book) 1st reading Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Psalm 25 Response: ***To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*** 2nd reading 1 Thessalonians 3: 12 – 4:2. Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36 They will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud...

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £2,636.77; Loose Plate: £456.90; Planned Giving: £315.20; On-line donations: £1,363.67; Contactless machine: £501.00. 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.

● Last weekend's second **collection for the Sick and Retired Priests of our diocese** raised a wonderful £483.00! Can we make it up to £500?

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 Thursdays in our parish centre, 10am–12.15pm, with tea/coffee, cake, social time & chair exercises. All welcome and it's free!

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 people. All welcome! Community Swap Shop too!

Our Monday morning White City Community Food Hub offers nutritious, free food to those in need. Open to residents living in 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.

● **You are warmly invited to OUR LADY OF FATIMA WARM HUB** - Fridays 9.30am -2pm in the parish centre: Zumba 10am; Boccia 11am; Light Lunch 12-1.30pm & tea/coffee/refreshments. A great opportunity to get out of your flat and come into our lovely warm parish centre, where you will find a warm welcome, lots to do and people to meet. And it's free!

● Our **LUMEN PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP** is for adults aged 18-35 in our parish to grow in faith, service & friendship. Next Meeting – after 6pm Mass this Sunday 22 Nov: Bible Study: Discerning God's Word & Growing in Holiness. Also **music practice for Lumen choir: Sat 3.30-5pm in the church**

● Our parish **RCIA course for adults** wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith started last week with a wonderful 'Come and See' session. It is not too late to join the group. We meet **Wednesdays 7-8 pm in the presbytery**. This is for adults 18+ who may not be Catholic and would like to understand our faith, perhaps even prepare for baptism, or for Catholics who would like to grow in faith/prepare to receive Confirmation. See registration forms at the back of church.

● On **Saturday 28 November at 2pm** we will host **our first Parish Inclusive Mass for families with children with special educational needs**. If you'd like to be part of the team, email Fr Richard@ rnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

LOOKING FORWARD to ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

● Advent is only 1 week away! This weekend **Caritas Advent Giving Calendars** will be available to take home. Sr Silvana will explain all at the 9am/11am Masses.

● **Our annual Parish Christmas Fair is on Sunday 6th December** after the 11am Mass. We need your help and ideas! From this week, we'll have **Christmas Raffle tickets** on sale. We would be really grateful if anyone could offer/donate any raffle prizes – see Marie/Andrew.

●Also, in the parish **repository** shop, we have a really good selection of **Christmas cards/Christian 2027 calendars** etc… on sale.

● As every year, we will be collecting **toys and gifts for the Catholic Children's Society** to distribute to families in need across London. See basket at back of church – new gifts only. **Deadline: Sunday 6 Dec**

● This Advent we are making a special collection of **warm clothes & bedding for needy families in Ukraine**. Please all much be in good condition and clean. See poster. **Deadline for all donation: 8 Dec**

Special **World Apostolate of Fatima Symposium** – today, Sunday 2-7pm, St Thomas More Language School, Cadogan St, Chelsea SW3 2QS. Join Fr Richard and many others at this great afternoon of prayer and talks given by Sr Angela de Fatima Coelho & Fr Lawrence Lew OP. It's free!

The Church Entrance Door! As you may have noticed, after 62 years of faithful service, the inner door on the left as you come into the church is banging loudly. If anyone knows how to mend it, see Fr R asap!