

SERVICES THIS WEEK – OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY 20 October	9.00am, 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed (see www.ourladyoffatima.org.uk for link)
MONDAY 21 October	9.15am	Mass	
TUESDAY 22 October	9.15am	Mass	St John Paul II
WEDNESDAY 23 October	7.30am 12noon	Mass Mass	
THURSDAY 24 October	9.15am	Mass	Eritrean Gheez-Rite retreat begins...
FRIDAY 25 October	9.15am 6.00pm	Mass	
SATURDAY 26 October	9.15am 6.30pm	Mass	Mass with Eritrean Gheez Rite retreat
SUNDAY 27 October	9.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Mass	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time The 11.00am Mass is livestreamed

ROSARY	After Morning Masses Monday to Saturday
EXPOSITION/private prayer	Wed: 10–11.50am; Fri 10.15-11am, 5-6pm;
RECONCILIATION	At the above time of adoration & on request
PRAYER GROUPS (in Chapel)	Charismatic Prayer Group - Monday evenings 7pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Fr Ephrem and the Eritrean Gheez-Rite Community for this week's annual retreat.
- Peace & reconciliation in Ukraine/Russia, Israel/Palestine/Lebanon, Sudan, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Ethiopia, Yemen, Syria and other countries in crisis at this time.
- Release for all hostages in the war in Israel & Palestine, and other political prisoners in the world
- All Christians being persecuted around the world, for example in Nigeria, Nicaragua, Pakistan, India, Burkina Faso, Sudan, China and so many other countries at this time.
- All those affected by famine in Sudan and other parts of the world.
- All who have died recently, including Eduardo Garlitos, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- The sick, the housebound and the most needy and vulnerable members of our community. And for all those who care for them.
- CAFOD, Mary's Meals, Caritas, Friends of the Holy Land, the Catholic Children's Society & all who support those most in need in our society and world today.
- A rejection of the latest attempt to pass legislation in our parliament which would lead to the legalisation of euthanasia and assisted dying in our country.

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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Living a Life of True Service

In today's Gospel Jesus continues to teach the disciples on the long road to Jerusalem what it really means to follow him. Even though he has just told them for the third time that he is going to be rejected and put to death in Jerusalem, James and John still ask him in private for a special favour – if they can have the two closest seats to him in glory, one on his right and one on his left. Imagine Jesus' sadness – he has been trying to teach them that following him is all about self-sacrifice, serving others and humility and yet they still seem to be thinking in very selfish terms of the power and prestige they deserve for being his closest disciples. They just don't get it!

It seems that the other 10 disciples were not much better – they were just angry that James and John had got their request in first! So Jesus explains once again with amazing patience/perseverance that being his disciple means totally rejecting the “way of the world” - ambition, being the “biggest and best” and raising yourself up by putting others down. They should do/be the exact opposite by making themselves like slaves to others – to support/help especially the weakest and most in need. As Jesus says so clearly: “Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant; and anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant; and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all.” For Jesus himself says, “I did not come to be served but to serve.” He could surely not have made it any clearer for them and for us what it really means to be his disciple.

If we are honest, these are lessons we all need to re-learn every day! Like the disciples, we learn them best in the family of the Church, bringing our daily lives as close as possible to Christ. In our prayer, our hunger for Scripture, our receiving of the Sacraments and in our service to each other we slowly learn the lessons of how to follow Christ.

With prayers - Fr Richard, Fr Ephrem & all the parish team

IN THE PARISH...

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 146 Parish Mass book) Isaiah 53: 10-11; Psalm 32: Response: **May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.** Hebrews 4: 14-16; Mark 10: 35-45 The Request of James and John.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 149 Parish Mass book) Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Psalm 125: Response: **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.** Hebrews 5: 1-6; Mark 10: 46-52 The blind man Bartimaeus receives his sight.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: £1,405.24; Loose: £340.24; Planned Giving: £282.00; On-line donations: £495.00; Contactless machine: £288.00. It costs over £8,000 a month/ £2,000 a week to cover just the parish's basic running costs. We don't receive money from the diocese/Vatican /Government but rely 100% on your support.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL – Huge thanks to all who have already donated – we have raised over £700. We will keep the collection open for one more week – see www.cafod.org.uk

On Line Donations Account Name: WRCDT White City Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 31264990. A regular standing order is a great way to help the parish. Use the parish bank account details above. Add your surname/first name as a reference. Tax payers - 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'. Many thanks indeed – this is a HUGE help.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY FOOD PROJECTS:

Saturdays at 1.00pm in our Parish Centre. Free friendly community lunch run by FoodCycle charity (see www.foodcycle.org.uk). Veggie Lunch & take-home bags. A very special community time with lots of friendly faces and really delicious freshly cooked food. All welcome!

White City Community Food Hub - Mondays in our parish centre. Doors open: 10.30am & the food is usually distributed from 11.30am. You need to be registered and live in W12 – bring proof of address and ID.

• **THE THURSDAY CLUB** for our local over 60's local residents/parishioners meets every Thursday 10am - 12noon in our parish centre with tea/coffee, social time and then chair exercises with Carol from 11am. All welcome!

• **NEW FAMILY CATHECHESIS at Our Lady of Fatima...** is our new approach to helping our children & families grow in their faith in the parish. This includes a new way of preparing children for their **First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion**. See the leaflet at the back of the church, called **Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)**, to explain the vision and practicalities of this new approach. It is not too late to register & join the group.

• **SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION** – all young adults in the parish in Year 10 & above who would like to celebrate their Confirmation next year, are invited to complete & return a registration form from the back of church asap. The sessions, on alternate Sundays after the 11am Mass, will begin in November. **The absolute deadline for registration is Sunday 3rd Nov.**

• **SEEKING GOD – A Journey of Faith for Adults.** This is a special group for adults seeking to understand more about the Catholic faith, including anyone considering being baptised into the Church, or any Catholics who have not yet celebrated their First Holy Communion/Confirmation. We meet on Wednesday evenings 7-8pm in the presbytery. The sessions are led by Fr Richard & will help you to explore in a real and relevant way what is at the heart of our faith. Very relaxed & no exams! Just come along and see what you think. See Fr Richard if you want to know more.

CARDINAL VINCENT'S URGENT APPEAL on ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

"We are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. On 16 October, Labour MP Kim Leadbeater tabled a new bill on assisted suicide in the House of Commons. This is another attempt to legalise assisted suicide and we need you to contact your MP to voice your opposition." Hear Cardinal Vincent's appeal plus see more info @ www.cbcew.org.uk

REINTRODUCING COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS – as we explained last weekend, we have decided that the time has come to offer both the Body and Blood of Jesus during Communion at our Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. It is over 4 years since this practice was put on hold in the Church because of the pandemic. The Bishops of England & Wales announced earlier this year that each parish is now free to decide when the time is right to reintroduce the Chalice.

THE ERITREAN GHEEZ-RITE RETREAT – takes place here in our parish Thurs 24 – Sat 26 Oct. Thurs & Fri 5pm –10:30pm & Saturday all day. Apart from Sat evening Mass (6:30pm, no Masses are affected. All are very welcome to join us for all or part of the retreat. This year's theme is on the Sixth Commandment of God and blessed are the pure in heart.