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Saint Paul's Harefield

Mass daily at 9.15am … Sunday Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm Sunday Masses … 9.00am and 11.00am
Rosary each weekday morning after Mass … Confessions 6.00pm Saturday
Online Morning Prayer; 8.00am Online Night Prayer: 9.00pm

Please note: this church is live-streamed 24 hours per day
https://www.churchservices.tv/harefield

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th October 2026

Mass intentions

Saturday 3rd October	6. 30pm	Charlie Logan R.I.P.
Sunday 4th October	9.00am	Helen Conway R.I.P.
Sunday 4th October	11.00am	Parish volunteers
Monday 5th October	9.15am	Manuel Gomes
Tuesday 6th October	8.15am	Lilly Wilson and Lucy Wee
Wednesday 7th October	9.15am	Martin O'Reilly
Thursday 8thOctober	9.15am	Souls in Purgatory
Friday 9th October	9.15am	Peter Dixon R.I.P.
Saturday 10th October	9.15am	Victoria Falcao R.I.P.

St Paul's Sports Day – Sunday, 11th October straight after 11am Mass with pizza on Harefield Green (opposite the Co-op) – everybody welcome

Come along and have a fun and sporty time (depending on what mood you are in, no pressure to participate, spectators welcome)

It will be lovely just to watch the children have fun and be outside enjoying the green space.

"May those who play, train or cheer discover in sport a universal language that brings cultures together, unites peoples, and sows respect, solidarity and personal growth."

Pope Leo.

2026 SEASON OF CREATION runs from September 1st (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to October 4th (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)

This year it is centred on the ecumenical theme "Living Water" inspired by Ezekial 47:1-12

Ezekiel's vision reframes water — the most basic element of life — as a divine agent of renewal, justice, and hope, a life-giving force flowing from God's sanctuary. In Ezekiel's time, water was a symbol of divine presence and blessing. Great civilizations depended on mighty rivers such as the Nile, as well as the Euphrates and the Tigris which were two of the rivers that watered the Garden of Eden (cf. Gen 2:10). The water of the oceans too is teeming with life! The vision begins with a small trickle — droplets of water flowing from the place of prayer and sacrifice. From a tiny stream it grows to an unstoppable river — the first marvel. The river grows as it flows from the Temple, nourished by the worship and prayers of God's people.

But the second marvel is greater still. The river does not merely sustain life, it restores entire ecosystems. The prophet saw "on the bank of the river a great many trees on one side and on the other.... This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh." (Ezek 47:7,8) While describing how the river flows into the "sea of stagnant waters" the prophet is referring to the Dead Sea, one of the most lifeless places in his region. So powerful is this river's water that the salt waters will become fresh and teem with life.

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will take place at St Pauls at 3pm on Sunday October 4th. October 3rd 2026 will be the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis, with his feast day on October 4th. Pope Leo has declared 2027 a special Jubilee Year of St Francis.

Bingo Evening

Friday 16th October at 7.00pm. Profits will go to providing a new chapel chair

Cost £10 (non-refundable) for the night Bingo cards and refreshments included. Many wonderful prizes. Tickets available from after the Masses 26/27 September. Please purchase before 11th October

First Holy Communion Course 2026/27

The deadline to register your child for the First Holy Communion preparation course 2026/7 is Sunday 4th October. Children are expected to have been attending regular Sunday Mass with their parent/s at St Pauls for at least 6 months prior to registration. Please contact the parish office or see Fr Jim after Mass.

This week the sanctuary and Lady Chapel candles are sponsored by the Kelly family.