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Mass Times

Monday: 10:00 am (Harrow Rd)
Tuesday: 10:00 am (Paddington)
Wednesday 10:00 am (Harrow Road)
Thursday 10:00 am (Paddington)
Friday 10:00 am (Harrow Rd)
Saturday: 10:00 am (Paddington)
6:00 pm (Harrow Rd)
(Vigil Mass of Sunday)
Sunday: 9:30 am (Paddington)
11:30 am (Harrow Rd)

Eucharistic Adoration

One hour before weekday and Saturday morning
Masses plus Saturday: 5:00 - 5:50 pm

Confessions

During periods of exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament; and on request.

Parishes of
OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST VINCENT DE PAUL
(HARROW RD)

and

OUR LADY OF SORROWS, (PADDINGTON)

JANUARY - MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS
16TH JANUARY 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME —YEAR C

A Sign of Better Things To Come.



If you were in Jesus' shoes and you were about to grab the world's attention with your first miracle, what might that first miracle be? Reverse global warming or end third world poverty at a stroke?

Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into wine at the Wedding in Cana. To many it seems a frivolous kind of miracle something akin to a party trick, (Rowan Atkinson does a very irreverent sketch on this miracle!) But John relates the miracle with

good reason. John's gospel is quite different in character from the other three. It is written in a very symbolic style, and it doesn't follow the same order, or record the same events as the others. St. John is concerned in showing us signs, which gradually reveal the glory of God through Jesus. The author seems to be mainly interested in the significance of the deeds of Jesus.

So what is the significance of this miracle? John writes, "This is written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name." Suddenly confronted with enough wine to swim in, the disciples had no choice but to begin to believe in who Jesus really was. Neither would the symbolism have been lost on the people of the time. It was the people's belief that at the time of salvation God would provide a table for feasting for his servants and a cup that would never run dry. In short, the substance of the sign was of no consequence at all; it was the message the sign conveyed that was all-important.

The symbolism we read in this first miracle speaks of an old religion bogged down with oppressive rules and laws liberated by a new faith governed by love, compassion, joy, generosity, and abundance. Being a Christian is a very serious business, and as Christians we are asked to address life and death issues, but that doesn't mean we should trudge around with long pious faces. Jesus frequently likens the Kingdom of God to a feast, so smile.... the changing of water to wine is a sign of better things to come.

Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 15th January 2022

Saturday	6:00 pm	Daniel Gultiano (RIP)	Sunday	9:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Maria's Mass for the Dead	Monday	10:00 am	Anastasia Thomas (RIP)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Thomas Thornicroft (RIP)	Wednesday	10:00 am	No Mass
Thursday	10:00 am	Victoria Kupec (Ints)	Friday	10:00 am	Neville Taylor (RIP)
Saturday (22.1)	10:00 am	Charles Mathias (B'Day Ints)	Saturday	6:00 pm	Finola Ryan (Ints)
Sunday (23.1)	09:30 am	Paul D'Souza (Anniv)	Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish

Diocesan News

Mass for World Day of the Sick – Provisional Arrangements

The annual Mass for the World Day of the Sick will take place at **2pm on Saturday 12th February 2022 at Westminster Cathedral**. We are hopeful that the Mass will go ahead as planned and that we'll be able to welcome all those who wish to attend in person. However, at the time of writing, it is unclear whether this will be possible. Thus, plans are provisional at this stage.

Please let Fr Michael know if there are any parishioners who plan to go in wheel-chairs, as the Cathedral needs to know these numbers.

Peace Sunday

Today, 16 January, is **Peace Sunday** and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'.

The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peacemaking? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about?

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in *Pax Christi*, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media.

Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Parish News

Mary's Meals

This weekend we welcome volunteers from the wonderful charity Mary's Meals, who will speak to us at each Mass. Mary's Meals provides life-changing meals to some of the world's poorest children every school day. They work with a simple idea that works: by providing one good meal at their school, children are drawn into the classroom where they can receive an education that could one day free them from poverty.

Mary's Meals is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. They reach out to people of all faiths and of none, with the vision that every child receives one daily meal in their place of

education. Working together, they believe that their aim can be achieved in this world which has plenty.

Teenage Confirmations

The programme of Formation to prepare our teenagers for Confirmation will start on Monday 31st January at 6:30 pm with a parents meeting to which at least one parent should attend with the candidate. Subsequent meetings will be in the newly refurbished parish hall on **Mondays at 6:30—8:00 pm**. The full timetable will be given out at Parents' Meeting.

The bishop will confirm the candidates in **Westminster Cathedral at 2:30 pm on Saturday 18th June 2022**.

First Holy Communions

This is the final opportunity to enrol your child in year 3 or above to be prepared for their first holy communion. You must be a member of the parish and worshipping either at Harrow road or Paddington.

World Religion Day

16th January

The message of World Religion Day is that mankind, which has stemmed from one origin, must now strive towards the reconciliation of that which has been split up. Human unity and true equality depend not on past origins, but on future goals. Unity means understanding what makes us the same, rather than dwelling on what makes us different. Perhaps there has never been a more important time, to look for opportunities to create empathy and share mutual goals.

Christian Unity Week

18th -25th January 2022

Serving the Gospel requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, welcome the displaced, relieve the burdened, and build a just and honest society. Churches need to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love.

Funeral Notices

The funeral service of the late **Jackie Denehan** will take place on **Tuesday 1st February at 12:00 noon**, at **Hanwell Cemetery Chapel**, 38 Uxbridge Road, W7 3PP followed by interment.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **John McGlinchey** will take place on **Thursday 10 February at 12 noon at Our Lady of Sorrows, Paddington** followed by Interment at St Mary's Cemetery.