

## Presbytery

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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**

**23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2022**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME —YEAR C**

## Great Words.



Everyone loves listening to a great orator. Everyone appreciates an orator's ability to captivate and inspire audiences with powerful and motivational speeches. Winston Churchill certainly was such an orator who inspired the people with his speeches during the difficult days of the second world war. Great speeches create a sense of purpose and continuity. Successful orators recognise that great truths can be remembered best by one small quote. Keeping things short and succinct will make one's words more memorable than a great big

rambling speech. Then of course it takes a big personality to put the weight of truth and integrity behind his or her words.

When Jesus is invited to stand up and preach back at his own hometown synagogue he chooses his reading with care. What Jesus chooses to read is to be a statement about his own mission priorities. He chooses to speak of social injustice. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," he reads, "... because he has anointed me to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed." Then Jesus points to himself as the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy before handing back the scroll and sitting down. Jesus has obeyed all the rules of public speaking, he has considered the purpose of his reading, chosen words that will best convey his purpose, and delivered them powerfully and succinctly.

How will Jesus' listeners respond to his claim? Today's reading doesn't give us the listeners' response so we have time to imagine what our own response would have been. Would we have been inspired and motivated to hear Jesus speak these words? Would we suddenly see the ancient prophecy as just that, an ancient prophecy, or as mission to be fulfilled under Jesus' exciting new leadership? Can we hear the poetry of these words resonating two thousand years later?

## Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

|                 |          |                                   |           |          |                         |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|
| Saturday        | 6:00 pm  | Finola Ryan (Ints)                | Sunday    | 9:30 am  | Paul D'Souza (Anniv)    |
| Sunday          | 11:30 am | People of the Parish              | Monday    | 10:00 am | Margaret Mullan (Ints)  |
| Tuesday         | 10:00 am | Thomas Thornicroft (RIP)          | Wednesday | 10:00 am | No Mass                 |
| Thursday        | 10:00 am | Victoria Kupec (Ints)             | Friday    | 10:00 am | Jackie Nicholas (RIP)   |
| Saturday (29.1) | 10:00 am | Roa Ramirez (Decd Family Members) | Saturday  | 6:00 pm  | People of the Parish    |
| Sunday (30.1)   | 09:30 am | Stanislaus Touka Megueu (Anniv)   | Sunday    | 11:30 am | Augustine Thomas (Ints) |

## Diocesan News

### Mass for World Day of the Sick

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.

### Conversion of St. Paul—25th January

The great thing that we learn about God is that forgiveness and conversion are possible for all of us. Paul is portrayed as the greatest enemy of the earliest followers of Christ, but rather than smite him, or demonise him, Jesus instead takes his gifts of zeal and persuasion, and puts them to work for the Gospel. God didn't give up on Paul, nor does God give up on us.

### Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January

There are many reasons why humanity must always remember the Holocaust.

Faith communities in particular do well to mark and remember it because it reaffirms for us just how precious and meaningful our religious teachings and moral practices are for our lives. One of the chief teachings that both Jews and Christians share is that all human beings are created in God's image (Gen. 1:2) and that the breath of God becomes the soul of man (Gen. 2:7). The divinity and sanctity of every human life is at the heart of our religious worlds.

## Parish News

### Mary's Meals

Thank you for your most generous donations to Mary's Meals, last week. The combined total from our two parishes was £446.33—a massive amount. As I didn't pre-warn you of the appeal, if there are any who were unable to contribute last week, I am still happy to accept donations which I will forward to Mary's Meals.

### Teenage Confirmations

Our confirmation programme will start on Monday

week (31st January) with a parents and candidates meeting at 6:30 pm. 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

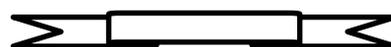
I am still waiting for the workbooks for the course to arrive, but I promise we will be starting very soon.

## Nothing Is More Practical Than Finding God

*Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your week-ends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.*

—Pedro Arrupe, SJ

In the Jesuit view, love is very concrete. Arrupe says that it is practical. Ignatius said that love ought to be expressed in deeds rather than in words. It consists of mutual sharing.



*What gets you out of bed in the morning?*

## 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.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Simon Theophane** will take place on **Monday 14 February at 12:15 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Road** followed by committal at the West London Crematorium.