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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

30TH JANUARY 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME —YEAR C

Pitfalls of a Prophet



There's an old saying, "An expert is someone who carries a briefcase and works two hundred miles from home." The saying finds resonance in Jesus' own words, "No prophet is accepted in his own native place. In today's reading Jesus is invited to preach back in his hometown synagogue. At first, Jesus' audience are impressed, but then they start to mutter to each other. Surely this is just the son of Joseph the carpenter! And when he draws attention to how

they have strayed from the true path, and that truth dawns on them, they are enraged and drive him out of town. It doesn't matter how successful or famous or distinguished one has become, once you return home you will always be that little runny nosed seven year old who refused to wash behind his ears.

The readings over the Epiphany season are all about human kind coming to understand who Jesus is and what he is about. In particular, the readings tell us how this understanding is communicated. Jesus was an excellent communicator, but not even he was free of prejudice. The business of communicating with others on the subject of God is not without problems and pitfalls.

There is nothing elite about being a prophet. A prophet is anyone who stands up and speaks the truth. As Christians we are all required to stand up for the truth. There is plenty of injustice in the world to speak out against, but before speaking out, we are warned of the pitfalls. Today's gospel warns us of the pitfall of familiarity breeding contempt. What other pitfalls might we encounter in speaking out? It is easy for instance to imagine that everyone's faith should be the same as one's own. Might we misjudge the mood, readiness or interest of our audience? Might we be tempted to patronize, or worse, bore out listeners?

For two thousand years inspirational communicators have stood up in Jesus' wake and amplified his words. Today we are invited to choose our own words, weigh up our audience, examine the pitfalls and add our voice speaking the truth in love. We must always remember the words of St Peter in his 1st letter: 'Always be prepared to make a defence to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence;' (1 Pet 3:15)

Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 29th January 2022

Saturday	6:00 pm	People of the Parish	Sunday	9:30 am	Stanislaus Touka Megueu(Anniv)
Sunday	11:30 am	Augustine Thomas (Ints)	Monday	10:00 am	Diana Ducreay (RIP)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Anton Steven(Ints)	Wednesday	10:00 am	No Mass
Thursday	10:00 am	Victoria Kupec (Ints)	Friday	10:00 am	Angela McLaughlin (Ints)
Saturday (05.2)	10:00 am	Thomas Thornicroft(RIP)	Saturday	6:00 pm	Arlene C Lascona (Thanksgiving)
Sunday (06.2)	09:30 am	People of the Parish	Sunday	11:30 am	Maria's Thanksgiving mass

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**. Unfortunately the sacrament of the sick will NOT be administered this year.

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.

Parish News

Covid Restrictions

As you know the government has removed Plan B covid restrictions. The diocese, in conjunction with Public Health Officials has given us updated advice. The main protection against serious covid disease is vaccination, which is strongly encouraged, but hopefully most if not all are vaccinated. The scientific consensus is that we need to move towards 'living with the virus'. Infections with the virus cannot be eliminated, but we should take measures to minimise infection, with minimal disruption of normal life. Advice is as follows:

1. If you have symptoms of Covid—Stay at Home.
2. There is no need for social distancing.
3. You can still wear a mask—The priest and extraordinary ministers will wear masks for distribution of Holy Communion.
4. We can now have the Holy Water stoups back—we will change water weekly.
5. We can exchange the 'Sign of Peace'
6. Communion will still be under one kind (Sacred Host)
7. As we have hot air heating, which could potentially help circulate the virus, I will preheat church before mass, but will be off during Mass.
8. Extraordinary ministers can resume home visits.

Teenage Confirmations

Our confirmation programme will start this coming Monday (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

The books have now arrived and we will be starting our First Holy Communion preparation classes next Sunday (6th February) at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Harrow Road.

Please bring your child to the parish office / Presbytery door by 10:15 am. We will have the class and then stay on for the 11:30 Mass.

Hall Hire

The Church hall is now available for hire. Please contact Jennifer in the parish office for further details.

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 Internment 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.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Michael Balliston** will take place on **Friday 18 February at 12 noon at Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Road** followed by interment at Kensal Green Cemetery

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Gabrielle Barry** will take place on **Wednesday 23 February at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Sorrows, Paddington** followed by interment at Kensal Green Cemetery. Her son's (Patrick) ashes (funeral was on 22nd November) will be interred with her body