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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)

FEBRUARY - MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

13TH FEBRUARY 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME —YEAR C

The 'I'm All Right Jack' Mentality



“Woe to those who are rich.” “Woe to those with plenty to eat.” “Woe to those who laugh.” “Woe to those who are honoured.” Does Jesus mean that heaven is denied us if we pick up a well earned pay packet at the end of the month, have a full freezer and put on a cheerful face? Not at all.

Few of us consider ourselves really well off, but there is a danger that when we are finally making ends meet we can become seriously complacent. There is a real danger that when we are sitting down to our Spaghetti Bolognese and bottle of Italian red wine, that the images of world disasters flashing across our TV screens do not really touch us for more than fleeting moments. We have struggled through a hard day at work, paid the bills, fed the family and got the children to bed.

The last thing we want is breaking news of famine or earthquakes to make us feel uncomfortable.

“Blessed are those who are poor. Blessed are those who are hungry. Blessed are those who weep.” Jesus is always on the side of those who are poor and badly done to, but does that mean that we have to be poor, hungry and miserable to win Jesus’ favour? Again the answer is NO! Jesus is clearly not about keeping people in poverty, so what exactly does he mean?

We need to fully recognise that in God’s kingdom our earthly values are turned upside down. Yes, we should count wealth, good health and success as blessings, which of course they are, but we must also recognise that they stop being blessings and become hindrances if and when we bury our heads in the sand and fail to see or do anything about the world around us that is suffering in so many ways. The blessings in our lives can only bring us true happiness once we are able to shed our “I’m all right Jack” mentality and do something about the “woes” in other people’s lives.

In Matthew’s gospel Jesus said: “Blessed are the poor **IN SPIRIT**”; which clearly emphasises that he does not mean material poverty, but a poverty of NOT being attached to the material things of this life. They should be seen as a gift to be used to help others, rather than hoarded for oneself.

Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 12th February 2022

Saturday	6:00 pm	Kapsa & Keyworkers (Ints)	Sunday	9:30 am	Anna Stevens (Ints)
Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish	Monday	10:00 am	Maria Chipolina (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	Neolise John Lewis (Anniv)
Saturday (19.2)	10:00 am	Anna Steven (Ints)	Saturday	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (20.2)	09:30 am	Margaret & Kitty Geary (Anniv)	Sunday	11:30 am	John & Comfort Ekechukwu (RIP)

Diocesan News

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr Michael the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email), and you will get a specific invitation to this mass.

The God Who Speaks: Lent & Eastertide

There are a number of resources and events, which the diocesan agency for evangelisation would like us to share with you, obviously for those with Internet access

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-eastertide/>

Fr Michael Hall opens our eyes with Luke and the Open Heaven - <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/bible-basics/scripture-seekers/between-the-testaments/luke-and-the-open-heaven/>

Bishop David Evans launches a new series on The Meaning of Life using the Bible and modern philosophy to help explore some big questions - <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/focus/preparing-for-lent-and-eastertide/the-meaning-of-life-part-1-identity/>

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. This Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

Parish News

Pilates in the church hall starting in March

Justina /Pilates Instructor, will start Pilates in the church hall on Monday 7 March from 11.30am to 12.15pm. There is a fee of £2.00 per session. If you are interested, please contact the office to reserve your place.

Teenage Confirmations

Reminder that half term, so no session this coming Monday

Hall Hire

The church hall is now available for hire. The diary is filling up, so please contact Jennifer in the parish office for further details.

Do good right now

We should never postpone a good work, no matter how small it may be, with the thought of later doing something greater. It is a very common temptation of the enemy to be always placing before us the perfection of things to come and bring us to make little of the present.

St Ignatius Loyola,

Funeral Notices

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