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Mass Times

Monday: 10:00 am (Harrow Rd)
Tuesday: 10:00 am (Paddington)
Wednesday No Mass
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.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes & St
Vincent de Paul, Harrow Road

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

and

OUR LADY OF SORROWS, (PADDINGTON)

MARCH - MONTH OF ST JOSEPH

20th MARCH 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR C

The Gardener, the Fig Tree and the Promise



In ancient biblical times people imagined that fatal disasters and terminal illnesses were sent as some kind of punishment from God. Had the victims brought about their own fate by living sinful lives? What will Jesus' answer be? No; untimely death is not sent as a punishment! But whilst we are pondering the fragility of our lives, Jesus reminds us that any one of us could die in similar circumstances. We only have to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. None of us can bank on living to a ripe old age, and so we must consider how well we are prepared to live and how well we are prepared to die, especially to die suddenly!

At first, today's reading feels uncomfortable. The parable of the fig tree reads like a threat. The tree is not bearing any fruit and so the master commands that it should be axed. A compassionate gardener begs that the tree be given a second chance, and so the master grants another year. It feels like a threat... bear fruit or else! But Jesus knows that threats don't bring out the best in us. Like the gardener who tends the tree and nurtures it, so Jesus is there for all who need a second chance. For those of us who make a commitment to live life in a better way, Jesus is there to support and guide us towards our goals. The parable has moved from something that sounds like a threat to something that sounds like a promise.... something inspirational!

Lent is a time to address some begging questions. How many years have we spent making the same old mistakes? What must we do to make life different? It sounds obvious, but to achieve different results, we must do something different. We are invited to ask God for help in setting new priorities, and we must achieve results that reflect God's love for us, and our love for God. And confession, with the graces that accompany it, are a good way to change direction and get the help to overcome our ingrained bad habits and weaknesses.

Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 19th March 2022

Saturday	6:00 pm	Hyacinth Mills (RIP)	Sunday	9:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Expedito Jorge (RIP)	Monday	10:00 am	Zaniyah Pearce (Ints)
Tuesday	10:00 am		Wednesday	10:00 am	No Mass
Thursday	10:00 am		Friday	10:00 am	Margaret Poku (Ints)
Saturday (26.3)	10:00 am		Saturday	6:00 pm	Mr & Mrs Exilia Marquis (RIP)
Sunday (27.3)	09:30 am	Jane & Denise Kiely (Anniv) /Maurice G	Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish

Diocesan News

Divine Mercy Apostolate

Parishioners are invited to the Divine Mercy Apostolate in Ealing where, every day from Monday to Friday we run the devotional Lenten programme to Divine Mercy.

We believe it will be useful preparation for Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday. See Poster at the back of the church or visit www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk;

Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday 22 March 2022, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Online talk via Zoom.

Title: "The God Who Speaks" Isaiah, The Fifth Gospel, Part Two: The Ecstasy and the Agony

Description: An online talk via Zoom given by Fr John Hemer MHM., following on from 'Isaiah: AKA The Fifth Gospel' delivered in September 2021.

For more information and to book a place go to Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/288514353197> or For more information 020 7798 9026

Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On Friday (25th March), which is the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Pope Francis will lead an Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is to take place at 4pm, London time. He is inviting each Bishop to join in this act of Consecration, together with his priests. In our Diocese, the Act of Consecration will be made at 4pm in the Ukrainian Cathedral. Then, at 5.30pm, the Cardinal will celebrate Mass in Westminster Cathedral, at the end of which he will recite the Act of Consecration. We will pray this Act of Consecration on Friday after the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

Lent Retreat for young adults

Lent Retreat for Young Adults (aged 18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on **Saturday 2nd April 2022** in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat (10.30am-6.30pm) to prepare for Holy Week and Easter, with talks, workshops, prayer, Stations of the Cross, time for confessions and mass. Venue: Milleret House, 23 Kensington Square W8 5HN. Donations only. **Register** by emailing: tramy@assumptionreligious.org

Good Friday Passion Play

Now Covid restrictions are over, the Wintershall group will be performing the Passion of Jesus in Trafalgar square on Good Friday at 12pm and 3.15pm. It will also

be livestreamed. It will be the last time for James Burke-Dunsmore to play Jesus. It is an extraordinary thing to see the Passion on Good Friday and hopefully many people will want to be there. See poster at the back of the church.

Parish News

Family Fast Day : Friday 11 March 2022

If you have forgotten to bring the savings last week, then we can happily accept them this week or directly to CAFOD by visiting their website: cafod.org.uk/lent

Starting an SVP Group

At the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11:30 am Mass this weekend we welcome Rocio Maguire who will say a few words about the SVP to appeal for volunteers to form a combined new SVP group working together with Our Lady of Holy Souls Parish. After her presentation at Kensal New Town parish—in 2 weeks, we will host a short follow up meeting (date to be agreed) to provide further information for those who are interested. If there is anyone from Paddington keen to get involved, that would also be wonderful.

Contactless Giving

The issue, we experienced two weeks ago, with the machine's unstable WiFi connection has been resolved, so we can happily give it a good try this weekend.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Edward Alexander** will take place on **Thursday 24th March at 11:00 am at Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Road** followed by internment at St Mary's Cemetery

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Eustace Andrews** will take place on **Wednesday 6th April at 11:00 am at Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Road** followed by internment at Kensal Green Cemetery

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Roland St Hill** will take place on **Thursday 7th April at 1:15 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Road** followed by committal at West London Crematorium

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Conrad Viette** will take place on **Friday 8th April at 11:00 am at Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Road** followed by committal at West London Crematorium.