

## Presbytery

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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)**

**APRIL - MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2022**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR C**

## The First Stone



It's a sad fact of life, if you do something good, it isn't remembered for very long. You are only as good as your last good deed. But if you do something bad, there will be those who insist on never forgetting it. There will always be those who mutter, "Oh that's 'so and so' the one who had the affair." "That Mr. Thingymajig, the one who embezzled the company funds." It's

a very sad human failing. We are loathe to let the failings of others go.

In today's gospel reading the Scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught committing adultery. According to the Law of Moses such a woman should be stoned. What has Jesus to say on the matter? As ever, the Scribes and Pharisees are seeking to trap Jesus into giving an answer that is unlawful. Jesus however will never fall into such a trap; hence his reply putting back the onus on them:- "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone".

When we have made a mistake in life, the last thing we need is condemnation. Condemnation is rarely useful. Condemnation sends us to a dark place where we fester. Denied our second chance, our self esteem is eroded. We begin to see ourselves in a different light. Other people think we are bad or weak so perhaps we are. Our self image spirals downwards, we start to behave the way people expect us to behave.... badly! But the people, who have pointed the finger of blame; are they really in any position to judge?

We are extraordinarily quick to throw the first stone. Our powers of empathy are limited. Perhaps we enjoy moral outrage. Perhaps we enjoy gossiping at someone else's expense. Today we are challenged. The next time we open our mouths to condemn, we are asked to find mercy instead, the same mercy we expect when we have fallen from grace.

## Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 2nd April 2022

Saturday	6:00 pm	Rosie & Charlie O'Sullivan (90th Bday)	Sunday	09:30 am	-
Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish	Monday	10:00 am	Josephine Theophane (Bday Ints)
Tuesday	10:00 am	-	Wednesday	10:00 am	No Mass
Thursday	10:00 am	-	Friday	10:00 am	Frances Lionel (Bday Ints)
Saturday (09.4)	10:00 am	-	Saturday	6:00 pm	Joseph Alexander— Marquis (RIP)
Sunday (10.4)	09:30 am	-	Sunday	11:30 am	Patrick.J.Alexander & Family (Ints)

## Diocesan News

### 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

#### Planned Giving Envelopes

The boxes of donation envelopes are available for collection at the back of the church—we start using them next weekend. So please pick up your box. We have not re-issued boxes that were not taken last year. If you have now returned to Mass after Covid, and would like a box, then please let us know by taking a standing order form, and selecting either envelope or fill in bank details, which we will forward to bank, or if you are into online banking you could set up a regular standing order yourself—but do let us know, and if tax payer, sign gift aid declaration.

#### SVP Group in Formation

Many thanks to the 19 people who expressed an interest in forming a new SVP group in our parish, jointly with Our Lady of The Holy Souls, Kensal New Town. You will be advised of follow-up meetings after Rocio has made an appeal at their parish, next weekend.

#### Holy Week Penitential Service

I will be helping Fr Philip Baptiste with a penitential service, with confessions, at our neighbouring parish of Our Lady of The Holy Souls on **Monday 11th April at 7:00 pm** (Monday of Holy Week). So let's make it a combined penitential service for both parishes.

#### Good Friday Christian Witness

As in previous years, together with our neighbouring Christian churches, we will be having a short prayer service of witness in the market square opposite on **Good Friday at 12:15pm**.

#### Easter Flowers

Should you wish to contribute to the flowers this Easter, please let Fr Michael know.

#### Weekly Catechesis Leaflets

10 years ago, on the 50th anniversary of the opening of the second Vatican Council, and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Pope Benedict inaugurated a "Year of Faith" where the

Pope urged all to increase their understanding of the faith. In my parish of Willesden Green, when I was there as a Permanent Deacon, we decided to publish a weekly leaflet, going through key points from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Well, I have had the idea of republishing these leaflets for our parishes here in Maida Vale/Paddington. Although slightly out of sync, I will be starting with leaflet No 23, which explains Holy Week. Please pick up a leaflet and take it home with you. I am sure we can all learn something new over the coming 60 weeks!

### God Can Be Found in All Things

*"All things" to St Ignatius is the whole panoply of the human drama—our relationships, our work, our strivings and failures, our hopes and dreams. God can be found in all of it. Found does not mean an intellectual exercise of perceiving the presence of the divine. It means engaging God in it, meeting him, dealing with him. It is a matter of conversar—an intimate conversation and the interacting that takes place between family members who love each other.*

—David L. Fleming, SJ, What Is Ignatian Spirituality?

Finding God in all things is personal, a matter of the heart more than the mind—opening the eyes of the heart to see God in all things, filling the heart with zeal to follow Christ wherever he leads.

*In the last twenty-four hours, where has your heart sensed the presence of God?*

Manney, Jim. An Ignatian Book of Days. Loyola Press.

### Funeral Notices

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.