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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

10TH APRIL 2022

PALM SUNDAY—YEAR C

When True Commitment is the Only Option



Today we remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. A question that gets asked a lot is, why did Jesus have to die? Why could he not turn his donkey around and bypass Jerusalem altogether? Surely it would have been better for Jesus to have lived into old age continuing to teach and to heal?

The hardest lesson for Jesus' disciples to learn was that if Jesus had bypassed Jerusalem, he would also have to give up the mission given to Him by His Father. Jesus had an unwavering commitment to his Father's will, and as Christians we too are asked to share that commitment, and understand what that commitment might mean in the detail of our lives.

Commitment doesn't just mean thinking something is quite a good idea, or thinking we really ought to pursue something. It doesn't even mean badly wanting to do something. Commitment is about a passion that drives us towards an end goal despite all the odds. Commitment is about dedication, and self discipline. Commitment means being uncomfortable now and then; it might even mean self sacrifice.

Christianity is not just about wearing our Sunday best and being very nice people. As Christians we are looking at the world in all its life and death situations and knowing that compromise isn't an option. How sad to get to the end of life and having to admit we have done nothing worthy of our commitment; nothing worthy of being a Christian. If this all seems a bit daunting, it doesn't have to be. Part of our larger commitment brings smaller daily commitments. Christianity is a big meaningful journey but it consists of small manageable steps.

For Jesus, commitment and self sacrifice went hand in hand. This week we remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught us that we are worth all that pain and suffering that He endured. So how do we live our lives, from this day forward, knowing that Jesus considered us worthy of this ultimate sacrifice?

Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 9th April 2022

Saturday	6:00 pm	Joseph Alexander Marquis (RIP)	Sunday	09:30 am	-
Sunday	11:30 am	Patrick J Alexander & Family (Ints)	Monday	10:00 am	Maria Da glori de Campos (RIP)
Tuesday	10:00 am	-	Wednesday	10:00 am	No Mass
Thursday	8:00 pm	Mass of the Last Supper	Friday	3:00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday ^(16.4)	(No Mass on Easter Saturday—Jesus in tomb)		Saturday Eve	8:30 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday ^(17.4)	09:30 am	People of the Parish	Sunday	11:30 am	Corezon Navarre (Thanksgiving)

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

There are still uncollected boxes of your offertory envelopes. 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

We had a wonderful first information meeting with those who volunteered from our parish and Our Lady of All Souls. Not all could attend, but will come to next meeting

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 this coming **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.**

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 previous parish of Willesden Green, 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!

Triduum



The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery... so do your best if possible, to make all the services

Too Late for Lent?

Did you mean to do something for Lent, but didn't get around to it? Don't waste the opportunity. There's still time to do something... even if it's taking time to sit quietly and plan a few acts of kindness.

Holy Places Collection (Good Friday)

Support Christians in the Holy Land

There is a collection as you leave church on Good Friday which is for the Holy Places. 100% of donations taken up by the Good Friday Collection support Christians in the Holy Land. Because of persecution the number of Christians in the Holy Land is dwindling and the continued existence of programs that support these Christians depends on the faithful financial support received from our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your donation helps maintain the holiest of shrines and provides charitable activities for the poorest of people in that area. Holy Land Franciscans also provide education to children, run parishes and provide liturgical, ecumenical and communications programs. It is because of you that a Christian presence exists in the Holy Land.

Pray as If Everything Depends on You

There's an old saying that we should "pray as if everything depends on God, work as if everything depends on you." It's been attributed to Ignatius (though there's no evidence that he said it), but many think it captures the Ignatian spirit: turning it all over to God in prayer and then working tirelessly to do God's work. I prefer to reverse it: "pray as if everything depends on you, work as if everything depends on God." This means that prayer has to be urgent: God has to do something dramatic if everything depends on me. It also puts our work in the right perspective: if it depends on God, we can let it go. We can work hard but leave the outcome up to him. —Jim Manney, Dot Magis blog

Ignatius wrote to a friend, "There is no need to wear yourself out, but make a competent and sufficient effort, and leave the rest to him."

Would you rather pray as if everything depends on God or as if everything depends on you? Why?

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