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Mass Times

Monday: 10:00 am (Harrow Rd)
Tuesday: 10:00 am (Paddington)
Wednesday Church closed
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)

MAY - MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8th MAY 2022

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR C

The Master's Voice



There is a well know expression: "We believe what we want to believe." It's equally true that we refuse to believe what we don't want to believe. It seems as if we only accept what fits in with our preconceived ideas / prejudices. For example we see this with peoples belief in conspiracy theories or their attitude to vaccination etc.

In today's reading the Jews are pushing Jesus to state his case. "If you are the Messiah tell us plainly." Jesus replies, "You do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep." In other words, the questioners are not his followers, they are hostile towards him and therefore they are not open to believing in him even though they have seen the evidence. In some ways Christianity is a chicken and egg kind of scenario. We need to be followers of Jesus, to believe in him, but we need to believe to be followers. Which comes first is up to us, but we have to be open to hearing and recognising Jesus in our twenty first century world.

Hearing, recognising, believing and responding is what 'Good Shepherd Sunday' is all about. Some situations have got 'God' written all over them and some haven't. How do we tell the difference? What are we called to do? How are we called to believe? Some things are obvious, some things aren't. But at the heart of everything, even issues that didn't exist in Jesus' day such as euthanasia, and stem cell research, Jesus' teachings are like 'cat's-eyes' on life's dark country roads. We have to recognise Jesus' voice in everything by asking, how much of today's decisions are based in love, and how much of our decisions are based in our own human agendas.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2022

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is held each year on the Fourth

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Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 7th May 2022

Saturday	6:00 pm	Gladys Kibart (RIP)	Sunday	09:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Joao Bargante (RIP)	Monday	10:00 am	June Philogene (RIP)
Tuesday	10:00 am		Wednesday	10:00 am	Sheila John (87th Bday)
Thursday	10:00 am	Elvia Portilla (RIP)	Friday	10:00 am	Antony Sylvester (83rd B'day)
Saturday (14.5)	10:00 am	Fr Phillip Cross (RIP)	Saturday	6:00 pm	Mary Kinsella & John Connelly (Ints)
Sunday (15.5)	09:30 am	Private Intention	Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish

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Sunday of Easter. Regardless of the year (A,B or C) extracts of Jesus' *Good Shepherd* narrative are always read on this Sunday. The Good Shepherd who has come so that people may have life to the full; the one who lays down his life for his sheep; and the one who knows his sheep and they recognise his voice.

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life. The reality (including in my own life) is that many discern their vocation to priesthood / religious life only because someone has first suggested it to them!

Diocesan News

May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of

Willesden, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX. Today (Sunday 8 May at 3:00pm). Preacher, Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church), who will be accompanied by the Icon of the Mother of Protection (In Ukrainian - Pokrova).

Priest Training Fund : Today—Sunday 8 May

This weekend, as announced last week, we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. There will be a retiring collection for the diocesan **Priests Training Fund** after Mass. This fund pays for the running costs of the seminary as well as supporting those in formation for the priesthood (and ongoing professional development of ordained priests).

A few copies of the current 'Allen Hall Seminary News' are available at the back of the Church, for anyone interested.

Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

The Good Counsel Network

On Saturday 21st May the Vigil of the Feast of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well.

www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Parish News

Weekly Catechesis Leaflets

Leaflet 3 is published this week — **Does God exist?** Yes, of course as Catholics we believe this, but we know many people who doubt the existence of God. Are there 'arguments' we can make to help people come to believe and know God? This short leaflet examines some of those questions.

Lebanese Parliamentary Election

Today (Sunday) the church hall at Harrow Road is a polling station for Lebanese living in the UK to vote in their national parliamentary elections. (Only one of three in the UK) Their system is rather different from our own elections, and may be quite busy. Please do not go to try and enter the hall to see the setup.

The Red-Letter Day in Your Spiritual Life

The Indian Jesuit mystical theologian, Anthony de Mello, who died in 1987 aged 55, wrote about his earlier life and reported that when he was a novice his novice master used to say to them:-"the red letter day in your spiritual life will come, not when you believe that you love God, but when you realize that he loves you!" He then wrote about how this comment affected him saying: "Many years of experience (experience of others and my own) have shown me how right he was. What a transformation occurs in our lives, how rapidly we begin to change, when we realize how much and how unconditionally he loves and accepts us."

—Anthony de Mello, SJ, *Contact with God*

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

—Psalm 107:1

*Spend a few minutes giving thanks to God
for his unconditional love for you.*

Funeral Notice

The Reception of the cremated remains and the Funeral Mass of the late **Jose Benito Larrancea—Zorruzna** will take place on **Saturday 14th May at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Road.**

The ashes will be repatriated to the Philippines and interred with those of his wife who has previously died.