

## Presbytery

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## Mass Times

Monday: 10:00 am (Harrow Rd)

Tuesday: 10:00 am (Paddington)

Wednesday Church closed

### Ascension Thursday

10:00 am (Paddington)

7:00 pm (Harrow Road)

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**

**22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2022**

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**YEAR C**

## God Knows No Orphans



There may be times in our lives when we feel a sense of abandonment. We might be left with feelings of panic, despair and emptiness at the break up of a relationship, the loss of a loved one; or when the future we thought so secure is turned on its head through job loss, financial ruin or illness. The disciples must be feeling a little like this today at the prospect of Jesus' departure.

In today's gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for life without his physical presence. He is teaching them how to transcend these moments of fear and uncertainty "Those who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them..." Undoubtedly, knowing we are loved helps transcend feelings of abandonment, but we must be sure we don't misinterpret that sentence, as many in reformation times did and still do! God loves unconditionally and is pouring his gift of love on us continually, but love (remember the definition 'To will the good of the other, [and some add—and do something about it]') has to be given away; if we try and keep hold of it we lose it! But by giving it away (Love isn't just a feeling, it's a decision) we get more! And as Jesus said that the greatest commandments are love of God and Neighbour, and so by responding to his gift of love, we will be doing his will. Yes, we have to do our little bit by making a decision to keep his words. And we also know that we are frail, and may reject this gift to love as God loves. But that doesn't mean God that will no longer love us, but it does mean that wanting to keep his words is at the heart of our relationship. It's not about trying to live up to an impossible set of expectations; it's about developing into confident Christians in an atmosphere of love and support.

Today's gospel speaks to those who are suffering insecurity and fear. As a Christian community we have a responsibility for promoting belief in God's love and in the continued support of the Holy Spirit. In this way, when any one of us comes to grief, that belief can come to the rescue. For those who know they are loved, healing comes more quickly. There can be no abandonment in a kingdom that knows no orphans.

## Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 21st May 2022

|                 |          |                              |           |          |                         |
|-----------------|----------|------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|
| Saturday        | 6:00 pm  | People of the Parish         | Sunday    | 09:30 am | Rita Thornicroft (Ints) |
| Sunday          | 11:30 am | Angela Awuku & Family (Ints) | Monday    | 10:00 am | Miguela Sicat (RIP)     |
| Tuesday         | 10:00 am |                              | Wednesday | 10:00 am | Church closed           |
| Thursday        | 10:00 am |                              | Thursday  | 7:00 pm  |                         |
|                 |          |                              | Friday    | 10:00 am | Ann Kibart (RIP)        |
| Saturday (28.5) | 10:00 am |                              | Saturday  | 6:00 pm  |                         |
| Sunday (29.5)   | 09:30 am | People of the Parish         | Sunday    | 11:30 am | Joao Bargante (RIP)     |

## Diocesan News

### Relics of St Bernadette coming to tour UK



The relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes, currently in the Upper Basilica in Lourdes, will be touring Britain in the Autumn. The tour will start in Westminster Cathedral where the relics will be from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> September. We await further details from the diocese, but we will certainly be organising a pilgrimage to venerate these relics from our parishes. Watch this space.

### Eucharistic Octave

The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane in Covent Garden will be hosting a Eucharistic Octave from 11th to 19th June. This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Full details can be found at [www.catholiclondon.org](http://www.catholiclondon.org) or on the poster at the back of the church.

### Catholic Miracle Rally

The *Cor et Lumen Christi* Community is running their annual Miracle Rally from 9th to 10th July at Friends House in Euston. Speakers for the Event include Archbishop Kevin McDonald, Fr Patrick Collins, lecturer at All Hallows Dublin, Fr Joseph Edattu, Director of the Divine Retreat Centre Ramsgate, and Fr Columba Jordan CFR.

### Love heals body and mind and spirit ministry

Invite you to a Retreat of quiet Reflection on Saturday 4th June 2022 11am to 4.30pm at The Catholic Church of our Lady of Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. Programme includes, Rosary, Latin Mass, Talk based on Scripture 'How to Rest in God', individual healing prayers. email: [lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com](mailto:lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com) or Tel: 0208 542 2476.

## Parish News

### Weekly Catechesis Leaflets

Leaflet 5a is published this week — **Salvation History Part 1.** God works through both Word and Action. The Bible describes not only the failings of humanity, but the way God has come repeatedly to the rescue to put man back on the right path. Salvation history is not yet ended, and we are now part of the story of revealing Christ to the World.

### Missionaries of Charity.

It is with great delight that this coming Monday (23rd May) we will be welcoming the Missionaries of Charity (Mother Theresa nuns) to our 10:00 am Mass where two of the community will be renewing their vows.

### Ascension Thursday

This coming Thursday (26th May) is the great Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a Mass at Paddington at 10:00 am (with the school joining us for that Mass) and at 7:00 pm at Harrow Road. There is a 9:30 am and 7:30 pm Mass at our next door parish—Our Lady of Holy Souls, Hazlewood Crescent, and 12 noon and 6:00 pm at St Mary of the Angels, Bayswater.

### Votive Candles

Your donation when you light a candle is not only a sacrificial donation to accompany your prayer, but also a source of income for the upkeep of the church. For the last four years, since my arrival here, the cost of a batch of candles has been £108. Starting in September the cost has gone up each time and last week when we bought the new batch we had to pay £175! An inflation rate of 62%!

### Pentecost Celebration

We should celebrate great feasts—and we do by celebrating Christmas and Easter, but Pentecost is another great feast which marks the public beginning of the Church when the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles and gave them the power to go out and boldly proclaim the Gospel, and so we should celebrate that.

The feast of Pentecost falls on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> which is also the long bank holiday weekend to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. So let us have a joint celebration of both events.

I propose that after the 11:30 Mass at Harrow Road we have a celebratory lunch. Sadly I was too late to book a Hog Roast—all companies I contacted are fully booked. So I hope we can rely on some of you cooking your national dishes for us to share in.

The Lighthouse Community Church, who use our hall, have been invited to join in with our celebration and I am sure they will want to help us celebrate with their wonderful singing.

Please sign up if you are willing to cook some food for the occasion.

## Funeral Notice

The Funeral Service and committal of the late **Graham Flitton** will take place on **Tuesday 24th May at 2:30 pm** at West London Crematorium

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Leon James** will take place on **Friday 24th June at 11:00 am**, at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**, followed by Internment at Gunnersbury Cemetery.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Mrs Maria Clark** will take place on **Monday 27th June at 11:30 am**, at **Our Lady of Sorrows Church**, followed by committal at West London Crematorium.