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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

29TH MAY 2022

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Rising Above Worldly Concerns



In these final chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus is trying to sum up what his life and mission is all about. He speaks at length of the bond between himself and his Father and it is from this bond of love that he is 'sent'.

Jesus tells us that we too are 'sent' to continue his mission. Friendship with Jesus is being with him, and being sent in his name. Our mission is to place his love and message at the centre of the world. In

following him in mission and love, we too are 'being sent'.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples, the entire world, now knows Jesus' name, two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their sense of mission.

How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact for most of us it just seems impossible.

Today's gospel reminds us that Jesus' love for his disciples does not fade. It endures eternally. He asks the Father to protect and guide. He entrusts us, his friends and companions, to the loving care of his Father. If we are really to believe this, we should leave the house every morning with a lot more on our minds than simply catching the early bus or answering our emails on the tube. Today is an invitation not to think of ourselves on the outside looking in, but to be as much a part as we can in impacting the world as much as those early disciples did.

Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 28th May 2022

Saturday	6:00 pm	-	Sunday	09:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Joao Bargante (RIP)	Monday	10:00 am	Kitty Murphy (RIP)
Tuesday	10:00 am	-	Wednesday	10:00 am	Church closed
Thursday	10:00 am	-	Friday	10:00 am	Mary Phillips (Ints)
Saturday (04.6)	10:00 am	No Mass — Fr Michael away on retreat	Saturday	6:00 pm	Angela Macdonald (RIP)
Sunday (05.6)	09:30 am	-	Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish

Diocesan News

Pope Francis and Prayer for peace in Ukraine

You may have seen the news that this coming Tuesday, 31 May 2022, at 6pm Rome time (5pm UK time) Pope Francis will be reciting the Rosary in front of the statue of Our Lady Queen of Peace in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome. In doing so, 'he wishes to offer a sign of hope to the world, suffering through the conflict in Ukraine, and profoundly wounded through the violence of so many other theatres of war.' He has asked that we join with him, ideally at this time, in praying the rosary for peace in Ukraine. Unfortunately I will be in York at a conference of priests, so cannot organise a prayer meeting in the parish at this time.

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 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 or Tel: 0208 542 2476.

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 3rd to 5th 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.



Parish News

Weekly Catechesis Leaflets

Leaflet 5b is published this week — **Salvation History Part 2.** God works through both Word and Action. Last week we

looked at the first half of the 'story'. This week we start with the lowest point of Jewish history (the Babylonian Exile), ending with triumph of the messianic fulfilment and the continuation of now OUR part in the Church.

Pentecost Celebration

Next Sunday (5th June) after the 11:30 Mass at Harrow Road, we will have a feast to celebrate Pentecost and the Queen's platinum jubilee. Instead of a hog roast (I was too late to book one) we will have a Barbeque and various foods—I must thank Monica Philips and the social group at Paddington for putting this together. The Lighthouse Community Church, who use our hall, will also join us and help celebrate with their wonderful gospel singing.

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

The Difference between Happiness and Hopelessness

We are not aimless beings, without a goal or purpose. We have been created by a God Who loves us. We are called to build the Kingdom of God by knowing, loving and serving God and other people and thus entering life everlasting. The values, priorities and fundamental commitments that really steer us at the level of our heart as well as our minds flow from such a purpose; they make all the difference between happiness and hopelessness.

Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ,

"Message to Friends and Colleagues of the Society of Jesus"

The difference lies in our hearts more than our minds:

"What am I passionate about?" more than

"What am I convinced of?"



What are you passionate about?

Funeral Notice

The Reception and Anglican Funeral Service of the late **Zacharia Herbert** will take place on **Friday 17 June at 11:15 am, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church,** followed by Internment at St Mary's Cemetery.

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.