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Mass Times

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

JUNE - MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
19TH JUNE 2022

CORPUS CHRISTI (BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST)
YEAR C

The Mysterious Figure of Melchizedek



In today's mass we have a very short first reading from Genesis, where Abraham, after winning a successful military victory, is met by this figure called Melchizedek, king of Salem, who brought out bread and wine.

Melchizedek is mentioned in Psalm 110, and again in the book of Hebrews. The name Melchizedek is formed from two Hebrew words – *Melek* meaning King, and *Zedek* meaning righteousness. So he is the King of righteousness, and we are also told that he is

the king of Salem (Salem being from the Hebrew word *Shalom* meaning peace. But also note the link Jeru-Salem – Jerusalem.

Remember after the Resurrection when Jesus meets the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and they don't recognise him, and he explains the Scriptures to them telling them how the scriptures foretold that he was to suffer and die (and remember in Jesus time the Scriptures consisted purely of what we now call the Old Testament). St Luke tells us: "And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27)

With this in mind let us consider this:-

No other figure in Scripture is both priest and king except Christ and Melchizedek.

No other priest is "a priest for ever" except Christ and Melchizedek.

No other figure in Scripture is called "King of righteousness" except Christ and Melchizedek.

No other figure in Scripture is called "King of peace" except Christ and Melchizedek.

No other figure is without a human father except Christ and Melchizedek.

No other figure is "without beginning of days or end of life" except Christ and Melchizedek.

So who do we think met Abraham in the book of Genesis?

Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 18th June 2022

Saturday	6:00 pm	Cadero Family (Thanksgiving)	Sunday	09:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Kathy Casey (Anniv)	Monday	10:00 am	John.C.Kusa (Ints)
Tuesday	10:00 am	-	Wednesday	10:00 am	Church closed
Thursday	10:00 am	Eloise & Family (Ints)	Friday	10:00 am	Sharon, Lena Eusebe (Anniv)
Saturday (25.6)	10:00 am	-	Saturday	6:00 pm	-
Sunday (26.6)	09:30 am	Ailyn Mago (Anniv)	Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish

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 10:00 am 3rd September and departing 9:30 am on 5th September. The relics will be back in our diocese at the Church of Our Lady of Willesden, Nichol Rd, NW10 from 4:00 pm 28th October to 9:15 am on 30th October. We will certainly be organising a pilgrimage to venerate these relics from our parishes. Watch this space.

Parish News

Weekly Catechesis Leaflets

Leaflet 8 is published this week — **Original Sin**. This is an important topic which many misunderstand. It clearly explains that sin has consequences and why God allows us to sin, because he has created us with the dignity to love, and so we must be free to choose good or evil.

Journey in Faith

Do you know of anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, or are you an adult who missed out on being confirmed? Or do you just want to learn more about your faith. If any of these apply then please talk to me as I will be starting a group, in the autumn, for the formation of those to be received into the church or be confirmed, or just to learn more.

Call for Catechists

I need help! Evangelisation and catechesis is NOT just by the priests. All of us—priest and laity—have a role in helping people to come to know Jesus better. Jesus sent out his disciples in pairs, so it is best that catechists work in at least pairs. Of course you will feel unqualified to be able to do this. But have no fear—the Holy Spirit will be with you and the diocese is offering a total of 17 short courses covering all aspects of catechesis.

Please seriously consider helping the parish with this service. Talk to me and I can explain everything you need to know.

Volunteers to help count weekly collection

The number of volunteers we have helping with cash counting has dwindled recently, leaving an increasing burden on the few remaining. This applies to both parishes. Please consider offering your time to count the collection, which happens immediately after Sunday mass. Full training will be given. The more volunteers we have, the less often you will be asked to

Today we also celebrate the Blood of Christ

So let us consider the following scripture passages:

“This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant **in my**

blood” (Luke 22:20).

“Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by **his blood**, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God” (Rom. 5:9).

“Through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through **the blood of his cross**” (Col. 1:20).

“In him we have redemption **through his blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us” (Eph. 1:7–8).

“How much more will **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!” (Heb. 9:11–14).

“To him who loves us and freed us from our sins **by his blood**” (Rev. 1:5).

Funeral Notices

The Requiem Mass with the Ashes of the Late **Josephine Francois** will take place at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church** at **on Monday 20th June at 2:00 pm** followed by internment of ashes at Kensal Green 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.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Rose Kelly** will take place on **Thursday 7th July at 11:00 am**, at **Our Lady of Sorrows Church**, followed by Internment at St Mary’s Cemetery.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Mrs Elizabeth Adamu** will take place on **Monday 11th July at 12:15** at **Our Lady of Sorrows Church**, followed by internment at East Finchley Cemetery.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Rosamunde Labadie** will take place on **Thursday 21st July at 11:00 am** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**, followed by Internment at St Mary’s Cemetery.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Christopher Coston** will take place on **Thursday 21st July at 2:00 pm** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**, followed by committal at West London Crematorium.