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Mass Times

Monday: 10:00 am (at both parishes)
Tuesday: 10:00 am (Paddington)
Wednesday: No Mass
Thursday: 10:00 am (Paddington)
Friday: 10:00 am (Harrow Road)
Saturday: 10:00 am (Paddington)
6:00 pm (Harrow Rd)
Sunday: 9:30 am (Paddington)
11:30 am (Harrow Rd)

Eucharistic Adoration

One hour before weekday and both Saturday
Masses

Confessions

During periods of exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, and on request.

Sunday Readings

Parish Mass Book—page 105.

Parishes of
OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST VINCENT DE PAUL
(HARROW RD)

and

OUR LADY OF SORROWS, (PADDINGTON)

DECEMBER - MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
31ST DECEMBER 2023

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH — YEAR B

Learning What You Live

Today: Sunday—The Feast of the Holy Family

When the Infant Jesus was presented at the temple, Simeon told Mary and Joseph, "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed... ." Then Joseph and Mary returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. "And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him."

But remember Jesus was fully human and had to be taught many things in exactly the same way that we all had to learn from our parents and teachers as we grew up. Mary and Joseph had a very important job to do. In fact they were given a job that is not so different from any parent's job, to give the growing child a sense of worth, security, wisdom and love.

There is a school where the famous verses of Dorothy Nolte are pinned up in each classroom. The piece is entitled 'Children Learn What They Live'. It begins, "...If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn. If children live with hostility they learn to fight. If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive." In other words, we teach by our example. If we want our children to be truthful then we ourselves must be honest. If we want our children to learn justice, we must ourselves be fair. If we want our children to learn respect, we must first of all treat them with kindness and consideration. Whether we are parents, stepparents, grandparents, guardians, aunt or uncles, we must follow the example set by the Holy Family and live the lives we want our children to live.

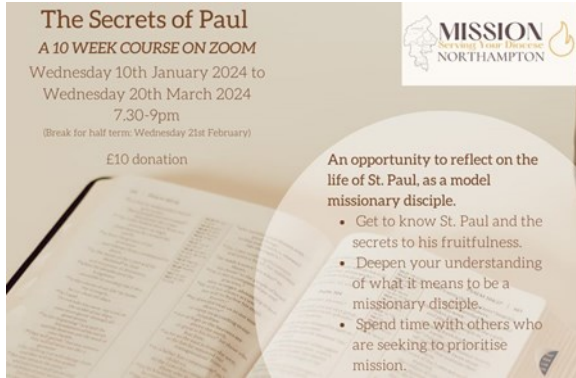
January 1st - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

On this day we observe the solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. This is a natural theme having just celebrated the birth of her son Jesus. The birth of a child is always a sign of hope ... hope not just for the parents and immediate family, but also for the whole community. The lives of Mary and Jesus spell a vision of a hope, a vision of justice and peace, a vision of freedom and liberation, a vision of social change and concern for the common good. It spells a vision of God present in the poor child and the holy young woman of Nazareth; a vision of God to be found in all the people and things of our world and especially among the poor. We will celebrate Mass at 10:00 am both at Harrow Road and at Paddington for this feast day.

Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 30th December 2023

Saturday	6:00 pm	Joseph Ballister (B'day)	Sunday	9:30 am	-
Sunday	11:30 am	Sophie Ellis (B'day)			
Monday (H Rd)	10:00 am	Legion of Mary members	Monday (Padd)	10:00 am	-
Tuesday	10:00 am	-	Wednesday	10:00 am	No Mass
Thursday	10:00 am	-	Friday	10:00 am	Eileen & Margaret O'Sullivan (Ints)
Saturday (6.1)	10:00 am	-	Saturday	6:00 pm	Briody Lyons (RIP)
Sunday (7.1)	9:30 am	-	Sunday	11:30 am	Joseph Ballister (Thanksgiving)

Diocesan News



An opportunity to reflect on the life of St. Paul, as a model missionary disciple via a 10-WEEK Zoom course run by Mission Northampton from Wednesday 10th January 2024 to Wednesday 20th March 2024 (7.30-9pm) To Register for the course, goto: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/secrets-of-paul-online/>



Catholic Listeners have launched a website and phone line to respond to people, who are searching for answers about the Catholic faith. They have a website <https://catholiclisteners.com> and phone line 0800 448 0704. It is sponsored by the diocese and run from the Jesuit church at Farm Street.

Retrouvaille in England and Wales is a lifeline for Troubled Marriages. Retrouvaille is a programme



designed to help heal and renew marriages. The word Retrouvaille simply means rediscovery. Rediscover yourself, your partner, and a loving relationship in your marriage. For further information including details of programmes taking place in the New Year please visit: <http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/>

Parish News

New Year's Day. Monday 1st January is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Many like to start the New Year with Mass, and so we will have Mass at both Harrow Road and Paddington at 10:00 am on Monday.

Fr Michael took a fall and has damaged some ligaments and muscles around the knee. Healing is be-

ing frustratingly slow, and one problem is significant pain on standing for any length of time. Canon law states that a priest must stand to celebrate Mass, unless given permission to sit by the bishop. The Cardinal has given his permission for Fr Michael to celebrate mass sitting until he sufficiently recovers.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024. This will take place from **19th to 26th July 2024**. Last year we had a successful pilgrimage with 12 redcaps. I am keen to have a parish group of pilgrims coming as well as the redcaps helping pilgrims. More detailed information will follow soon.

Looking Forward to Lent! The year 2025 is a jubilee year (with the title *Pilgrims of Hope*), and to prepare for the 2025 jubilee year, 2024 will be a 'Year of Prayer'. There has been a collaboration between our diocese, Southwark diocese and the Bishops Conference to prepare a 5 week course ('**We Dare to Say**') during lent, concentrating on the words of the Our Father (We will be running this course here during Lent).

We have been asked us to order the course books by 8th January so that proper numbers can be printed. So please sign up at the back of the church if you would like a course book—cost per booklet will be £4.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Johnson Massicott** will take place on **Thursday 4th January 2024 at 1:00 pm** at the church of **Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Rd**, followed by committal at West London Crematorium.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Maria Jane Kifu** will take place on **Friday 12th January 2024 at 11:00 am** at the church of **Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Rd**, followed by burial at East Finchley Cemetery.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Wilhelmina Angol** will take place on **Friday 19th January 2024 at 11:00 am** at the church of **Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Rd**, followed by burial at Kensal Green Cemetery.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Carlos Peixeira da Arrochoa Lobi** will take place on **Monday 29th January 2024 at 11:00 am** at the church of **Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Rd**, followed by burial at St Mary's Cemetery.