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Mass Times

Monday: 10:00 am (Harrow Road)
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 127.

1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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

and

OUR LADY OF SORROWS, (PADDINGTON)

JANUARY - MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

14TH JANUARY 2024

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR B

Great Expectations



Have you ever had to live up to someone else's expectations? At first it can feel daunting, but the strange thing about great expectations, is that very often they have the power to transform us. Living up to raised expectations can make us into better people.

In today's gospel, Jesus meets Andrew's brother Simon. He

looks at him and says, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas, meaning Rock." The new name must have filled Peter's friends with astonishment. "A rock" Peter certainly wasn't. Peter we know was a bit of a hot head. He was impulsive, rash, sometimes misguided and often passionate. To describe him as a 'rock' was surely inappropriate. Yet slowly and surely, Peter starts to live up to Jesus' expectations, and slowly but surely, Peter changes from a hot headed fisherman, into a steadfast leader of the Church. As we see so often in the Bible, Jesus' expectations have the power to transform.

By comparison, we seem to live our lives with fairly banal expectations. Our greatest ambition, as we wake each morning might be to pay a phone bill or get the car through an MOT. Are we missing something? Is God calling us to greater things and we simply aren't listening?

For each of us God has a job to do. Of each of us God has great expectations. How do we hear God's calling? Do we listen to the world and the people around us? How do we respond to our calling? What are God's expectations of us? How must we change?

Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 13th January 2024

Saturday	6:00 pm	Aggie Eldora (B'day)	Sunday	9:30 am	Margaret & Catherine Geary (Anniv)
Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish	Monday	10:00 am	Finola & Demi Ryan (Ints)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Joseph Thornicroft (sick)	Wednesday	10:00 am	No Mass
Thursday	10:00 am	-	Friday	10:00 am	Margaret Ann Hennings (RIP)
Saturday (20.1)	10:00 am	-	Saturday	6:00 pm	Mary Brennah (Ints)
Sunday (21.1)	9:30 am	-	Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish

Diocesan News

Today is Peace Sunday Peace and the theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Pope Francis' overriding concern is that artificial intelligence should be used in the service of humanity and the protection of our common home and not to further injustice and inequality or to fuel division and violent conflict. Please read the Pope's full message for the 2024 World Day of Peace here at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/artificial-intelligence-and-peace/>. Pax Christi have also produced a series of resources to mark the day so visit: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday/>

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

Mary's Meals. Volunteers will be coming to our Masses this weekend. This charity began in 2002 from humble beginnings in Dalmally, Scotland. Feeding hungry children in some of the world's poorest communities Mary's Meals has grown at a fantastic rate thanks to the support of so many ordinary people – their prayers, voluntary efforts and donations. Your help this weekend will be very much appreciated

A Day with Mary. The church of Our Lady of Lourdes will be hosting 'A Day with Mary' this coming Saturday (20th January). Day starts at 8:45 in the hall, with a video on the Fatima message. The day ends at 5:30. All are welcome. Bring your own lunch. Pick up leaflet.

Next Saturday's Exposition As the day for Mary doesn't finish till 5:30, we will **NOT** have Exposition and Benediction before Saturday 6pm mass next week (20th January only)

First Holy Communion Programme. The books have eventually arrived, so we can start. As I explained, this year I am trying a different method,

which other parishes have used, with very favourable results. The church teaches that the parents are the first and primary catechists, and so this course is based on you, the parents, teaching your children! However, we are conscious that you may not feel confident doing this. Therefore, we will provide all the background and necessary information for each "session" you do with your children. There is a book you read each chapter with your children, and also an activities book for your child. There will be regular a number of parent sessions, where we will give you the information for the next section of the course. We will also see the children at these times, to assess their progress through the activities book. The first parent session (you can bring your child with you) will be after mass at approximately 12:30/12:45 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow road, next Sunday (21st January). I realise this may be short notice for some, and so I will be repeating this session the following week at the same time (28th January).

The full details of the course will be explained at this time, and the books given out.

We look forward to seeing you as we start preparing your children for their first holy Communion.

Funeral Notices

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 Rite of Committal for Cremation of the late **Ian Patrick Bernard** will take place at the **West London Crematorium** on **Friday 26th January at 12:15 pm**.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Carlos Teixeira Da Arrochela Lobo** will take place on **Thursday 1st February at 11:00 am** at the church of **Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Rd**, followed by burial at St Mary's Cemetery.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Albert Shillingford** will take place on **Thursday 8th February at 11:15 am** at the church of **Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Rd**, followed by burial at St Mary's Cemetery