

## Presbytery

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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)

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent—10:30 am (At Harrow Rd)  
7:00 pm (At Paddington)

## Eucharistic Adoration

One hour before weekday and Saturday Masses.

## Confessions

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

## Sunday Readings

Parish Mass Book—Page 154  
Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25.

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

and  
**OUR LADY OF SORROWS, (PADDINGTON)**

**MARCH - MONTH OF THE ST JOSEPH**

**3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2024**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR B)**

## Living Temples



Once a year at Passover, Jews visited the Temple and offered a sacrifice to God. At this time of year the number of visitors to Jerusalem swelled and the moneylenders, with their eye to business, took to operating a scam. When visitors came to the Temple they were able to purchase animals or doves to offer as sacrifices. Because the Jews considered Roman coinage bearing Caesar's head as idolatrous, they were given the opportunity to exchange their Roman coins for Temple coinage. The idea was originally a good one, but the moneylenders were operating an unfair exchange rate for over-priced animals. What had started out as a good idea had turned into an abuse. .... and this in God's name! Was it any wonder that Jesus was so angry?

To see Jesus angry enough to take a whip and drive out the villainous traders might surprise us. We are brought up with a vision of a Jesus as both meek and mild. In our modern times, where disputes have to be settled over a table and those who display temper are sent off for anger management counselling, the story might even make us raise a disapproving eyebrow. But what this story makes us realise is that there are situations that warrant our righteous anger. Jesus simply could not tolerate injustice, and neither should we.

What injustices do we need to work and drive out of our society today? We don't have to look far. How can we claim to be Christians yet settle for injustices that Jesus would not have settled for? Can we really sit back and allow rich countries to profit greedily at the expense of poor countries? Can we really condone the unfair distribution of our planet's resources just for our own convenience? Can we continue to let governments ride roughshod over those who cannot speak up for themselves?

We need to ask ourselves—What has to be driven out of our lives and communities because instead of bringing us closer to God they prevent

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## Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

Saturday	6:00 pm	Lily & Michael Kinsella (Ints)	Sunday	9:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Brigid Harvey (Ints)	Monday	10:00 am	Julia Carroll (Ints)
Tuesday	10:00 am	-	Wednesday	No Mass	
Thursday	10:00 am	-	Friday	10:00 am	Michael Finegan (RIP) -
Saturday (9.3)	10:00 am	-	Saturday	6:00 pm	Patricia Leroux (Ints)
Sunday (10.3)	9:30 am	-	Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish

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us from meeting him? Today's story is not about protecting a sacred building. God after all does not live in a building. Each of us is a living temple. God lives through us.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention—March 2024.** Pope Francis tells us that we are “*to be truly committed to discipleship and prepared to take risks for the cause of the Gospel.*” By risks we understand that we should be unafraid of what others might think of us. In certain countries it might even mean risking persecution. Pope Francis promotes that we should have a ‘zeal’ for promoting the gospel. But how should we do that? How should we promote the gospel with enthusiasm? We are asked to look back through our lives and identify a significant crossroad and reflect about where we think God was for us during that time. How did God use this change to make us who we are today? Are we willing to share that story and invite others to share their stories too? This month we are invited to join Pope Francis' prayer intention, “**...for those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal.**”

## Diocesan News

**Peter's Way of the Cross.** The Choir of The Westminster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage with Actors from The Catholic Association for the Performing Arts present Peter's Way of the Cross at Farm Street Church (The Jesuit Church of The Immaculate Conception), 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. on **Friday 22nd March at 7pm**. It is a 60 -minute reflection which imagines St. Peter following the path of Jesus on his way to Calvary whilst reflecting on his journey as a disciple and as a witness to Christ's teachings. This event is free and does not require booking. A collection will be taken to support the work of The Westminster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage.

His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will be in attendance.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal.** If you can, please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. All funds raised go towards projects across our diocese. The Cardinal uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to help Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in the diocese. So please take a donation envelope today, for more information. The Cardinal expressed his gratitude for everyone who supports the appeal, with whatever they can afford.

**Volunteering Fair** Caritas Volunteer Service will hold a volunteering Fair on **Saturday 9 March, 3pm – 5pm, at Westminster Cathedral Hall**. If you are considering volunteering and want to explore possible roles within the diocese and/or with Catholic charities and those who work alongside us, do come along. More details here: <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/volunteering-fair-2/>

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm.** The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr Michael the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). I need to return these by April 15th so that you can be sent formal invitation.

## Parish News

**We Dare to Say.** Our next session is this Monday at **7:00 pm**. Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be available during these reflections.

**Stations of the Cross.** On **Friday**, at **10:30 am** (after 10:00 am Mass) at **Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Road** and at **7 pm** at **Our Lady of Sorrows, Paddington**.

**Freedom in Christ Conference.** We will be hosting a Deliverance Ministry '*Freedom in Christ Conference*' at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Harrow Road on **March 22-23. Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>) 7:00 pm to 9:30 p.m. Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup>): 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.**

Join the team in learning how to let go of guilt, shame, anger and feelings of rejection and to receive God's blessings for your life using the Five Keys from the book '*Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance*'.

Jesus came to set us free from the bonds of sin, but many of us are still bound by events in the past, often dating back to childhood. See poster at the back of the church.

We would be grateful if you could register at <https://wvdq.uk> or by giving me your name – that way we can plan properly knowing numbers.