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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 Saturday Masses.

Confessions

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

Sunday Readings

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Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; John 10:11-18.

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

and

OUR LADY OF SORROWS, (PADDINGTON)

APRIL - MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST
21ST APRIL 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

Counting On The Shepherd



Today's gospel is for anyone who has ever felt unloved or insignificant. Today's gospel is for anyone who feels his or her life doesn't count for much. At some time or another that probably means most of us.

In biblical days shepherding was a highly dangerous business. Herds might consist of thousands of sheep, and shepherds had to be highly skilled in tending for the sheep and protecting them from wolves and robbers.

The shepherd's care and courage was

legendary. A good shepherd would not think twice about his own life in protecting his sheep. This is the image that Jesus chose for himself in today's gospel. He is the good shepherd. His leadership is a mixture of tenderness, strength and self-sacrifice. Jesus loves us so much that he would lay down his life. That's a powerful belief to take out into the world!

But what if we don't quite believe it? Surely there are too many of us to love and look after individually. People fall by the wayside all the time. We hear tragic stories of elderly people who die alone and are not discovered for days because no one cares enough to visit. We see down and outs sleeping in subways because their family and friends have given up on them. Can God really be looking out for each and every one of us? Surely there are too many of us to look after – to love individually. Not so! Jesus we're told would not let even one of his sheep stray without coming to the rescue. He knows each and every one of us by name. If we are one of his, then he will recognise us and take care of us. That's another powerful belief to wake up with. The next time you are feeling lost and forgotten, try looking for the Good Shepherd's love in your life. God's help is always there when we look to him.

Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 20th April 2024

Saturday	6:00 pm	People of the Parish	Sunday	9:30 am	Richard Barrett, Denise Kiely (Anniv)
Sunday	11:30 am	Charlie O'Sullivan (Anniv)	Monday	10:00 am	-
Tuesday	10:00 am	-	Wednesday	No Mass	
Thursday	10:00 am	Jasmine Mercado (B'Day)	Friday	10:00 am	Jasmine Mercado (B'day ints)
Saturday (27.4)	10:00 am	Ursula Uhlemann (RIP)	Saturday	6:00 pm	John Connolly (Ints)
Sunday (28.4)	9:30 am	Eileen Barrett (Anniv)	Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish

News

Priest Training Fund. This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our **retiring collection** will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **49** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **13** of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at Redemptoris Mater. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th- 26th July 2024 – Final Reminder—that bookings for this pilgrimage have to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April. Either online <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173.

NB. This coming Friday Exposition. There will be no 9:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this coming Friday (26th) as I am committed to a conduct a funeral at the Crematorium at 9:00 am. The 10:00 am Mass will be celebrated **as normal**.

International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians. This will be celebrated on Sunday, 5 May. It offers an opportunity for Eastern and Western Christians to come together to pray for peace in the world – especially in the Middle East. The occasion unites the Roman Catholic Church in Europe and the Eastern Catholic Churches in union with the Pope. This is particularly relevant for us here, as we have the Maronite Eastern Church celebrating Mass here. We are asked to join in praying for an end to war

and the reestablishment of unity and peace, and to give thanks for the steadfast witness of Eastern Christians in holding fast to their faith, traditions and biblical homelands, even though many suffer the effects of war and discrimination, especially those in Ukraine and the Palestinian territories who are dispossessed and displaced. Let us remember the words of Pope St John Paul II in his 1995 Apostolic letter: *"The venerable and ancient tradition of the Eastern Churches is an integral part of the heritage of Christ's Church... the first need for Catholics is to be familiar with that tradition."*

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible Course. For those interested in getting a better understanding of the bible, especially Old Testament and Salvation History, I will be running this course (30 minute videos and discussion) on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm, starting on Tuesday 7th May in the Hall at Harrow Road. There is a workbook (hard copy is pricey £25, but you can access this online—together with videos—for \$5.95). See poster at back of Church. I have also left a sign up sheet if you want me to purchase the workbook for you. To order online access for 1 year goto <https://ascensionpress.com/products/unlocking-the-mystery-of-the-bible-online-video-access>

RIP. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr John Warnaby, the parish priest of St Joseph's, Carpenders Park, who died last Saturday. He was ordained with me in 2017. He was only 63 years old.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Rite of Committal for Cremation of the late **Valerie El-Nahhas** will take place at the **West London Crematorium** on **Friday 26th April at 9:00 am**.

The Reception and Rite of Committal for Cremation of the late **Florence Pitt** will take place at the **West London Crematorium** on **Tuesday 30th April at 10:00 am**.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Madeline Hector** will take place on **Thursday 9th May 2024 at 12 noon** at the church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Rd, followed by burial at Mill Hill Cemetery.