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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

Parish Mass Book—Page 264
Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; John 15:1-8.

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

28TH APRIL 2024

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

Branching Out



There's a lot of work to do in today's world. Almost daily, the TV and Radio bring terrible news of atrocities and disasters around the planet. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by all the bad news and to feel powerless to do anything. We do not consider that we, as individuals, can initiate any change. There are many reasons; we do not feel clever enough, or brave enough or rich enough. In short it's hard to know where to begin and even whether change is possible. The inspirational message in today's gospel is that we can make changes as long as we work together.

We are already familiar with the ethos of trade unions. Trade unions operate on one powerful principle. Individually we can be easily overlooked but together we have the power to bring about change and even sway governments. If a trade union wanted to promote solidarity and unity, the vine would make an ideal logo. The vine itself is the heart of the union, the part that determines the ethos. The branches do the work of the vine and the fruit they bear is the outcome the final result.

Today we are told that with Christ as our vine we can do great things. All too often we become wrapped up in developing my own spirituality, trying to work out what God means to me striving to find my niche. It's easy to forget that we are part of a huge family of people the biggest union on the planet. With Christ's teaching and pruning, we as a body, have the ability to transform the world by putting faith into action. Our individual responsibility is to look for ways in which we can become part of the overall plan. We don't have to branch out alone, we branch out as a team.

1st May—Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. 'For human work.'

"May Day" has long been dedicated to labour and the working

Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 27th April 2024

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| Saturday | 6:00 pm | John Connolly (Ints) | Sunday | 9:30 am | Eileen Barrett (Anniv) |
| Sunday | 11:30 am | People of the Parish | Monday | 10:00 am | - |
| Tuesday | 10:00 am | - | Wednesday | No Mass | |
| Thursday | 10:00 am | - | Friday | 10:00 am | Matthew Sterne (Ints) |
| Saturday (4.5) | 10:00 am | - | Saturday | 6:00 pm | Joseph, Matilda, Charles Mathias (Ints) |
| Sunday (5.5) | 9:30 am | - | Sunday | 11:30 am | Johnson Andrew (Anniv Ints) |

man. It is fitting that St. Joseph, a working man who became the foster-father of Christ and patron of the universal Church, should be honoured on this day.

On this day we are asked to pray for all who work, that they may earn a just wage and be treated with dignity. We also pray for those who are unemployed or under-unemployed, and we pray for the stewardship of the earth's resources so that all may benefit for generations to come.

Faith In Politics. On Thursday, voters across England and Wales will head to the polls in a major set of mayoral and local elections. As Christians we have a calling to try and build God's kingdom here on earth, whether it be by acting differently from our peers, providing for those less fortunate, or random acts of kindness. But one expression of this might be to get actively involved in politics, eg our own parishioner, Patricia McAllister, and one prospective candidate from the Maronite congregation. You may hold your own views on whether religion and politics should mix, but if you are of the view that voters should use their Catholic voice, start reading all those leaflets that are currently coming through our letter boxes. If you're planning to vote, remember to take your photo ID.

News

Priest Training Fund – A big thank you.

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. The donations received from both parishes to date amount to £608.60. Once again, many thanks. It is still not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th- 26th July 2024 –

Final Reminder—that bookings for this pilgrimage have to be submitted by this coming Tuesday (30th April). Either online <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173.

Sponsor a Lourdes Wheelchair. The diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is in need of new wheelchairs to transport the assisted pilgrims during the pilgrim-

age. Each wheelchair costs £139. If anyone would like to sponsor a wheelchair in memory of someone, then please contact Elizabeth Uwalaka in the Pilgrimage Office on: elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk or 0207 798 9173 for further details.

Our Lady of Willesden May Procession. The annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on **Sunday, 12th May, at 3pm** at which the Preacher will be Fr Pius Collins, O.Praem. See poster at back of church.

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—which will give you access for a year). 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 goto <https://ascensionpress.com/products/unlocking-the-mystery-of-the-bible-online-video-access>

Advance notice: Ascension Thursday—May 9th is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. 10:00 am Mass at Paddington and 7:00 pm Mass at Harrow Road.

Funeral Notices

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 Rite of Committal for Cremation of the late **Mariana Garcia Carrasco** will take place at the **West London Crematorium on Friday 3rd May at 11:30 am.**

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Madeline Hector** will take place on **Monday 13th May 2024 at 12 noon** at the church of **Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Rd**, followed by burial at Mill Hill Cemetery.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Catherine Defoe** will take place on **Monday 20th May 2024 at 11:30 am** at the church of **Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Rd**, followed by Committal at West London Crematorium