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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 266

Acts 10:25-25, 34-35,44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; John 15:9-17.

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

and

OUR LADY OF SORROWS, (PADDINGTON)

MAY - MONTH OF THE MARY

5TH MAY 2024

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

Choosing and being chosen

The experience of being chosen by someone can be a welcome one. It might be as simple as someone choosing us to be on their team; or, some years later, to be their referee when applying for a job; they trust us to give them a good reference. But being chosen can be even more significant still. At the root of every happy marriage is the fact that two people initially chose each other and then kept on choosing each other. At the heart of every true friendship is a similar choice. Two people choose to be friends with each other; they valued their relationship as special and worthwhile. As in marriage, the choice must be mutual if the friendship is to last. When the choice is one-sided, there can be heartbreak for the one not chosen in return. One of life's really painful experiences is unrequited love.

In the gospel today Jesus uses this language of choice and friendship. He tells them (and us), "I chose you," "I call you friends." We should each hear those words as addressed to us, as the disciples here represent us all. He has handed over his life for us all. Like St. Paul we can each say that the Son of God loved **me** and gave himself for **me**. In giving his life for us, Jesus chose us, personally, called each of us his friend. His words are to us, "You are my friends."

The Mass makes present the self-giving death of Jesus in every generation, to every community that gathers for the Breaking of Bread. Right here and now he continues to speak those same words from the last supper, "You are my friends," "I chose you."

If I choose someone as a friend, I want that person to make a similar choice of me. Similarly, the Lord's choice of us seeks and desires our choice of him. Having chosen us, he wants us to reciprocate that choice. Earlier in the gospel, at a time when many

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Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 4th May 2024

Saturday	6:00 pm	Joseph, Matilda, Charles Mathias (Ints)	Sunday	9:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Johnson Andrew (Anniv)	Monday	10:00 am	Daniel & Josephine Gillespie(Ints)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Staff & Residents of Forrester Court Home	Wednesday	No Mass	
Thursday	10:00 am	Josephine Sunderam (Anniv)	Friday	10:00 am	Santiago Mendeja (Anniv)
Saturday (11.5)	10:00 am	Carolina Garcia (Sick)	Saturday	6:00 pm	Robert N Raveneau (Anniv)
Sunday (12.5)	9:30 am	Rosella Duraling (RIP)	Sunday	11:30 am	Eudine & Tony Modeste (B'day Ints)

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people stopped following him, he turned to his disciples and said to them, "Do you also wish to go away?" Jesus was inviting them to respond to the choice he had made of them. At that highly-charged moment, Peter said on behalf of them all, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life." In this way he publicly declared his choice of Jesus. At Mass we both celebrate the Lord's choice of us but just as importantly, we renew our choice of him. When we respond to his invitation to take and eat, we take Him to heart and renew our choice of him as our way, our truth and our life.

News

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible Course.

This starts this coming **Tuesday** (7th May) with an introduction at 6:30 pm in the Hall at Harrow Road. There will then be a one week break (as I am on retreat) before continuing with the subsequent 7 sessions each Tuesday. There is a workbook (hard copy is pricey £25 which I can order for you, but you can also access the workbook online—together with videos—for \$5.95—which will give you online access for a year). To order online access go to <https://ascensionpress.com/products/unlocking-the-mystery-of-the-bible-online-video-access>.

Ascension Thursday. This coming Thursday (**9th May**) is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Rather than thinking of a Holy Day of Obligation in terms of what is required (Mass attendance and a refrain from unnecessary work), why not think of them in terms of what they offer: beautiful reminders of important ways God has shown His love for us. These extra days in the liturgical year help us to recognize God's love for us. We will have a **10:00 am Mass at Paddington** (with the whole school attending) and a **7:00 pm Mass at Harrow Road**. Let us remember that on this day Jesus tells us, "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all mankind." We are reminded that it is our job to make God known to everyone. Making God known to the whole world might feel like a bit of a tall order, but we need only start with our own corner. Like weeding a garden ... if we each concentrate on our own patch the garden will soon be a small paradise!

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th - 26th July 2024 – Can those who have booked to go to Lourdes please let me know who you are, and how you are travelling. I have been given a list of my group giving me the name of one family, and only 3 other names (all redcaps). I know others were hoping to go, so is the problem that people have not booked yet, or have booked but not properly registered which group they are in, or is problem at the diocesan level??? So do please see me or e-mail me on michaeljarmulowicz@rcdow.org.uk so I have a full list which I can use in discussion with the diocese.

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

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for May 2024: For the formation of religious and seminarians

This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention that "...that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel."

Funeral Notices

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