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Mass Times this week

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.

Mass Readings

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Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11;
John 11:1-45.

Parish of PADDINGTON NORTH

with the churches of
OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST VINCENT DE PAUL (337 HARROW RD)
and
OUR LADY OF SORROWS, (17 CIRENCESTER ST, PADDINGTON)

MARCH - MONTH OF ST JOSEPH
22ND MARCH 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A).

Life Changing

The most unsettling parts of the Bible are the bits where Jesus doesn't do exactly what we expect. Today Jesus' good friends Mary and Martha send him a message to come quickly because their brother Lazarus is dying. We would expect Jesus to drop everything and go quickly to their house. Instead, he hangs around for a couple of days and does nothing. Why? In other situations, he acts immediately, even from a distance; so what is Jesus teaching us here? The ways of God are confusing and mysterious to us, but we still ask the questions. Why is there suffering; why doesn't God act? So what is Jesus' answer? "So that the Son of God may be glorified". But does that help us understand any better? We even see the anguish of both Martha and Mary, who in effect reproach Jesus: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." How many of us have had this reaction when loved one's we prayed for died?

But then we see Martha's change, her acceptance of God's mysterious ways: "But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." We are being called to have a great trust in the providential God, and know deep down he can bring good out of any evil. Let us look at Job and all the disasters he faced, yet he responded "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21) Or the Prophet Jeremiah "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jer 29:11)

The main point of this account is Jesus' ability to transform the meaning of life and death for those who trust in him. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." It is truly life changing to know that we are invited to place this much faith in God. It is life changing to know that God can handle any situation

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Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 21st March 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	Mary Kate Curran (Ints)	Sunday	9:30 am	Margaret Mumford (RIP)
Sunday	11:30 am	Private Intention, for Healing.	Monday	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	10:00 am	Roshan Stephen (Thanksgiving)	Wednesday	No Mass	Magno Cotta (RIP) by Fr Michael elsewhere.
Thursday	10:00 am	Private Intention	Friday	10:00 am	Maria Ladelle (Sick Ints)
Sat (28Mar)	10:00 am	People of the Parish	Saturday	6:00 pm	Mary & John Kennedy (Ints)
Sun (29 Mar)	9:30 am	Patrick Anthony Hand (RIP)	Sunday	11:30 am	Maryling, Gasper, Natalie & Lyra St Omer (Ints)

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in which we find ourselves, and that he knows how to lead us through it. All we have to do is focus our faith on God rather than our own imagined solutions. Expect surprises. Expect delays. Expect a God who can guide us through life with all its challenges.

Diocesan News

Wintershall Passion of Jesus, Good Friday April 3rd, Trafalgar Square Free performances at 12pm and 3.15pm. A dramatic presentation of the Passion of Jesus which should not be missed. Get there early to get the best views in Trafalgar Square. Come prepared to sit on the ground in whatever the weather may be. You won't regret witnessing this extraordinary event. For those who cannot get to the Square it is also livestreamed: *https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-passion-of-jesus-2026/*. Also see poster at back of church.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: *www.retrouvaille.org.uk* or 0797 338 0443

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland: Monday 1st - Friday 5th June 2026. Flight from Heathrow to Knock Airport; we will stay in Knock, near the Shrine, and visit various holy sites nearby, including Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey and the Fr Peyton Centre. Led by Fr Nigel Woollen, parish priest of Our Lady of Victories (Kensington) and former curate at Knock. £800/pp for flights, accommodation, transport and most meals. Email: kensington1@rcdow.org.uk or visit: *https://www.ourladyofvictories.net/support.html* to express interest - places are limited!

Parish News

Diocesan Lenten Appeal: "Because we are formed in faith, we are sent in love." Our annual Lenten appeal across the diocese supports one shared mission: helping people encounter Christ and live that faith in love and service. Through education, youth and evangelisation, and marriage and family life, the diocese forms hearts, nurtures faith, and strengthens people within our parishes. Through social action, that formed faith reaches outward, ensuring that no one in our communities faces life's hardest moments alone. Your generous support this Lent will enable the Church to continue walking with people at every stage of life and be a visible sign of Christ's love, both within our parishes and among our neighbours. Donate at: *www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal*.
Alternatively, envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you.

Planned Giving Envelopes. Your boxes for the next Financial year (starting April) are now ready for collection. They will be in the sacristy at Paddington and after Mass at the back of the church at Harrow Road. Please take your box and sign that you have taken box on the list next to the boxes.

Easter Week Liturgies. Details of the time and place of the various Holy Week Liturgies are available as a leaflet at the back of the Church.

Readers for Holy Week Liturgies. Readers, please sign up for the readings you can do during Holy Week.

Marriage Matters

(www.marriagecare.org.uk)

Fifth Sunday of Lent
(Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45)

The Lord will lead us back together

Ezekiel's words apply to us when we are going through tough times in our relationship, when intimacy, physical or otherwise, seems impossible. At such times, Jesus weeps for us as He did for Lazarus. He will bring us back together if we ask Him and are willing to be vulnerable enough to explore together the changes we need to make.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass for the late **Norma Margaret Mann** will take place on **Friday 27th March at 12:45 am** at the church of **Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Rd** followed by committal at West London Crematorium**.**