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Mass Times this week

See Holy Week leaflet for times of liturgies at our two churches

Eucharistic Adoration

One hour before weekday and Saturday Masses.

Confessions

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

Mass Readings

Parish Mass Book Page 177
1st Gospel—Matthew 21:1-11.
Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11,
Passion—Matthew 26:14-27:66.

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
29TH MARCH 2026
PALM SUNDAY [PASSION SUNDAY] (YEAR A).

What's the Point

Today we recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and we hear again the story of the Passion. But as we stand in church waving our palms and reading our Mass books, we have to be aware that we are doing more than just re-reading a two thousand year old story. What point is there in simply remembering a sequence of events? There is only a point in remembering Jesus' Passion if it truly impacts on our twenty first century lives.

We don't need to have been around at the time to imagine how it must have felt to be a part of the crowd that greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. We know what it's like to be swept along with a crowd. We know how we can be brave as part of a crowd… infallible even. We remember the crowd that supported Jesus so enthusiastically at the beginning of the week and how it mysteriously melted away by the end, to be replaced by a different crowd shouting for his crucifixion. Are we any better than those original supporters? Can we stand up for Jesus as individuals when the going gets tough?

We remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. We remember that it's a journey he made with no hint of compromise. How easy it would have been for Jesus to have bypassed Jerusalem altogether, but what would have been the point of that for us two thousand years on. There is no room in Christianity for compromise.

We remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught that we were worth all that pain and suffering. Do we leave the church today simply to catch up with our Facebook accounts and enjoy our Sunday lunch, or do we consider how we should live our lives from this day on knowing that Jesus considered us worth his ultimate sacrifice?

Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 29th March 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	Mary & John Kennedy (Ints)	Sunday	9:30 am	Patrick Anthony Hand (RIP)
Sunday	11:30 am	Maryling, Gasper, Natalie & Lyra St Omer (Ints)	Monday	10:00 am	Roshan Stephen (T Giving)
Tuesday	10:00 am	-	Wednesday	10:00 am	Hannah Seesay (RIP)
Thursday	pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Friday	3:00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Sat (4 Apr)	Holy Saturday	No morning Mass	Saturday	8:30 pm	Lil & Michael Kinsella (Ints)
Sun (5 Apr)	9:30 am	Holy Family	Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish

Diocesan News

St Benedict's School, Ealing is pleased to introduce the Exceptional Talent Humanities Pathway Scholarship for Sixth Form entry in September 2026. This new scholarship is designed for academically ambitious students currently attending maintained schools who are predicted to achieve the highest GCSE grades (typically 8–9). It offers the opportunity to join our high-achieving Catholic Sixth Form and pursue a programme of Humanities A levels supported by structured academic enrichment and preparation for university study. The Pathway is available to students wishing to study one or more of the following A level subjects: Philosophy, Ethics and Religion; English Literature; Medieval and Early Modern History; Classical Civilisation; Latin; French, Spanish or German; and Music. Give details to Fr Michael if you have child in above Category and would like to apply.

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.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory on **Saturday 11 April** led by Marian Fathers as a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. The coach will leave Ealing Broadway station at 7:30 am and depart from Aylesford at 5 pm.
Pls call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 if you would like to join us. Thank you.

Chrism Mass. On Tuesday at 12:00 noon in Westminster Cathedral. At this Mass the new Archbishop will consecrate all the sacred oils which will be used in our parishes during the year. (The oils from last year will be burned at the Easter Vigil when we light the new Paschal Candle) All the priests of the diocese attend and we renew our priestly promises during the Mass. All are welcome to come to this mass.

Parish News

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

Good Friday Ecumenical Witness will take place at **12:15 in the Maida Hill market square** (opposite the Harrow Road church). Please come and support this. I will be joined by ministers and parishioners from 6 local churches.

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

Holy Places Collection (Good Friday) There will be a collection on Good Friday. 100% of donations taken up by the Good Friday Collection support Christians in the Holy Land. Your donation helps maintain the holiest of shrines and provides charitable activities for the poorest of people in that area. Holy Land Franciscans also provide education to children, run parishes and provide liturgical, ecumenical and communications programs. It is because of you that a Christian presence exists in the Holy Land.

Marriage Matters

(www.marriagecare.org.uk)

Palm Sunday

(Isaiah 50:4-7. Philippians 2:6-11. Matthew 26:14-27:66)

Challenged when we witness how others love

St Paul recognises the amazing humility of Jesus who accepts death on the cross out of love for God and us. We wonder and are challenged by the joy of a friend who daily visits his wife who has dementia; in his great love he feeds her, puts her to bed each evening, prays with her. Could we love like this?

Funeral Notices

The Rite of Committal for Cremation of the late **Brenda Josephine Eustace** will take place on **Wednesday 15th April at 1:00 pm** at The **West London Crematorium**, Kensal Green.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Bernie John-Baptiste** will take place on **Tuesday 21st April at 11:30 am** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church,** followed by internment at Kensal Green Cemetery.