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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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Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9;

John 14:1-12.

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)

MAY - MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

3RD MAY 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A).

Finding the Best Way



Prisons are full of people who have never set out to make poor decisions. Our path in life is often set from childhood. Our futures are often decided for us by our upbringing, by good parents or by misguided parents, by mistakes we have made and never corrected, or by exams that we have either passed or failed. But our past doesn't have to equal our future. If we want God to prepare us a place in heaven, we have to live by God's teaching, and that starts with a simple decision. We only have one life, and we have to find the best way to live it.

But crucially we need to understand that by purely our own human strength we will never get to heaven! We need to respond to the continual graces that God gives us in order to be able to live by His commandments, as Jesus bluntly told us "apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

If we have faith in God, we also have faith that Jesus is preparing a place for each and every one of us. So how do we find our way to that place? Jesus' only advice is, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

To the early disciples Jesus must have sounded like he was talking in riddles, but to have tied up all the loose ends for the early disciples would not have helped us future generations. How could Jesus have left specific answers, two thousand years ago, on subjects like embryology for instance, cloning, or IVF? But Jesus

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Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 2nd May 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	People of the Parish	Sunday	9:30 am	Roselia Ducaling (RIP)
Sunday	11:30 am	Cavero/Caracuel Families(Ints)	Monday	10:00 am	Momosi Umolu & Family (Ints)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Mrs Irene Hand (RIP)	Wednesday	No Mass	
Thursday	10:00 am	Mrs Irene Hand (RIP)	Friday	10:00 am	-
Sat (9 May)	10:00 am	Samuel Martinet (Ints)	Saturday	6:00 pm	Celia Fernandez (Anniv)
Sun (10 May)	9:30 am	Mayet Mago (RIP)	Sunday	11:30 am	Robert N Raveneau (Anniv)

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hasn't simply left us to work things out ourselves, he established the Church and gave the Apostles and their successors (the bishops) the authority, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, under the Pope, to address the practical matters on how to follow Jesus in our everyday modern lives.

Diocesan News

Procession of Our Lady of Willesden The annual May procession will take place next **Sunday May 10th at 3pm**, at the diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden and the Preacher will be Fr Nigel Woollen, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. The intention of the Procession is the Protection of London, and for Peace. A poster is at the back of the church.

Easy Evangelisation. *www.IsItTrue.net* is a new website designed to encourage people to consider joining the Catholic faith. Please consider sharing it with family and friends. It is very instructive about explaining our faith, and will be useful for all us to remind ourselves of many things about our faith that sw have maybe forgotten!

The Lord Mayor's Multi-Faith Walk. The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Paul Dimoldenberg, is inviting our congregation to join him for a guided multi-faith walk through **Soho at 11am on Friday 15th May**. This is the final walk in a series of walks the Lord Mayor has taken over the past year to explore the history and beauty of Westminster. This walk will explore how Soho has, over the centuries, been home to people of diverse faiths and beliefs, and a place that has helped shaped revolutionary political ideas. Please sign up with link below and share with your local community to join the Lord Mayor on his final walk. Sign up: *https://Lordmayorfaithandpoliticsinsoho.eventbrite.co.uk* Tickets are £10 each and all proceeds will be donated to the Lord Mayor's chosen charities, Hotel School and The Avenues Youth Project.

Parish News

Priest Training Fund. Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. The total collected in cash was £430.50. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish, either directly in cash or online (which if you are a taxpayer can be gift-aided, so church will get a further 25%). Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation online, visit ***rcdow.org.uk/priest-training-fund.***

Parish Rosary Group. Archbishop Richard in his pastoral letter last week said: "I invite parishes to form groups of people who will commit to praying the Rosary ……" Some parishioners here are keen to set up such a group, but are keen to agree a time that would suit most people. If you are interested in joining the group please speak to Christine Awuku (in choir) or Augustine Thomas (repository)

Advance Notice. Thursday **14th May** is the Feast of The Ascension of The Lord and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. This means that we treat it as a Sunday, with the obligation to participate. It is a grievous sin to deliberately Mass on this day. Mass will be at Paddington at 10:00 am as well as an evening Mass at Harrow Road at 7:00 pm.

Marriage Matters

(www.marriagecare.org.uk)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12)

I am in you and you are in me

Jesus says, "To have seen me is to have seen the Father". In our married life, through the visible sign of the way we love each other, when people meet one of us we can be a sign that 'when seeing me, you see the one I love, in me and with me', thus emulating Jesus' relationship with His Father.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Catherine Wafer** will take place on **Wednesday 20th May at 11:30 am** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church,** followed by internment at St Mary's Catholic Cemetery.