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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 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16;
John 17:1-11a.

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
17TH MAY 2026
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A).

World Communications Day

Today is Communication Sunday. In his message for the 60th World Day of Social Communications, Pope Leo XIV highlighted the importance of ensuring that technological innovation, particularly artificial intelligence, serves the human person rather than replacing or diminishing human dignity.

Theme: "Preserving Human Voices and Faces," focusing on artificial intelligence and human dignity. Pope Leo has repeatedly emphasized the importance for the Church of confronting the challenges posed by artificial intelligence and the development of new technologies. In his meeting with the cardinals just days after his election on May 8 last year, the Pope explained that his choice of papal name was inspired by Leo XIII, who, "in his historic Encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution."

"In our own day," he continued, "the Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defence of human dignity, justice and labour."

Later, in a message to participants in the Second Annual Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Business Governance, Pope Leo emphasized "the benefits or risks of AI must be evaluated precisely according to this superior ethical criterion" of "safeguarding the inviolable dignity of each human person and respecting the cultural and spiritual riches and diversity of the world's peoples." To read Pope Leo's full

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Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 16th May 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	Noel O'Shea (Ints)
Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	10:00 am	Roshan Stephen (bday)
Thursday	10:00 am	-
Sat (23 May)	10:00 am	-
Sun (24 May)	9:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	9:30 am	Heraclito Menezes & Family (Thanks)
Monday	10:00 am	Arlene Lascoa (Thanks)
Wednesday	No Mass	
Friday	10:00 am	-
Saturday	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	-

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message, visit: *https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-leos-message-for-world-communications-day-2026/*

Diocesan News

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!

Forming Catholic Student leaders. For sixth formers, two residential courses, Year 13 — The Human Ecology: 5-10 July. Year 12 — The Common Good: 10-15 August. Funding available. See poster at the back of church.

The Life of Christ -The Story Of Jesus, Brought To Life: 16 -20 June 2026.

Discover the wonder of Jesus' life with an unforgettable event for all the family. The Life of Christ is a play like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join over a hundred actors in the stunning grounds of Wintershall Estate as this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. Watch the Wedding in Cana, the Feeding of the 5000 and the Last Supper unfold before your eyes. It's the perfect day out for families, faith groups, theatre lovers and schools. Tickets can be booked at *https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/life-of-christ/* Please note that 16th & 17th June are schools only days. There is limited availability on Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June. At present there is availability on Saturday 20th June but please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Parish News

Gift Aid. We are about to make our claim to HMRC for our Gift Aid refund. Could we please ask that you inform Jennifer in the Parish Office if your tax status has changed since you completed a Gift Aid declaration as we are only allowed to claim Gift Aid for current tax payers. Also, if you are now in a position to Gift Aid your donations please email/telephone the Parish Office and we will forward you the relevant form to complete. This is a valuable contribution to our parish finances.

Walsingham Pilgrimage. The 10th Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine at Walsingham will take place on Saturday 19 September 2026. If you are interested please sign up on the forms at the back of the church, depending on numbers we will either book a coach or look to join with an adjacent parish. (Cost is not known at this stage)

What happens if you go into hospital? In light of strict data protection rules it is essential that, on entering hospital, you indicate that your details (or those of your relative) are to be passed to the Roman Catholic chaplain. Also state that you, or your relative, would like the Roman Catholic chaplain to visit you. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and provide an on-call service in case of emergencies. If you are in hospital then almost certainly you will need the sacrament of anointing of the sick, hence the need to tell the ward staff to inform the RC chaplain of your / your relative's admission to the hospital.

RCIA Do you know of any adult interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and maybe becoming a Catholic? Or are you an adult who was never confirmed, and would like to complete the sacraments of initiation? Then please give your name and contact details to Fr Michael, and we will set up the meetings to start after the summer holidays.

A Place to Pray

St Ignatius implored his companions to make not just time for intimacy, but space as well. At a time when church leadership was calling for people to come to the Temple to be seen and offer their sacrifice openly, Jesus implored his followers to go to their rooms, close the door, and pray in secret. For what is done in secret is done from the heart, the true heart. Here there is no judgment from the eyes of others. Here there is no fear, no worry, no anxiety, save those I bring here to be relieved of. Here all are worthy.

—Lisa Kelly, This Ignatian Life blog

How do the places where you pray affect your experience of prayer? Can you make changes that might be helpful?

Manney, Jim. An Ignatian Book of Days (p. 162). Loyola Press.

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.