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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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Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8: 18-23;
Matthew 13:1-23.

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)

JULY - MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

12TH JULY 2026

15TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Listen, Reflect, Respond.



In today's gospel not only do we hear Jesus teach with a parable, but then explains its interpretation to his disciples. The parable focuses on how we listen, and more importantly how we respond to God's Word. It is important to recognise that the God's Word is the both the bible, and also the person of Jesus. So we have two levels of interpretation of this parable.

The parable of the sower and the seeds illustrates the different ways in which God's Word / Jesus is received or not received.

The seed sown on the path but stolen by the birds represents those of us who hear the Word but fail to understand or try to understand it. The Word eludes us.

The seed sown on the rocky ground represents those of us who hear the Word and receive it at once, but because the seed has no roots it is short lived. When trial and tribulation rear their ugly heads our commitment to God's Word is abandoned because our faith wasn't deep rooted to begin with.

The seed sown among thorns represents those of us who hear the Word and would like to act upon it, but are so overwhelmed by worldly anxieties and diversions that the Word bears no fruit.

Lastly, the seed sown in rich soil represents those of us who hear the Word, act upon it and realise results. So we need to make sure that we are rich fertile soil where God's Word germinates and grows.

We do this by having fertile hearts and open minds. Today's challenge is to listen with an open mind, reflect and respond. But do we start with a negative mindset? Are we expecting to be

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Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 11th July 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	Luz & Bobby (Ints)
Sunday	11:30 am	Sueanna Byrne (RIP)
Tuesday	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Thursday	10:00 am	-
Sat (18 July)	10:00 am	-
Sun (19 July)	9:30 am	
Sunday	9:30 am	Mary Steven (Ints)
Monday	10:00 am	Leona Cicy Tavernier (RIP)
Wednesday	No Mass	
Friday	10:00 am	-
Saturday	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Comfort & Junior Ogie (RIP)

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bored by the readings, confused or indifferent before one word is even read? If so maybe I should order newsletters which print the Sunday readings, so that you can further reflect on the readings? From a positive aspect we need to consider how the readings should impact our lives? Do we ever leave Mass determining to lead our lives a little differently?

Diocesan News

Bannneux ND GB Pilgrimages 2026.

Bannneux ND GB Pilgrimages invite you to join their pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Banneux, Belgium, a major Catholic Marian pilgrimage site. It marks the spot where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared eight times between January 15 and March 2, 1933, to an 11-year-old girl, Mariette Beco, calling herself the "Virgin of the Poor". During the visions, Mary indicated a stream, stating, "This spring is reserved for all nations to relieve the sick". The shrine was officially approved by the Roman Catholic Church in 1949 and was famously visited by Pope John Paul II in 1985.
We will be travelling by luxury coach on the 12 August and returning on the 18 August. A full program of daily Holy Mass, Rosary, Talks, Divine Mercy devotions is available and a day trip to Beauraing, another Marian apparition site is included in the price. Hotel and full board included. Please call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information.

Marriage in a Rut? Or need help with deeper issues? **Retrouvaille** has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: **2nd - 4th Oct**. *www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info* Tel: 0788 7296983

Parish News

RCIA—The Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults (Journey in Faith). This is an invitation to all adults who have been baptised, but for various reasons never received the sacrament of Confirmation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace" (Para 1285). And later "Every baptized person not yet confirmed can and should receive the sacrament of Confirmation …… for without Confirmation …. Christian initiation remains incomplete (Para 1306). Please see Fr Michael if you are one of these adults, as I plan to start the process after the summer holidays.
In addition if you know of any people who are interested in becoming Catholics – then this journey is for them as well. In addition you are welcome to join if you would just like to get a deeper understanding of your faith, even though you may have been baptised and confirmed as normal.

Lourdes Pilgrimage. I have ordered a 16 seat minibus to take us to Stansted Airport. Tangney have given us an earlier check in time of 9:00 am as it will take longer to board all the disabled pilgrims. Therefore, we will have leave, from outside Our Lady of Lourdes Church, **at 7:30 am**. We wont be able to wait for latecomers!

Parish Pastoral Council. I have been asked to restore the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). According to Canon Law (Canon 536) it is a consultative body to assist the Parish Priest in pastoral planning, evangelization, and fostering community life. They act as the "eyes, ears, and hands" of the priest, focusing on spiritual growth and mission. As we are a merged parish I hope we can get volunteers from both churches. It is recommended that a PPC should have a maximum of 10-15 members. Please let me have names of those interested.

Feast of St Charbel. Next week is the feast of Maronite St Charbel. The feast days are different in the Maronite (3rd Sunday in July) and Latin (24th July) calendars. See the notice on noticeboards for times of the prayers and Masses. The services will be either in English, or English translation projected on screen. Help yourself to prayer cards. Do take the opportunity to experience the diversity of Catholic Liturgy. See *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auyDVVi6jsY* for an account of St Charbel's life and his many miracles.

Marriage Matters

(www.marriagecare.org.uk)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Isaiah 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23)

Listen to the person behind the words

The stony ground is when we are too engrossed in the telly, reading or working on the computer to listen to our partner. The thorny ground is where we disengage with such but not wanting real involvement, suggest a cuppa as a diversion. We are called to be fertile ground by real listening – hold hands, look in each other's eyes.