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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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Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27;
Matthew 13:24-43.

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

19TH JULY 2026

16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

The Wheat and the Weeds

Today's gospel is Jesus' parable of the wheat and the weeds. Last week we saw Jesus sowing good seed. This week the devil is sowing bad seed (weeds) into the wheat field. The reaction of his servants, like that of any good gardener, seems very reasonable – let us pull up the weeds. But that is not Jesus' response. Jesus is obviously much more pro-wheat then anti-weed because he is worried that in the process of pulling up the weeds the wheat plants might also be pulled up.

So Jesus wants to wait till harvest time – which he explains at the end of the reading will be the end of time – and then he will be the judge to sort out the good from the bad.

But there also is another very important reason for Jesus wanting to wait. So often when we make a judgement we often see things from a very obvious black and white perspective. That person is all bad, and by comparison (often subconsciously) I am all good. But the reality is that all of us are a mixture of good and bad. If we are honest with ourselves we all have skeletons in our cupboard that we don't want other people to know about.

Jesus came to save all. And while we are on this earth he is patient and merciful. He wants us to change.

Later on in the week (Wednesday) is the feast of St Mary Magdalen. She was the woman out of whom Jesus cast seven devils. There is also some confusion whether she is the same woman who was the prostitute, but whatever her past, she was a woman who was an outcast of her society and in the language of today's parable regarded as a weed. She was certainly held captive by the forces of evil. But what happened when she encountered Jesus and his look of love on her? She converted; and what a conversion she had! She was the one who stayed most faithful to Jesus. When all the men ran away, she stayed with him together with Mary his mother. She was also the first to proclaim his resurrection to those same men who ran away. Jesus is always looking for our

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Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 18th July 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Comfort & Junior Ogie (RIP)
Tuesday	10:00 am	-
Thursday	10:00 am	-
Sat (25 July)	10:00 am	-
Sun (26 July)	9:30 am	Ailya Mago (RIP)
Sunday	9:30 am	Luzvilla Laranjo (RIP)
Monday	10:00 am	Chiline & Family (Ints)
Wednesday	No Mass	
Friday	10:00 am	Mary O'Connor (Sick)
Saturday	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Sylvia Etienne (Anniv)

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conversion and is patiently waiting for us to turn back to him.

So does that mean that we should be totally tolerant of the bad things around us?

No, but at the same time we have to be careful about what we want to root out and consider the damage that might be done to the good in either that person or to people who are good.

Diocesan News

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

Older (over 18) Altar Servers. There is a newly established 'Certificate in Altar Server Studies' run by Maryvale and fully endorsed by Archbishop Moth (and Cardinal Vincent). There are 6 monthly one hour online sessions.
It is **not** a 'how to serve Mass course', rather it is designed for adult servers (but also non-servers) looking to further their knowledge in the history of liturgy, the sacraments, scripture, communication, leadership and people skills and the theology of service. For more details, and also to register, visit: *https://www.guildofststephen.org/certificate* . The deadline for registration is 15th September. The parish will help with funding.

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. 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.

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. It is recommended that a PPC should have a maximum of 10-15 members. Please let me have names of those interested. So far only 3 people have expressed an interest.

Bible in a Year: Family edition. In 2021 Ascension Press produced a very successful 'Bible in a Year' podcast presented by Fr Mike Schmitz. They received many requests for a version families could listen to together. This has been produced and will start on January 1st 2027. It will be free on YouTube and designed primarily for families with children aged 7-12 years. For a sneak preview of a session goto: *https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kmsLaab3pI*

Community Coffee Shop at WECH. I have been asked to put this in our newsletter. WECH is supporting the London Disability Network with this initiative; There is now a new Community Coffee Shop at WECH, 36 Elgin Avenue. It is a light, air conditioned and accessible haven, perfect for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
The quality and range of food and beverages on offer is fantastic, while the service is impeccable. Whether it's an iced latte, a tuna melt sandwich or jerk chicken with rice and peas, there is something for everyone in a relaxed and calm environment, every **Thursday from 9am-4pm**.

Congratulations to our young parishioner Antonio Buonaiuto, who has been selected to train full time with the Great Britain Olympic Team [Taekwondo] in preparation for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics (and fully funded by them).

I am a Catholic. Help yourself to a card at the back of the church to carry in your wallet, so that a priest can be called in an emergency.

Summer Newsletters. With our 22 parishioners being away on pilgrimage to Lourdes this coming week, and then my annual leave during August, there will be no more newsletters until the end of August. Fr Dan will be looking after the parish

Marriage Matters

(www.marriagecare.org.uk)

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Matt 13:24-43)

Attentive listening

The Gospel today raises questions about our ability 'to listen'. We easily hear criticism in a comment, or a question which often puts us at odds with each other. But if we listen with our hearts, in the way Jesus commanded us to do, we are enabled, in all our relationships, to follow His command "...listen, any-one who has ears".