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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 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39;
Matthew 14:13-21.

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)

AUGUST - THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

2ND AUGUST 2026

18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

August Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a devotion that centres on Mary's interior life – her love for God and her Son, her virtues, and her faithful intercession for all of us as our loving Mother. The Immaculate Heart of Mary leads us to a deeper relationship with Christ, as her heart is always united to His. This devotion helps us to imitate her purity, humility, and unwavering faith.

The three Marian Feast Days Celebrated in August

As part of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Church offers several August feast days that deepen our understanding of Mary's role in God's saving plan. Through these celebrations, we honour her as a loving mother, powerful intercessor, and radiant Queen assumed into heavenly glory. Each feast draws us into a greater appreciation of her virtues and her mission – to lead us ever closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

August 5 – Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major / Our Lady of the Snows.

This feast marks the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one of the five great basilicas in Rome. According to tradition, a miraculous snowfall occurred at the site of the future church in the year 358 AD. The Virgin Mary appeared simultaneously in dreams to a wealthy Roman couple and to Pope Liberius, telling them she wished to have a church built in her honour on the Esquiline Hill. She said that as a sign to verify the dream, snow would fall during the night of August 5th – at the height of summer! The snow outlined where the church was to be built, so the pontiff traced its shape to mark the location. It is worth noting that Pope Francis, who died earlier last year, is buried at this Basilica, honouring his deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. Mary Major Basilica holds many treasures, including relics of the "sacred cradle" or manger in which the Child Jesus was laid at His birth. The snowfall is rich in symbolism: it represents purity, divine intervention, and peace – reflecting snow's quiet and gentle nature – qualities Mary brings to us when we

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Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 1st August 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	Nuala Coonay (Ints)
Sunday	11:30 am	Eileen Gilligan (Ints)
Tuesday	10:00 am	-
Thursday	10:00 am	-
Sat (8 Aug)	10:00 am	-
Sun (9 Aug)	9:30 am	Luzvilla Laranjo (Anniv)
Sunday	9:30 am	People of the Parish
Monday	10:00 am	People of Kramatorsk
Wednesday	No Mass	
Friday	10:00 am	-
Saturday	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Frances O'Brien (Ints)

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welcome her into our lives.

August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Moved to Sunday 16th)

The Assumption is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church. It commemorates the Blessed Virgin Mary being taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. While Scripture does not describe the details of her death, tradition holds that Mary died around the age of 72. The dogma was formally declared by Pope Pius XII in 1950, affirming Mary's unique participation in her Son's Resurrection. Her assumption into heaven also bears witness to her special relationship with her Son and her role in the salvation of souls as Christ's mediator.

August 22 – Queenship of Mary

Established by Pope Pius XII in 1954, this feast honours the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth – a title rooted in her role as the Mother of Christ the King. Celebrated one week after the Assumption, it highlights Mary's glorification and her continuing intercession for us from her heavenly throne. From there, she reigns in union with Christ the King, participating in the divine plan of redemption. Her queenship is not about power as the world sees it, but about love, humility, and maternal care. Mary guides the faithful toward Him and intercedes for the needs of the Church and the world.

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

SVP. We are in desperate need for more committed members who can spare about an hour per week helping the vulnerable and those in need. We are getting regular referrals for help which the current membership cannot respond to. Requests vary in nature—some are lonely and just need a regular chat with another human being. Some require help with completing forms. Some are people who have been moved into the area but have minimal necessities to furnish their homes.

Luminescence in Westminster Cathedral.
Luminescence is a ground-breaking take on the concept of *son-et-lumière*; a 360-degree video projection experience, using 24 laser projectors, which will bring the Cathedral to life in breath-taking ways with colour and imagery, culminating in a vision of what the Cathedral may one day look like fully covered in mosaics.
The experience is accompanied by carefully selected music accompanied by a recorded poetic narration by Hugh Bonneville, specially scripted for the Cathedral by Tim Whitnall. Four nights a week (Wednesday to Saturday) from 1 July 2026 to mid-September. To book tickets goto:
https://luminiscence.com/london/

RCIA—The Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults (Journey in Faith). This is an invitation to all adults who never been baptised, or 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.

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

Marriage Matters

(www.marriagecare.org.uk)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Isa 55:1-3 Rom 8:35, 37-39 Matt 14:13- 21)

It can be hard to have compassion sometimes

It's hard to have compassion for my spouse when caught up in my own worries and stress. Jesus moved on from His own sadness to see the need of the crowds; He fed them. We witness to the Good News that nothing can come between us when we nourish each other in all ways - physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.