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Mass Times this week

Monday:.....10:00 am (Harrow Road)
Tuesday:.....10:00 am (Paddington)
..... 2:00 pm (Paddington School Mass)
Wednesday: No Mass
Thursday: .....10:00 am (Paddington)
Friday: .....10:00 am (Harrow Road)
..... 6:00 pm (Harrow Rd—Come & See)
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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Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9;
Matthew 18:21-35.

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)

SEPTEMBER - OUR LADY OF SORROWS
13TH SEPTEMBER 2026
24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Time to Forgive



Forgiveness is difficult. When we read about the victims of horrendous crimes we wonder how they could ever begin to forgive - we even question why should they have to.

Most of us know how hard it is to forgive even a small grudge once it has been left to fester. Many of us excuse ourselves with "…Well they started it so they should really apologise first," or, "It's his problem not mine."

There seem to be human limits to our forgiveness. Why should we accept the apology of someone who has let us down repeatedly? We also have a ingrained sense of justice. The person deserves to be punished for the hurt they have caused. And forgiveness looks like forgetting and overlooking their 'wrong doing'. Yet Jesus tells us that we must forgive "…not seven times, but seventy times seven." (ie 490 times!)

If there are no limits to our forgiveness perhaps we should begin by looking at what makes it so difficult to grant genuine forgiveness? Anger probably comes top of the list. We don't want people to get away with hurting us. Pride often stands in our way too. Forgiving someone often involves an element of 'climbing down'. Also close to the top of the list of obstacles comes a lack of understanding. When we hear of a crime, whether it is small or large, we always ask "Why?" or "How could they do that?" It seems that in order to forgive, we must first understand what has

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Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 12th September 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	Catherine Dineen (Ints)	Sunday	9:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Robert Ellis (Ints)	Monday	10:00 am	Sylvia Etienne (Anniv)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Melanie D'Souza (Thanks)	Wednesday	No Mass	
Thursday	10:00 am	-	Friday	10:00 am	-
Sat (19 Sept)	10:00 am	People of the Parish	Saturday	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun (20 Sept)	9:30 am	-	Sunday	11:30 am	-

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made the other person do what they have done. But we also overlook that the church teaches that to properly understand God's mercy, we must first also understand justice—otherwise it just looks as if God is simply overlooking evil doing. We forget the Cross—Jesus took on the punishment that justice prescribes; God is not overlooking the evil that we have committed.

Today's readings suggest that in order to make it easier to forgive others, we should look at how often we have asked God to forgive us, often for the same failing. This is the lesson in today's gospel, Jesus is reminding the servant who was unable to forgive, that he himself was forgiven. How could the servant expect his master's forgiveness if he could not forgive others? Remembering how we have been forgiven makes us more compassionate when it is our turn to forgive.

Diocesan News

St Claudine's Catholic School for Girls, Crownhill Road, London NW10 4EP. See poster at back of church for details of Open Evening (29th Sept) or Morning tour (30 Sept—9 Oct).

Parish News

Walsingham Pilgrimage. **Saturday 19 September 2026**.

1. If there are any cancellations please let me know as we have a waiting list of people wanting to come, and we already have a full coach.
2. If you are paying by the contactless machine at Harrow Rd, please put you name in appropriate box. There was a £40 payment on Friday 4th Sept, with no name—please tell me who you are.
3. Please meet outside Harrow Road church at **7:30 am** on Saturday 19th, certainly we must be underway by 8:00. Payment can be made in **cash**, on the donation machine at Harrow Road (give name), or **online** at *https://donate.mydona.com/harrowroad* (give name in message box) or **direct bank transfer** to Ac Name: Paddington North; Sort Code: 40-50-20; Ac No: 51308289. (Give Walsing and your name as reference)

Legion of Mary: ***Peregrinatio pro Christo***. We would like to thank the Legion of Mary team who visited houses in the Harrow Road area over the last week. And we welcome a new team this week who will be visiting households in the Paddington area

Halizo prayer group. We are an English-French (mostly English) speaking prayer group for more or less young professionals. We meet every Tuesday at Farm Street Church at 7:30pm. Every week we start by a time of prayer, followed by either a Lectio Divina or a presentation made by a priest. We then meet for a social at the pub next door. This group is a safe space where we can pray, but also socialise and recharge our batteries. See poster at the back of the church.

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*

Parish Mass Count. The diocese requires us to submit our mass count each year, which is also passed to Rome. Starting next weekend and over 4 weeks, you will see someone, during the offertory period, discretely going through the church with a click counter counting the numbers at Mass.

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. This falls next Tuesday, but as it is the Patronal Feast of our Paddington Church, we celebrate the Sunday Mass there, for Our Lady of Sorrows, followed up by a social, so please bring some food.

Marriage Matters

(www.marriagecare.org.uk)

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Sirach 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Matt 18: 21- 35)

The call to forgive

How can I love my spouse and bring life? We are called to set aside resentment, to listen gently to our beloved, seeking understanding. In today's gospel the servant who is forgiven refuses to forgive the man who owes him. God forgives us everything, but are we willing to let go of the hurts we have experienced via our spouse?