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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 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24,27;
Matthew 20:1-16.

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
20TH SEPTEMBER 2026
25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

What Sort of Union Must God Be In?



Born in 1750, the story goes that Italian composer Antonio Salieri studied harpsichord and violin from an early age. Music was his passion, but not possessing much in the way of natural talent, he had to work extremely hard to achieve success. Imagine his feelings of joy and great privilege to reach the prestigious rank of chief composer at the Viennese Court. Then along came the much younger Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with ten times more in the way of talent. The young newcomer waltzed in and won favour with seemingly little effort. Suddenly Salieri could no longer see himself as lucky or privileged, he could only see God as unfair for granting this younger, and in his eyes, undeserving man so much more than he. There must be times in all of our lives where we have felt God to be unjust.

In today's parable, the workers who were employed in the vineyard all day are aggrieved to discover that the workers employed late in the afternoon are paid exactly the same generous amount. In our capitalistic twenty first century society in which we expect our rewards to match our efforts, we can easily understand this seeming injustice.

What sort of trade union would sanction this? If this parable is meant to illustrate the Kingdom of God, what sort to union must God be in? The parable of course is nothing to do with employment rights; it's a clue as to how salvation will be dealt at the end of time. God's justice will not be dealt in strict mathematical judgement or apportioned by effort or merit. How could it be, when we are all dealt a different hand to begin with?

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Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 19th September 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Cesar Quintero (B'day Ints)
Tuesday	10:00 am	-
Thursday	10:00 am	-
Sat (26 Sept)	10:00 am	-
Sun (27 Sept)	9:30 am	-
Sunday	9:30 am	Hannah Ngobeh (RIP)
Monday	10:00 am	Eduardo Bundone (Anniv)
Wednesday	No Mass	
Friday	10:00 am	-
Saturday	6:00 pm	-
Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish

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We have to remember that the workers who worked from early morning were not treated unfairly; in fact to begin with they felt themselves to be lucky and privileged. It was misguided of the workers to resent the latecomers sharing in the same reward, just as it is wrong for us to resent those who live lives of sin and become Christians late in life. That we have lived as Christians from the outset makes us the lucky ones, and we mustn't resent God's generosity in welcoming the latecomers.

This parable isn't a justification for living sloppy lives then becoming more Godly as we approach death. However, the parable is a strong reminder that we are all capable of change, and that at whatever point in our lives we wake up to who we are and what we are about, God is ready to welcome us.

Diocesan News

'Inspired by Lourdes', the Book A message from the diocesan pilgrimage director. "As announced in Lourdes during this year's diocesan pilgrimage, we are looking for people to tell us how they've been inspired by Lourdes as we're hoping to collect the most inspiring accounts in a book to be sold to raise money for bursaries to support future pilgrims. Please have a think about what you might like to say and visit: *www.inspiredbylourdes.co.uk* for more information. The next Lourdes quarterly Reunion Mass is open to all and takes place on Tuesday 1st December 2026 in Westminster Cathedral Crypt Chapel at 6:30pm followed by a social in a nearby venue.

Procession of Our Lady of Willesden, **18 October @ 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm** at Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Rd, Harlesden (on 18 Bus route). Join pilgrims in praying the Rosary for the protection of London and for Peace. Preacher will be Archbishop Richard Moth.

Praying with the Scriptures Workshop led by Archbishop Richard Moth. **Saturday 24th October, 2:00–5:00pm, - Westminster Cathedral Hall**, next to Westminster Cathedral**.** The Agency for Evangelisation will be hosting a workshop on the prayerful reading of Scripture, with Archbishop Richard Moth, who will lead us deeper into the practice of Lectio Divina. Please feel free to share this invitation in your parish and encourage those who may be interested to book a place. See Poster at back of church with QR code to book a place, or goto: *https://rcdow.org.uk/event/praying-with-the-scriptures/* for the link to the booking form.

Parish News

Legion of Mary: Peregrinatio Pro Christo. (Latin for "journeying for Christ") I would like to thank the two teams from the Legion of Mary, most who came over from Ireland, and have over the last two weeks knocked on 7265 doors in our parish area and where people responded to the invitation for a chat, encouraged the 256 lapsed Catholics to come back to the sacraments, and talked about the Catholic faith to non-Catholics. A total of 38 people were interested to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Please pray that those interested will respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit—who is the real evangelist in all this.

Parish Mass Count. The diocese requires us to submit our mass count each year, which is also passed to Rome. Starting this weekend for four weekends, 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 feast was on Tuesday just past, but as it is the Patronal Feast of our Paddington Church, the Sunday Mass will be the Mass of Our Lady of Sorrows (not 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time), followed up by a social with food and drinks.

Marriage Matters

(www.marriagecare.org.uk)

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Isaiah 55:6-9 Phil 1:20-24, 27 Matt 20:1-16)

'My thoughts are not your thoughts'

God can put thoughts into our minds, but how can we ensure these make a difference to our lives? St Paul says, "Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ": for example, the need to measure what we contribute within the relationship. Our Sacrament isn't a 50/50 arrangement but a 100%/100% unconditional commitment.