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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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Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11;
Matthew 21:28-32.

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
27TH SEPTEMBER 2026
26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

The Definition of Insanity.



There's a well-known saying that goes, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions."

We all know what it's like to have endless good intentions, but the good intentions are worth little if we don't actually roll up our sleeves and get things done.

A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but somehow doesn't get around to it.

Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet again Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright regular church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty that we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. It would be very unusual if in our own personal lives there were not areas that we needed to address. God's vineyard (including the vineyard of our own hearts) needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, roll up their sleeves and get stuck into the job.

Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Most of us struggle with those repetitive behaviours that inevitably lead to the same negative results. Like the second son, we might mean well but

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Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 26th September 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	-	Sunday	9:30 am	-
Sunday	11:30 am	Magdalene Onochie (T'Giving)	Monday	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	10:00 am	-	Wednesday	No Mass	
Thursday	10:00 am	-	Friday	10:00 am	-
Sat (3 Oct)	10:00 am	-	Saturday	6:00 pm	-
Sun (4 Oct)	9:30 am	People of the Parish	Sunday	11:30 am	Mary Phillips (Anniv)

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constantly fail to make a difference. Today's gospel is an invitation for us to look at what holds us back and what drives us forward, only when we can really understand and address what holds us back can we get stuck into God's work. The first son shows us that it's never too late to change.

Diocesan News

Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress will take place in London on **Saturday 10 October**. The Opening Mass in Southwark is reserved to the delegates to the Congress from all the dioceses in England and Wales (over 1,000 delegates are expected). But parishioners are asked to join the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament from Southwark Cathedral, along the South Bank of the Thames, to Westminster Cathedral. The procession **will begin at 3pm** and it would be wonderful for as many as possible to join us for this public witness to our faith. The Procession will finish at 5pm with Solemn Benediction at Westminster Cathedral presided over by Bishop Jim Curry. This will be followed by Mass at 6 pm celebrated by Bishop Gerard Bradley, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark.

CU Webinar for Young Catholics. **The Desert and the Polis: Loneliness as Spiritual Crisis and Political Failure**. Young Catholics wishing to attend this webinar at **6.00pm on Thursday 15 October** with Father John Church OP and Professor Anna Rowlands should register by emailing *info@catholicunion.org.uk* to reserve their place. The webinar is aimed primarily at students, graduates, and young professionals. The Catholic Union wants to offer participants the opportunity to have a conversation that takes loneliness seriously as both a spiritual condition and a structural one. To read more about the event goto: *https://catholicunion.org.uk/2026/04/the-desert-and-the-polis-loneliness-as-spiritual-crisis-and-political-failure/*

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

CAFOD Family Fast day, This coming Friday (2nd October). Please fast and donate the money saved to CAFOD's Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. We will have retiring collection next week; Use the CAFOD envelope in church, or donate online at *cafod.org.uk/envelope*, or call 0303 303 3030.

Trip to Walsingham. A very enjoyable trip was made by the parish to join Archbishop Richard on the diocesan pilgrimage. Here is part of the group as Archbishop passed by.



Marriage Matters

(www.marriagecare.org.uk)

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Ezek18: 25-28 Phil 2: 1-11 Matt 21: 28-32)

Maintain a common purpose

Remember our courting days and the long, thrilling conversations we had about our future together. They were part of our falling in love and of establishing a common purpose in married life. St Paul reminds us of the mark of a Christian: "Be united in your convictions and your love, with a common purpose and a common mind."