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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

Parish Mass Book Page 137
Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9;
Matthew 21:33-43.

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)

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY
4TH OCTOBER 2026
27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

The Cornerstone



What happens when we forget that our lives are a gift from God? What happens when we forget that humanity is God's creation? What happens when we forget that the planet we live on belongs to God?

Today's parable describes a landowner who leaves tenants in charge of his vineyard. But at harvest time the tenants refuse to pay their dues, failing to recognise the landowner's authority and killing the servants, and even the son, who are sent for the fruits. The tenants have forgotten that the vineyard belongs to the landowner. The tenants had come to believe that they could make up their own rules. They had forgotten that they were accountable. They had certainly forgotten that they had been given responsibilities and entrusted with stewardship.

God is still master of the 'vineyard', and we are the new tenants to whom the welfare of the vineyard has been passed on. The parable was originally targeted at the Pharisees, but is also addressed to us; the parable demands some degree of self-examination.

We might think of ourselves as good people, but like the first tenants, do we constantly fight shy of accountability? Over the years do we each develop our own individual code of conduct? Perhaps we begin to feel that as long as we are living by some kind of moral code, we no longer need to be accountable to God. We begin to imagine that 'being accountable', is just for those who go round getting things wrong. Living by self-made standards is all well and good, but if we do this, we in danger of forgetting about the very high standards that God has set for us, which are for our good anyway.

What happens when we forget that Christ is our cornerstone?
When we make up our own rules with little thought for Jesus' teachings, the chances are we will fall a long way short of what God expects.
Today's invitation is to raise the bar, step up to the mark, and recognise Christ as our cornerstone.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 3rd October 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	-
Sunday	11:30 am	Mary Phillips (Anniv)
Tuesday	10:00 am	-
Thursday	10:00 am	Brown Sunderam (RIP)
Sat (10 Oct)	10:00 am	Milagrosa Etrata (Anniv)
Sun (11 Oct)	9:30 am	
Sunday	9:30 am	People of the Parish
Monday	10:00 am	Ann Sproule (Ints)
Wednesday	No Mass	
Friday	10:00 am	-
Saturday	6:00 pm	Francisco Gomez (Anniv)
Sunday	11:30 am	Lousie McDermot (RIP Months Mind)

Diocesan News

Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress will take place in London this coming **Saturday (10 October)**. The Opening Mass in Southwark is reserved to the over 1,000 delegates from all the dioceses in England and Wales. 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 Benediction presided over by Bishop Jim Curry, 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. 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.

Knife Crime Reduction Forum: Small acts, wider impact - what can we do about knife crime? **Thursday 22nd October, 7-8.30pm**. Caritas Westminster, the Justice & Peace team of St Mellitus, Tollington Park, and Operation Forgiveness are hosting their second event on knife crime. This session will explore practical ways parishes and schools can take action.
The event is **ONLINE** More details and to sign up: *https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/knife-crime-reduction-forum-small-acts-wider-impact/*

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

Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day! Thank you for putting your faith into action on Friday's Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents. To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit: *cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou*

Cardinal Vaughan School Senior Citizen's Christmas Tea Dance. We have been allocated a few places for this annual event which will take on **Friday 4th December** from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Previously transport has been provided.

Parish Pensioners Christmas Dinner. Advance notice that our own senior citizens Christmas dinner will be on **Saturday 12th December**. Sign up sheets for volunteers and diners will be put up closer to the date.

Marriage Matters

(www.marriagecare.org.uk)

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Isaiah 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Matt 21:33-43)

Loving and honouring each other and the Lord

When you married you took each other for better, for worse. God experienced the 'worse' when his 'bride', the Jewish people, rejected him by worshipping other gods. The 'worse' for you may be when your spouse mocks your beliefs. Have you shared your hurt, let them know your pain? Remember, though, that God has loved the 'worst' in you.

PS. If your marriage is experiencing a 'worse' period, do contact Retrouvaille for help. They have great success in turning the 'worse' into the 'better'. See: *https://retrouvaille.org.uk/* for contact details.