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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 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14,19-20;
Matthew 22:1-14.

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
11TH OCTOBER 2026
28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Must Try Harder!



Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us just the way we are? We are told often enough that God loves us warts and all. But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment?

In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as they do so, the king notices one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has not really about wearing the right tie at a wedding reception. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that everyone can stroll into heaven as they are. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his cavalier 'accept me just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as not being evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking us to choose between good and an even greater good. What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is.

Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so do we live our life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, He wants a conversion to live in his love, and that acceptance and change is what really matters.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 10th October 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	Francisco Gomez (Anniv)	Sunday	9:30 am	Fernando Etrata (healing)
Sunday	11:30 am	Lousie McDermot (RIP) [Months Mind]	Monday	10:00 am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	10:00 am	-	Wednesday	No Mass	
Thursday	10:00 am	-	Friday	10:00 am	Michael & Mary O'Doherty (Anniv)
Sat (17 Oct)	10:00 am	-	Saturday	6:00 pm	Kathleen Connolly (RIP)
Sun (18 Oct)	9:30 am	Dea Ligan (Thanksgiving)	Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish

Diocesan News

Prisoners' Sunday—11th October. Prisoners' Sunday is an opportunity to consider how we, as individuals, as a Church, and as communities, are serving our brothers and sisters affected by imprisonment. Remember Jesus said in his final judgement discourse: "I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." (Matt 25:43). PACT is the leading Catholic charity in prison (our Archbishop is President of PACT), helping people in need for more than 125 years. Not just prisoners but their families and victims of crime. You can support PACT online at *www.prisonadvice.org.uk/faith/events/prisoners-sunday/* There is a booklet for this years 'Prisons week' with readings and reflections on the experience of those in the justice system and more. It is well worth a read and is available online at: *https://heyzine.com/flip-book/28018f83f6.html*

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 with Archbishop Richard Moth and seminarians to pray for vocations.

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

CAFOD' Visit. Although last week we collected for the Family Fast Day. This weekend we have a CAFOD rep talking at the end of Mass about their work.

Parish Pastoral Council. Apologies for delay in setting up a meeting. We will meet on **Monday 19th October at 7:00 pm**. As the hall is booked out on Monday evenings we will meet in the **entrance area of the church**.

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.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Application forms are available from Fr Michael, but also available on the parish website. *https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harrowroad/sacramental-prep/* . Forms can be filled in electronically. The sessions will be starting after Christmas, but there will be parents meetings for both the Holy Communion and Confirmation programs before Christmas.



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

Marriage Matters

(www.marriagecare.org.uk)

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Isaiah 25:6-10 Phil 4:12-14 Matt 22:1-14)

Add another stitch

God our Father invites us all to His great wedding feast in heaven! In living out our married life, we have been making our wedding garments! It is woven, sewn and stitched with all the little acts of loving kindness, long forgotten, the courtesies in every little action we show toward each other, our children, family and friends.