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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
18TH OCTOBER 2026
29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Torn between loyalties



We live our lives torn in many directions. From the moment we wake up there are a hundred and one claims on our time. We have to look after our homes and our families. We have to go to work and deal with a whole range of tasks from the very important to the totally banal. We have to fill in forms, pay bills, make calls, answer emails, maintain the car, and pick up the shopping. If we're very lucky we might just squeeze in a bit of leisure time.

The Pharisees and the Herodians in today's gospel decided to set a trap for Jesus. "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" They were confident that they had put Jesus in a 'no win' situation. If Jesus said "Yes—pay tax to Caesar", then he would be denounced by the Jews—Rome was an occupying force! But if Jesus replied, "No—don't pay tax" then he would be reported to the Roman Authorities for plotting a rebellion! They thought the had Jesus cornered. But they never considered the true answer "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."

It is tempting to imagine that Jesus might have been talking about compartments. We imagine a compartment for things belonging to Caesar, and a compartment for things belonging to God. Of course there could be no such compartments, because as we know everything comes from God, so everything must belong to God. So had Jesus really answered the question, or merely sidestepped it?

Perhaps today we struggle with Jesus' answer as much as the Pharisees and Herodians must have done. Perhaps we see life as a conflict between God's claim on us and all life's other claims in just the way God's enemies were suggesting. Perhaps we try to put God into a Sunday morning compartment, but then we discover that will conflict with the children's football and the D.I.Y. What Jesus tells us today is liberating. Once we learn to allow God into every corner of our lives our lives become whole instead of torn and fragmented. Once we know that our only loyalty is to God there can be no conflict.

Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 17th October 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	Kathleen Connolly (RIP)	Sunday	9:30 am	Dea Ligan (Thanksgiving)
Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish	Monday	10:00 am	Sinead & Family (Ints)
Tuesday	10:00 am	-	Wednesday	No Mass	
Thursday	10:00 am	-	Friday	10:00 am	Sharon Sterne (Ints)
Sat (24 Oct)	10:00 am	People of the Parish	Saturday	6:00 pm	Mr & Mrs Clovis (RIP)
Sun (25 Oct)	9:30 am	Francis & Mary Mondero (Anniv)	Sunday	11:30 am	Raimonda Pintus (Anniv)

Diocesan News

CORRECTION> Procession of Our Lady of Willesden, Last week I gave the time of procession as 3-4pm. This is **INCORRECT**. The correct day and time is **18 October @ 7:00 pm – 8:00 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.

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.

World Mission Sunday (18th October). From part of the message of Pope Leo: "Dear brothers and sisters, World Mission Day 2026, marks the centenary of a celebration established by Pius XI that is very dear to the Church, I have chosen the theme '*One in Christ, united in mission*'. Following the Jubilee Year, I wish to encourage the whole Church to continue its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit. This requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities and, in everyone, a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust. As we reflect on being one in Christ and united in mission, let us allow ourselves to be guided and inspired by divine grace, 'to renew in ourselves the fire of our missionary vocation' and advance together in the commitment to evangelisation, in this 'new missionary age' in the history of the Church. If you wish to donate, use the *Missio* envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit *missio.org.uk* to give a gift.

Parish News

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**.

Mini-Pilgrimage to St Francis of Assisi Church, Pottery Lane – On **Saturday 31st October** there will be a mini pilgrimage to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis. We'll **start at St Mary of the Angels Church, Moorhouse Road, at 2pm** and, after some prayers there, we'll walk to Pottery Lane for a short service.

November Dead List. Please use the sheets and envelopes at the back of the church to register the names of your deceased loved ones, to be placed on the altar and prayed for each day in November.

November Cemetery Mass. The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green, NW10 5NU, will be on **Monday 2nd November at 11.30am**.

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 closing date for acceptance of all application forms is the end of November**. The sessions will be starting after Christmas, but there will be parents meetings for both the Holy Communion and Confirmation programs before Christmas.

Marriage Matters

(www.marriagecare.org.uk)

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Isa 45:1, 4-6 Thess 1: 1-5 Matt 22:15-21)

We all need each other

The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus: He told them to give to Caesar what belongs to him, "and to God what belongs to God". The world tells us to look after ourselves and not to need others. As married couples, we know that we are made by God for one another, not needy but needing to give of ourselves entirely.