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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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Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thesalonians 4:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13.

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)

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS
8TH NOVEMOBER 2026
32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow.



We 'know not the hour nor the day', and when death finally catches us out, we can all too often be filled with regrets and 'if-onlys'. "If only," we say after the death of a loved one. If only we'd spared our ageing parents more time. If only we'd made up that old family rift. If only we'd told our children that we loved them. And what of the deceased themselves? Every day people die unexpectedly. Every day people die in road accidents, as the result of violent crime, sudden illness or as the result of natural disaster. Thousands of people wake up every morning not suspecting that this day might be their last. Death is the final curtain by which time we must be prepared to meet our maker. It's a message we've heard over and over …. so why don't we heed it?

Life is full of deadlines. We have deadlines by which we must finish essays, complete projects, submit job applications, apply for loans or make payments. Life is always demanding that we make preparations. We make preparations for work, for exams, for holidays, for visitors, for weddings, birthdays and a hundred and one other occasions. But for the greatest test of all, that of meeting our maker we are curiously unprepared. Deep down we all know that we could be better Christians. Deep down we know there are things that we should be getting round to, but somehow we never do. Those great deeds we are planning can always wait until tomorrow, after all, unexpected death is only something that happens to other people isn't it? Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow!

The five foolish virgins in today's gospel were caught wanting. When the bridegroom they were awaiting arrived unexcitedly in the middle of the night, they were caught unprepared. Their lamps were empty. In a panic they tried to borrow oil from the five wise virgins, but the five wise virgins were unable to help. The message here is that we cannot borrow our way into heaven; we can only enter the kingdom by our own merits.

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Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 7th November 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	Nygin Alexander (RIP)
Sunday	11:30 am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	10:00 am	Antonio Pita (RIP)
Thursday	10:00 am	Holy Souls
Sat (14 Nov)	10:00 am	Krishan Steven (Ints)
Sun (15 Nov)	9:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	9:30 am	Marie Chantel (Ints)
Monday	10:00 am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	No Mass	
Friday	10:00 am	Michael & Mary O'Doherty (Anniv)
Saturday	6:00 pm	Michael & Mary O'Doherty (Anniv)
Sunday	11:30 am	Antonio Pita (RIP)

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Today's gospel promotes urgency. We must not put off until tomorrow what we can do today. Do we make the most of opportunities to do good deeds as and when they arise? Do we make the right choices conscientiously on a daily basis? Do we live every day as though it were our last? If we are doing all of these things, we have no need to fear the unexpected.

Diocesan News

Saying Goodbye Service for those who have lost a baby will be held on the **29th November at 3pm in Methodist Central Hall, Westminster**. For further information please see poster at back of the church. To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: *www.sayingqoodbye.org*

Westminster Cathedral chorister? Each September, up to six boys join Westminster Cathedral Choir School in Year 4 or Year 5. Choristership offers the chance to sing in a world class choir while attending one of the country's leading independent school for boys. All choristers receive generous discounts covering up to 100% of fees. Interested in finding out more? Join our next Chorister Zoom Information Session on Wednesday, 18th November at 6:30pm. Register here - *https://tinyurl.com/2zsf92j8*. Alternatively, contact Lucy Freeman at 020 7798 9081, Freeman@choirschool.com or visit *www.choirschool.com*

Parish News

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund – Next Week.

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.
You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or you can set up a regular gift and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at *rcdow.org.uk/SRP* – or scan the QR code with a phone camera to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

Parish Pastoral Committee. At our first meeting 3 weeks ago only one person from Harrow Road church came. I understand we now have more people willing to be involved. I know very short notice, but can we have a meeting this coming Monday (9th November) at 7:00 pm.

November Dead List. We will pray St Nicholas' prayer for the deceased at the end of each mass in November.

Marriage Matters

(www.marriagecare.org.uk)

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Wis 6:12-16 1 Thess 4:13-18 Matt 2:1-13)

Always be ready

Jesus said we must always be ready for His second coming, ready to meet Him. Being 'ready' doesn't mean spending all the time doing religious things. For married couples, being 'ready' means being ready to listen to each other, sharing thoughts and feelings. Keep your 'love tank' full by thinking of ways he or she can be surprised by love.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Rite of Committal for Cremation of the late **Antonio Pita** will take place on **Monday 9th November at 10:00 am** at the **West London Crematorium**.
The 11:30 Mass on Sunday 15th November will be celebrated for the Repose of the Soul of Antonio.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Paul Slattery** will take place on **Friday 13th November at 10:45 am** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church,**
followed by committal at West London Crematorium.

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Vernie Williams** will take place on **Tuesday 17th November at 12:30 pm** followed by burial at St Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

And please remember in your prayers **Sheila John** who died peacefully on Friday afternoon. Funeral details in due course.