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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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Proverbs 31:extracts; 1 Thesalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30.

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

15TH NOVEMOBER 2026

33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.

What can economics and productivity teach us about the kingdom of heaven? Jesus' story about a businessman who leaves town and entrusts his money with his workers made perfect sense to his audience. Wealthy merchants and businessmen often had to travel abroad and leave the business to others to handle while they were gone.

Why did Jesus tell this story and what can it teach us? Most importantly it tells us something about how God deals with us, his disciples and servants. The parable speaks first of the Master's trust in his servants. While he goes away he leaves them with his money to use as they think best. While there were no strings attached, this was obviously a test to see if the Master's workers would be industrious and reliable in their use of the money entrusted to them. The master rewards those who are industrious and faithful and he punishes those who sit by idly and who do nothing with his money. The master expected his servants to be productive in the use of his money.

The Lord entrusts us (the subjects of his kingdom) with gifts and graces and he gives us the freedom to use them as we think best. With each gift and talent, God gives sufficient means (grace and wisdom) to use them in a fitting way. God rewards those who use their gifts for serving him and the good of others.

What do coins and the law of economics have to do with the kingdom of God? As the parable of the talents shows, God abhors indifference and an attitude that says it's not worth trying. God honours those who use their talents and gifts for doing good. Those who are faithful with even a little are entrusted with more! But those who neglect or squander what God has entrusted to them will lose what they have.

There is an important lesson here for us. No one can stand still for long in the Christian life. We either get more or we lose what we have. We either advance towards God or we slip back. Do you seek to serve God with the gifts, talents, and graces he has given to you?

Mass Intentions for week beginning Saturday 14th November 2026

Saturday	6:00 pm	Michael & Mary O'Doherty (Anniv)	Sunday	9:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Antonio Pita (RIP)	Monday	10:00 am	Michael & Mary O'Doherty (Anniv)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Holy Souls	Wednesday	No Mass	
Thursday	10:00 am	John Jarmulowicz (Anniv)	Friday	10:00 am	Holy Souls
Sat (21 Nov)	10:00 am	Holy Souls	Saturday	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun (22 Nov)	9:30 am	Hannah & Marie Ngobeh (Anniv)	Sunday	11:30 am	Legionaries (RIP)

Diocesan News

St Benedict's School, Ealing is pleased to introduce the ***Exceptional Talent Humanities Pathway Scholarship*** for Sixth Form entry in September 2027. This new scholarship is designed for academically ambitious students currently attending maintained schools who are predicted to achieve the highest GCSE grades (typically 8–9). The Pathway is available to students wishing to study one or more of the following A level subjects: Philosophy, Ethics and Religion; English Literature; Medieval and Early Modern History; Classical Civilisation; Latin; French, Spanish or German; and Music. Families interested in learning more about this Scholarship are invited to contact Mrs Helen Ridard, Head of Admissions at St Benedict's School, at *admissions@stbenedicts.org.uk* for further information about the application process.

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 – This Weekend. Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility.
Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can make a one-off donation or 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** – the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

Mouse problem. We have mice both upstairs in the presbytery and church. We see them daily. A reputable company has been in three times leaving different brands of poison—which have not been taken and the set traps, which the mice avoid! I discovered that sticky mats were made illegal in 2024 as being inhumane. I have contacted the diocesan property services asking for their help, and awaiting their action. We also have mice at the Paddington church and in the flat adjacent to it. Pest control companies report a 48% increase in callouts for both mice and rats due to the earlier warm weather.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please submit applications by the end of this month. I have yet to receive a single application for confirmation preparation.

All Saints Catholic College annual Community Christmas Dinner for Senior Citizens. All Saints school in St Charles Square are inviting older members of our parish to their annual Community Christmas Dinner for Senior Citizens on **Tuesday 8th December at 4.30pm**. See poster at back of the church for details to reserve your place.

Post Confirmation Teens to go to Lourdes. Archbishop Richard is keen to broaden participation of young people who are post confirmation (ie Year 10 or 11) in the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (16th—23rd July 2027). He is setting up a trial group this year from a couple of parishes. Participants will not only have full participation in the main pilgrimage events but also receive dedicated catechesis and formation, as well as special visits to significant sites associated with Lourdes, as but also time for social and fun activities. This will be a trial group. Are you interested? If so see Fr Michael ASAP so we can put this parish forward. There will be funding available.

Marriage Matters

(www.marriagecare.org.uk)

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Prov 31, 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thess 5:1-6 Matt 25:14-30)

Our love must be nourished

The parable of the talents could be compared to our marriage and the consequences if we, like the lazy servant, do not work at our relationship. Avoiding conflict can mean that the opportunity for forgiveness and growth is allowed to pass by. Let's not allow our love for each other to simply slip away, but work to keep our life flourishing.

Funeral Notices

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