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Mass Times

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.

Sunday Readings

Parish Mass Book—Page 258
Acts 3:13-15,17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48.

Parishes of
OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST VINCENT DE PAUL
(HARROW RD)

and

OUR LADY OF SORROWS, (PADDINGTON)

APRIL - MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

14TH APRIL 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

Finding the Meaning

Last week we heard John's account of Jesus 1st and 2nd appearance to his disciples after his resurrection. Today we hear Luke's version of that 1st appearance to the apostles after the two disciples returned from Emmaus. When they saw Jesus they took some convincing that it really was Jesus and not a ghost. The gospel gives four pieces of proof that Jesus used to convince them that he really has risen from the dead. 1. They can look at the marks on his hands and feet, 2. they can touch him to check that he is really flesh and bone, and 3. they can watch him eat a meal that they have prepared. The fourth proof is when Jesus opens their minds so that they can understand the prophecies that were made in the Old Testament, and which he has fulfilled by rising from the dead.

Two thousand years down the line we do not have the benefit proofs 1, 2 and 3. However, the fourth proof, the prophecies in the Old Testament are still there for us to read. The only trouble is, the Bible isn't always an easy book to read. We read a passage and fail to understand it. Sometimes we think we understand the literal meaning but the words fail to offer any significance. It would be good if Jesus could open our minds up as he did for those first disciples when they had trouble understanding the meaning of his death and resurrection.

One thing is for sure, understanding the Bible isn't going to happen magically, just as it didn't happen overnight for the disciples. We know that everything worthwhile takes effort. Playing a musical instrument takes years of practice. Being good at a sport takes considerable training. Learning a language demands a concerted amount of study and hard work. So too, we have to apply ourselves to understanding what we read in the Bible. We have to consider each passage for some time before we can really grasp it ... sometimes a single verse or phrase. Often we can derive great satisfaction from knowing that those parts we struggled with the longest hold the greatest meaning. The Bible yields up its greatest treasures to those who persevere.

Mass Intentions for both parishes for week beginning Saturday 13th April 2024

Saturday	6:00 pm	Tom Kinsella (Ints)	Sunday	9:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday	11:30 am	Gladys Kibart (RIP)	Monday	10:00 am	Martin & Family (Ints)
Tuesday	10:00 am	-	Wednesday	No Mass	
Thursday	10:00 am	-	Friday	10:00 am	-
Saturday (20.4)	10:00 am	Mr & Mrs Ligan (Wedding Anniv)	Saturday	6:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (21.4)	9:30 am	-	Sunday	11:30 am	Charlie O'Sullivan (Anniv)

Parish News

Priest Training Fund. Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood.

The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 49 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. We also have one seminarian in Valladolid and one at the Beda, presently on pastoral placement in Ruislip. There are also two on a propaedeutic year at *Redemptoris Mater*. Last year 3 deacons were ordained for Westminster Diocese. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. Over the next 5 years, 44 priests will retire but only 13 will be ordained, so we need to pray for more vocations. The Priest Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd.

Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Next week our seminarian Brenden Alvares will say a few words after the Post Communion Prayer. There are a few copies of "Allen Hall Seminary News" at the back of the church—featuring Brenden.

Planned Giving Envelopes. There are still a few envelope boxes to be collected.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th- 26th July 2024 –

Reminder—that booking for this pilgrimage all applications need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April. Either online <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Redcaps (age 16-25)—please apply to the Catenian Bursary to help fund your trip. Goto <https://catenianbursary.com/lourdes-awards/>.

Life in the Spirit Seminar. This is a 6 week course running every Thursday evening from 7—9pm starting 18th April. The course is a back-to-

basics course, with a focus on the Holy Spirit, and is suitable for Catholics at all stages of their faith journey. It is based at St Charles Borromeo Church, 8 Ogle St, London, W1W 6HS (a short walk from the No 18 bus stop for Great Portland St. There is a highly recommended residential weekend retreat in Northampton from 10-12th May (The parish will be happy to support the cost for that). See poster at the back of the church. Also website <https://souloffgroup.co.uk/liss>

First Holy Communions. There will be a meeting of parents and children next Sunday (21st) after the 11:30 Harrow Rd Mass to assess progress and discuss the final preparation for the children's first confession. Dates for confession and communion will be agreed at that meeting. The children will meet in entrance area of the church, and I will talk to parents in the main body of the church.

Mrs Betty Ohene-Djan

Many will know the Ohene-Djan Family. Louise's family are having a celebration of life to mark the 10th anniversary of her passing and I have been asked to let parishioners know that you are invited. Date: Saturday 20th April 2024. Venue: Roundwood Unity Centre, Church End, 103 Church Road, London, NW10 9EG. Google Maps: bit.ly/48KCIEF. Time: 3pm - 9pm. Attire: Black & White. RSVP: louodjan174@gmail.com.

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible Course. For those interested in getting a better understanding of the bible, especially Old Testament and Salvation History, I will be running this course (30 minute videos and discussion) on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm, starting on Tuesday 7th May in the Hall at Harrow Road. There is a workbook (hard copy is pricey £25, but you can access this online—together with videos—for \$5.95). See poster at back of Church.

Funeral Notices

The Reception and Rite of Committal for Cremation of the late **Florence Pitt** will take place at the **West London Crematorium on Tuesday 30th April at 10:00 am.**

The Reception and Requiem Mass of the late **Madeline Hector** will take place on **Thursday 9th May 2024 at 12 noon** at the church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Harrow Rd, followed by burial at Mill Hill Cemetery.