



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, OF THE ROSARY

+ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - 29 October 2023

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A Tale of Two Parishes

As you know, after consultation with the Cardinal, we met with members of both parishes last Friday. No-one needed reminding of the massive shortfall between priests being ordained and those retiring, nor the additional burdens on priests today, nor the serious financial challenges we must face in Marylebone. Instead, we focussed on the privilege of being trusted to be your parish priests and what we should and could be doing as your pastors.

This came from the Cardinal's heartfelt desire for Fr Alex and me to be firmly embedded in Marylebone and St John's Wood. To be able to minister as priests it is so important that we know you: equally important is you feel we are accessible, available and eager to provide the friendship, support and presence of Our Lord in your life. As Pope John Paul II said, "Times change...but man's heart...always needs love." These are all truths we both hold dear.

The current schedules can only be maintained thanks to numerous supply priests. But the consequence has been seeing each other far less and fewer opportunities to build the relationships Christian discipleship is based on. Mind you, some might like to see less of me. Hence, with our parishes' schools showing great generosity by adapting their timetables, we have a schedule which will allow both Fr Alex and myself to celebrate all the Masses at St John's Wood and Marylebone. We will also be more available to be seen and to keep the church open in Marylebone whilst also offering greater freedom to families in both places for funeral dates among many other things. So, from 27 November, Masses in Marylebone will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30pm; Saturday at 6:00pm; Sunday at 11:00am. In St John's Wood: Monday to Saturday at 10:00am (except Thursday, 7:00pm); Saturday at 6:00pm; Sunday at 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon and 6:00pm. Our first weekend on this new timetable will be the First Sunday of Advent. As we begin the Church's year, we mark a new chapter in both of our parishes' lives.

A wise man once wrote, "If we want things to stay as they are, things will have to change." We want both parishes to see and know us as their priests and while this new schedule is a stretch, we are fit and able enough to do it and can then be those parish priests you deserve. As Dickens almost said of our two parishes, this is a far, far better thing that we do than we have ever done. *Fr Kevin & Fr Alex*

Mass Times

Monday to Friday

12:30pm

Saturday

12:30pm and 6:00pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

Confessions (Saturday)

11:45am—12:15pm

5:00pm—5:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Saturday)

5:00pm-5:30pm

Benediction at 5:30pm

Sunday

8:30am

11:00 am (Sung Family Mass)

6:00pm (Sung)

Music for Sunday

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| 813 | Will You Let Me be Your Servant |
| 499 | My God Loves Me |
| 674 | Sweet Sacrament Divine |
| 176 | For All the Saints |

Sunday Readings,

Exodus 22:20—26
Psalm 17: 2—4, 47, 51
R. v 2
Thessalonians 1:5—10
Matthew 22: 4—40

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Parish Administrator:	Lorraine Etienne (marylebone@rcdow.org.uk)
Parish Office Open times:	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10.30am –3:30pm

First Holy Communion. The next First Holy Communion class will be on Sunday 5 November 2023 at 9.45am

For those who are applying to Catholic schools follow this link for Admissions – <https://catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/admissions> and read the Guidance for Clergy document. This explains what you need to provide in order for a priest to complete a Certificate of Catholic Practice. Meetings have already been advertised with Fr Alex for secondary school forms, however if you have not yet got in contact please speak to Fr Alex or contact Lorraine in the parish office. Primary and nursery applications will be dealt with after half-term but the same criteria apply for the completion of the Certificate of Catholic Practice

All Saints' Day. Wednesday 1 November 2023, is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a said Mass at 12.30

Holy Souls: November is the month of the Holy Souls. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on a piece of paper, place it in the envelope with any offering you would like to make, and return it to the presbytery. Each week in November three Masses will be offered for all those Holy Souls listed in our parish.

Legion of Mary Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Praesidium of the Legion of Mary warmly invites you to their weekly meetings, held on Thursdays at 6pm

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection takes place next weekend. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 82 retired priests. The number of our priests over the age of 65 is steadily increasing, and caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By giving to the fund you will ensure these priests are cared for. Please take a donation envelope as you leave the church today or scan the QR code on the poster in the porch to give online. Finally, if you feel you would like to give to the fund on a more regular basis, please do consider joining our Patron's Programme. Leaflets are available at the back of the church. Thank you so much and please continue to pray for all our clergy: active, retired or ill. Thank you.

The Bi-Annual Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery NW10 5NU, Kensal Green, will be on Monday 6 November at 11:30am.

Upper Room Leadership Programme for those aged 18-22 years old, run by *Westminster Youth Ministry*, is a training programme for young Catholic leaders, taking 20 young Catholics on an exciting leadership training course. It will begin at the start of Advent and culminate in a pilgrimage to Lourdes in July, during which the young leaders will support the Redcaps as they accompany sick or elderly pilgrims. Be quick as applications close on 11 November via: <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/programmes/upper-room-leadership-programme/> or email youth@rcdow.org.uk for more information.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 will take place from 19–26 July 2024. The Sanctuary's theme for the year is *'Come here in procession'*. Please see the poster in the porch.

'Witness to Hope' Four online talks by Fr John Deehan focusing on the prayers and Gospels of the Christmas Masses.

23 November: The Vigil Mass

30 November: The Night Mass

7 December: The Dawn Mass

14 December: The Day Mass

The talks will be delivered via zoom, and are open to all. Further information or queries, contact Anna, annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk.

To register: please contact Warren Brown catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

Feasts

Wednesday 1 November

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Thursday 2 November

ALL SOULS' DAY

Saturday 4 November

**St Charles Borromeo,
Bishop**

Sunday 5 November

Collection for Sick and

Collections for last weekend

Envelopes £113.75

Loose plate £426.68

£736.43

Many thanks

Have a blessed week