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OUR LADY OF THE
ROSARY, MARYLEBONE

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SERVICE TIMES

St John's Wood

Palm Sunday Mass:

6:00pm (Sat) 9:00am, 10:30am (Procession,
Sung with Choir), 12noon (Sung) & 6:00pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 10:00am

Maunder Thursday:

7:30pm (Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Watching at the Altar of Repose until

Midnight concluded with Compline

Good Friday:

11:00am Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Celebration of the

Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday:

8:00pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday:

9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon, 6:00pm

Holy Week Confessions

Monday & Wednesday

10:30am - 11:00am

Good Friday and Holy Saturday

10:00am-11:00am

Marylebone

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6:00pm (Sat) 11:00am (Sung)

Monday, Wednesday 12:30pm

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6:00pm (Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Watching at the Altar of Repose

until 9:00pm concluded with Compline and

continues at St John's Wood

Good Friday:

11:00am Stations of the Cross

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Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday:

8:00pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday:

11:00am (Sung)

Holy Week Confessions

Monday & Wednesday

11:45am - 12:15pm

Good Friday

11:30am - 12:30pm

*Separate Holy Week and Easter Week leaflet
available at the back of both churches*

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Making the Most of Holy Week

We have now begun the most important week in the life of the Church, a time in which we journey with Jesus in the final days of His earthly life, in His mission to save humanity from our sins and reconcile us to God.

It begins today with His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, in which we commemorate his arrival in Jerusalem in glory, being recognised by many as the promised Messiah. We next have the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maunder Thursday, where Jesus instituted both the Eucharist and the Priesthood. After which we sit and wait with Him at the altar of repose, like the disciples He called to be with Him on the Mount of Olives. We then mark the darkness of Good Friday, when the crowds in Jerusalem have turned into a mob calling for His blood, ending with His crucifixion. The sacrifice of Jesus' body and blood for us.

Finally, on the night of Holy Saturday, we see how God transforms this tragedy and rejection into wonder and majesty. Jesus is resurrected from the dead, showing us that death is no more the final end but, along with sin,

has been conquered by Jesus' willingness to give Himself up for us. The week is one of rich meaning and a chance to experience the depth of God's love for us. But if we want to get a proper sense of the services, we need to give God time. We need to arrive early enough to settle, to calm ourselves, to put aside worldly distractions and to collect our thoughts. Indeed, this should be our aim at every Mass, which each draws elements from all of Holy Week.

Just as we would feel we had lost something if we arrived 15 minutes into a football match or at the first interval at the theatre, so too when we arrive 5, 10 or even 20 minutes late to Mass, we lose something. Events sometimes conspire to make us late occasionally. But when we persistently arrive late, it suggests that what we're coming to isn't that important. That affects our own prayer life, as well as others too.

This is sad, because what we are coming to is the meeting of heaven and earth. An encounter with God, to have him enter our very selves. It is the way we can participate in what Jesus won for us in the original Holy Week. *Fr Alex*

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

25 May at 2:30pm at Westminster
Cathedral. Register your details via
the parish office before 31 March.

A Day With Mary 2024 Pilgrimages

Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12
September) information available at:
www adaywithmary.org or
email: adwmary.uk@gmail.com

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated

Requiem Mass at St. Mary's
Cemetery, Kensal Green
Monday 17 June at 11:30am

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

19 - 26 July 2024. Registration for
the pilgrimage is now open at:
[https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/
lourdes/](https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/) or contact the Pilgrimage
Office on 020 7798 9173.
Applications to be submitted by
Tuesday 30 April.

PARISH NOTICES

A Holy Week and Easter Week leaflet with the times of all Masses and Confessions for the remainder of Lent and Easter week is available to take home with you. Please give them out to people who might be thinking of coming to our parishes over Easter.

Easter Offering. Please take home an Easter offertory envelope. This is your Easter gift to the parish which can be given in at any time during Holy Week and the Easter season. Thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity throughout the year.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers.

If you have not already done so, and you are available, please sign up for the Holy Week liturgies outside the sacristy at St John's Wood and in the porch at Marylebone. There are still a few slots which need to be filled.

Planned Giving Envelopes

2024/2025 for existing users are available for collection at the back of the church. If you would like to have a set of planned giving envelopes for the new tax year, please let the parish office know. Standing orders are however the easiest way to contribute to the parish. Both planned giving envelopes and standing orders can allow your contributions to be Gift Aided. This means that the parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. Details can be found at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/donating-to-the-parish/> or <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/marylebone/donate/>. Thank you for your incredible generosity whatever way you give.

The Chrism Mass takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 26 March at 12noon, celebrated by Cardinal Nichols and joined by the bishops and clergy of the Diocese.

Funeral of Mary Patricia Gill will take place at Our Lady's St John's Wood on Wednesday 27 March at 1:30pm followed by committal at West London Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

Big Church Clean at 6:30pm on Wednesday 27 March in St John's Wood. Easter treats provided, all are welcome. If you can also help with the regular church cleaning at St John's Wood parish throughout the year, please contact Kathleen in the office. Thank you.

Good Friday Walk of Witness starts at St John's Wood Anglican Church, Prince Albert Road, at 9:00am and ends at St Paul's Church, Rossmore Road. All parishioners are welcome to attend. All children who would like to be part of the Passion Procession are asked to contact Sr Brigid at: srbrigid@gmail.com.

Holy Places. On Good Friday we will be taking a collection for the Holy Places of Palestine.

Wintershall 'The Passion of Christ'

live in Trafalgar Square, Friday 29 March. Performances are at 12 noon and 3:15pm. No tickets or booking are required. The 90-minute performances are completely free of charge. For more details visit: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/passion-jesus> and please see the poster in the porch.

A Day with Mary will be held at St Mary Magdalen, Whetstone on Saturday 6 April. The day will include a procession with Our Lady, holy rosary, consecration, sermons, enrolment in the brown scapular, conferment of the miraculous medal, Eucharistic adoration and procession with the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome. Please see the poster in the porch.