

OUR LADY'S,
ST JOHN'S WOOD &
OUR LADY OF THE
ROSARY, MARYLEBONE

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SERVICE TIMES

St John's Wood

Sunday Mass

6:00pm (Sat), 9:00am (Sung),
10:30am (Sung Latin),
12noon (Sung),
6:00pm

Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday &
Saturday 10:00am;
Thursday 7:00pm

Confessions

Saturday 10:30am - 11:00am
5:15pm - 5:45pm

Marylebone

Sunday Mass

6:00pm (Sat),
11:00am (Sung Family Mass)

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
12:30pm

Confessions

New Time

Saturday 5:15pm-5:45pm

+ PENTECOST SUNDAY

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You only get one life. Live it!

This phrase is something of the mantra for the world at present. That our lives need to be filled with moments and experiences if we can say we've made the most of it. Likewise, we're often told our work needs to be fulfilling each and every moment and our homes need to be picture-perfect. To fail in these is to somehow sell ourselves short, to reduce our value or our self-worth.

Living life in this way, centred only on ourselves and satisfying our wants, certainly can be attractive. But is it really satisfying? Many people reminisce about the parents or grandparents who had a lot less material wealth than they did, had far more responsibility but appeared to be far happier and at peace with life.

The answer of why perhaps lies in our second reading: St Paul speaks of the spirit of self-indulgence not providing peace or satisfaction but jealousy, anger, unhappiness, idolatry and cheapening of our love and bodies. By contrast, the Holy Spirit gives love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. To foster this spirit self-indulgence, Paul says, must be crucified.

Now that doesn't mean we can't indulge in things we enjoy. Whether that be polishing off a bag of Maltesers, a week's holiday to the sun or even watching a football match (for those who enjoy that sort of thing). But it does mean we can't live our lives only focusing on indulging every whim. Such a life doesn't bring fulfilment but is painfully hollow. It lacks the gift of love at the heart of it, which sustains us when difficulties and challenges come.

We only get one life on this earth and we should live it to the full. But live it with lives filled with love. Eager to risk forgiving those we've been wronged by, keen to make a lifelong commitment in marriage, being open to children or caring for our elderly. Such life in the spirit will indeed change us, but in lives centred on love and filled with the spirit that change will only be for the better.

Crowning of Our Lady will take place at Our Lady of the Rosary at 11am Mass on 26 May. All are invited to bring flowers for the occasion and to support our First Holy Communion children who will be taking a leading role.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Deacon Robert Smialek's Ordination

Westminster Cathedral at 10:30am
on Saturday 29 June.

Deacon Robert Smialek's First Mass

Our Lady's St John's Wood at
12:00 noon on Sunday 30 June

Canon Kevin Jordan's Silver Jubilee

Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 years of
priesthood on Wednesday 3 July at
7:00pm. The Right Reverend George
Stack, Archbishop-Emeritus of
Cardiff to preach.

PARISH NOTICES

First Communion/Confirmation

2024. Thank you very much to all who have worked so hard in so many ways to make our First Holy Communion Masses and the Confirmation Mass recently so beautiful. This has involved the commitment of catechists over many weeks, as well as the administration, cleaning, flower and music planning. 43 children have received the Body of Christ for the first time, and 18 young people have received the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. May God bless you all.

Formation of an SVP Conference at Our Lady of the Rosary, Marylebone.

This weekend a representative of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be talking to us about how you can follow Christ's teaching to love your neighbours as yourself. There are many local neighbours who face poverty, loneliness and isolation - and the SVP can give you the means to turn your concern into action by helping them. The SVP can provide much needed practical support to those living in poverty. Members are needed to ensure that this work continues to grow and flourish. We urge anyone who has time to offer, to work with the SVP by becoming a volunteer.

Tea/Coffee

St John's Wood - After the 9:00am Sunday Mass.

Marylebone - After the 11:00am Sunday Mass 2 June, 30 June and 14 July.

This is a lovely way for parishioners to broaden their friendships. It would be wonderful if we had some more volunteers at both parishes. Please contact Kathleen in the parish office if you can help.

Annual Eucharistic Octave and Central London Corpus Christi Procession.

The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, *Corpus Christi*, Maiden Lane, will again be hosting a Eucharistic Octave from 25 May to 2 June. This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi* and includes the celebration of Masses in the various Rites of the Church and the *Quarant'Ore* devotions. Full details are available at: <https://catholicengland.org/programme/> and the poster in the porch.

World Day for Children.

Pope Francis, has established an annual World Day for Children which will be kept over the weekend of 25th and 26th May. To participate as a parish, school or family go to: <https://www.worldchildrenday.org/> The Holy Father has also published his first message for children, a copy of which can be found on the notice board in the porch.

SVP Conference at St James Spanish Place

urgently need volunteers to take part in a bike ride on 9 June and to organise their next charity ball. Both events will raise much needed funds for their twice weekly 'Soup Runs.' Please see poster in the porch.

Congratulations

to our parish school, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Following their recent OFSTED Inspection the school was judged to be *OUTSTANDING* in all areas. '*St Joseph's is a nurturing and inclusive school community. It values and celebrates each and every pupil as a unique individual*'. The report is available on the school website. Thank you to the teachers, staff, parents and all those who contributed to this wonderful achievement.

