

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 10:00am
Thursday 7:00pm

Confessions

Saturday 5:15pm - 5:45pm

Marylebhone

Sunday Mass

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

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
12:30pm

Confessions

Saturday 5:15pm-5:45pm

Adoration

Saturday 3pm-5.30pm

+ TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Parish Karaoke

Around the time that our two parishes began to share their priests I pointed out that many churches in rural parts of our country were already doing this. But in the past year that trend has, needs must, taken root not only in Hertfordshire and the suburbs, but in the heart of our own Diocese. For example, Stephendale Road in Fulham is now run by the priests in Brook Green; Parsons Green is served by White City; Sacred Heart church in Horseferry Road has effectively closed, and so on. Further similar pairings will necessarily occur in the next few months.

But I am not moaning nor is there any need for panic. Rather, having addressed and dealt with most of the practical issues affecting the buildings, staffing and finances in this pairing, we have developed an established routine of celebrating the Sacraments, visiting our schools and the housebound, and being available for whatever you might wish to discuss, among many other things.

Yes, it seems to work quite well but there is little room for "extras". This was most noticeable in the arrangement of the three funerals we had in the past fortnight.

The limited availability of undertakers and gravediggers or crematoria meant there was already a delay forced upon grieving families. But the current Mass schedule meant that with one priest here (because even we get holidays and a day-off each week), and one priest might well be the case here permanently, we could really only put those loved ones to rest on a Tuesday or a Thursday.

So there are two things to do. The first is to get a volunteer sacristan for Marylebhone who can set up for Mass if an already stretched supply priest is available. Moreover, we plan to contact all those of you who generously volunteered for a variety of roles in recent months to share the load with us. The second thing is to look again at the provision of Masses and their attendance in two churches just a 15-minute walk apart and consider the timings of other Masses close by in consultation with our brother priests in the Deanery.

We are not alone in this and must all pray for vocations and guidance for our future as we sing along with Fagin, "I think I'd better think it out again".

Canon Kevin

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage
19 - 26 July 2024.

Fr Robert Smialek's First Mass
Saints Peter and Paul
Sunday 30 June, 12:00noon
Our Lady's, St John's Wood

Canon Kevin Jordan's Silver Jubilee
Feast of St Thomas
Wednesday 3 July, 7:00pm
Our Lady's, St John's Wood

PARISH NOTICES

Tea & Coffee.

St John's Wood after the 9:00am Sunday Mass today.

Marylebone after the 11:00am Sunday Mass, 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 in both parishes. This would mean that the workload would be more evenly shared. Please contact Kathleen in the parish office if you can help.

UCM Meeting in St John's Wood on Monday 24 June in the Upper Hall featuring a make-up demonstration. All are welcome.

Ordinations to the Priesthood in Westminster Cathedral. Please pray for Robert and the other two men who will be ordained for our diocese to the priesthood by the Cardinal this Saturday 29 June at 10:30am. May they dedicate themselves to the service of the Church and faithful celebration of the Sacraments. Please ensure that you arrive early to secure a seat.

No Saturday 10am Mass 29 June, due to the ordination of the new priests of the diocese at the Cathedral.

Father Robert Smialek's First Mass will be at Our Lady's, St John's Wood, at 12:00 noon on Sunday 30 June followed by celebrations in the Upper Hall.

A second Collection for 'Peter's Pence' takes place next weekend, 29/30 June. The Peter's Pence Collection is for the Pope's fund to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters and others in need of emergency assistance. The proceeds of the collection, are used to assist the Holy Father in this work.

Canon Kevin Jordan's Silver Jubilee Celebration is on Wednesday 3 July at 7:00pm. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 years of priesthood. All are welcome to attend. The Right Reverend George Stack, Archbishop-Emeritus of Cardiff, will preach. A bring-and share celebration will follow in the Upper Hall.

A Day with Mary takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 13 July starting at 9:45am. Please see the poster in the porch for the full schedule of the day.

St Peter's Italian Church will be continuing a tradition started in 1883 of holding an Annual Procession in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sunday 21 July at 3:30pm outside St. Peter's Italian Church, Clerkenwell Road, EC1. Before and after the procession there will be a *Sagra* with food, drinks and activities. Please see the poster in the porch

Legacy Gifts. You might like to consider how you could make a lasting impact by supporting the the Diocese of Westminster, your parish or an aspect of our outreach in your will. We all benefit in some way from the kindness of legacy gifts. For more information visit: <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/legacy/>. Leaflets are also available at the back of our churches.

Mass Intentions. Thank you for your greatly appreciated Mass intentions. The Sacrifice of Christ brings our prayers right to the heart of the Father. There can be no greater gift for another person. If you would like one offered, please either take a Mass offering envelope from the church and place it in the collection or contact stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk or 020 7286 3214. The offering suggested by the Diocese is £10 per Mass.