

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

St John's Wood

Sunday Mass

6:00pm (Sat, Vigil),
9:00am,
12:15pm,
6:00pm

Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &
Saturday 10:00am

Stations of the Cross

Saturday 9:30am

Adoration

Saturday 10.30am - 11.00am

Confessions

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

Marylebone

Sunday Mass

10:45am (Sung)

Weekday Mass

Monday & Wednesday 12:30pm
Friday 6:30pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday 5:00pm

Confessions & Adoration

Friday 5:30pm - 6:20pm

+ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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Facing the Facts

So many priests turned up for responsibility for opening and closing the churches. Archbishop Moth's installation last Saturday that the processions from the sacristy – timed to military precision – were delayed. This meant that the canons were "held" with the bishops for about 10 minutes. Without downplaying the prayerfulness before the liturgy, it was nice to talk with members of our episcopate that I don't often see – my "other" bishop from rural East Anglia, our former auxiliaries who are now shepherding their own dioceses, etc. But in talking with the Cardinal and Bishop Hudson I was reminded that the last conversations we had together were about how to run these two great parishes with one priest. They were glad our plans are working out. Last week, it was suggested we might do something extra this Lent. Among the many valuable ministries are the teams in both parishes of volunteers to set up for Mass, clear up afterwards and prepare for the next liturgy. They are also essential for welcoming visiting priests – some weeks we have Fr Brian O'Mahoney to ease the burden of four Sunday Masses and this week the Spiritans are making their annual mission appeal. Then there are times when I am on leave or retreat and these teams take on

These wonderful fellow parishioners of yours are working with those more regularly available on both sites to build up their confidence for when those who do these ministries most often are away, sick or move on as paid posts change with legislation with which we must comply. But those volunteers are quite small in number. So, please consider taking on these roles at the Mass which you attend. It only requires a few minutes of preparation and the coordinators and I will happily make time to show you what needs to be done. Similarly, do you pass the churches on your way to work or on the way home so that you could open them or close them? You don't even have to be resident in either parish. As the bishops and I discussed, it is working at the moment. But it is important that more of you take responsibility so that "your priest can be a priest" as archbishop Moth desires. You see it's not just the regular volunteers who might not be around all the time – one bishop who has known me since I was a teenager said, "Kevin, you always look so tired now." And that's a new reality which, reluctantly, you and I can no longer ignore. *Canon Kevin*

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PARISH DIARY

Children's Liturgy of the Word

SJW - 9:00am, term time

Tea and Coffee

SJW- after 9:00am Mass,
term time

MB - 15 March

Parent/Toddler Group - SJW

Upper hall

9:30am - 11:30am Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday,
term time

Legion of Mary - MB

after 12:30pm Mass,
Wednesdays

English Conversation Group - SJW

Upper hall

10:00am - 12:00pm
Monday 23 February

PARISH NOTICES

Spiritans' Mission Appeal will take place at both parishes this weekend. Founded in 1703, the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) are a Roman Catholic religious congregation inspired by Luke 4:18 to serve the poor, promote justice and peace, and care for creation. Today, over 3,000 Spiritans minister in more than 60 countries, serving in parishes, schools, hospitals, prisons, and refugee communities where the need is greatest. As Pope Francis reminded us, we serve "in simplicity, respecting peoples and cultures," and reaching the most abandoned with fraternity and prayer. Please see the poster and QR code in the porches and give generously to keep this mission alive.

Mass of Welcome for Archbishop Richard will take place at Our Lady & Saint Joseph church (Kingsland parish), 100a Balls Pond Rd, London N1 4AG, on Wednesday 25 February at 6:30pm. Archbishop Richard looks forward to welcoming members of both our congregations there.

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 27 February. Catholics are asked to fast on this day and donate the money saved to CAFOD. This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church next week, and our parish CAFOD volunteers will speak after all Masses next weekend.

Saint Christina's is a co-educational independent prep school in St John's Wood for boys and girls ages 3-11. They warmly invite you to their open morning on Wednesday 11 March, from 9:15am to 11:30am. To reserve your place, please email at: headteacherspa@saintchristinas.org.uk or call 020 7722 8784.

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14 March. For further information visit: <https://www.adaywithmary.org/> or please see the poster in the porch.

Young Adults Lent Retreat Day with the Assumption Sisters takes place on Saturday 21 March from 10:00am – 6:00pm at Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH. The programme includes talks, prayer, adoration and confessions, faith-sharing, Mass and social time. Register by scanning the QR code on the poster in the porches or email: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org.

The Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 23 May at 2:30pm. Archbishop Moth invites couples celebrating a 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and over 60) Catholic wedding anniversary in 2026. If this applies to you, email: stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk with the following details: husband's and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address, email or telephone number by Thursday 16 April.

Musical Pilgrimage on the Augustine Camino 8 - 14 June. Join a walking pilgrimage setting off from Rochester Cathedral to the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate, covering about 10 miles a day through the beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a short concert in a pub along the route. For more details please see the poster in the porches or contact Eddie. Email at: gileag@gmail.com or visit: www.eddiegilmore.org

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Registration for this year's Pilgrimage (17 – 24 July) is now open. Secure your spot by visiting: <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/>