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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

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A Podium Finish?

One of the oldest Catholic jokes comes from a poor translation of Christ saying, "Lazarus, come out." It reads instead, "Come forth, Lazarus,." The punchline is, "But he came fifth." Jokes aside, the story of the raising of Lazarus gives us much hope but not for the reasons we might think. Remember, Christ has not yet died and risen so sin and death have not been conquered as far as human time is concerned. But all the shadows of what we hope for us and our loved ones are there.

First, there is the time Lazarus has been in the tomb. It is not just one day more than Christ but an indication that we will have to wait an unknown time for the general resurrection when our bodies will, hopefully, be brought to new life. It also gives an indication of time that must be spent in purgatory, the final purification before we are worthy to stand before God and be with Him forever. Indeed, Martha points this out when she speaks of Lazarus rising on the last day. We must be patient in waiting for the ultimate reward for ourselves and our relatives and friends.

Secondly, Jesus weeps showing that death really is something undesirable because it is the result of sin. Moreover, Christ's pain might be all the more acute – at once man

and God, He feels the separation from a generally good man like Lazarus at both levels of His being. Thirdly, everyone hears Christ telling people to move the stone. When He rises, the women already find the stone has been rolled away without any audible Divine intervention nor physical effort by a human being. Lazarus and we need God's help, His command, to escape from death. Fourthly, Christ's graveclothes are found in the tomb but Lazarus is still wrapped in his. Those grave clothes, if death is the punishment for our sins, show that Lazarus is still bound by his transgressions. It is a reminder that Christ's victory is not yet fully won at this point in the gospel and a prompt to try and keep ourselves in a state of grace by adhering to the teachings of Christ and His Church and going to confession as soon as we fall. After all, we never know when we will be called "home" by the Lord. Finally, consider what isn't in the Gospel today – Lazarus died again. In this story he was resuscitated to his earthly body, not resurrected to an incorruptible body as Jesus will be. The raising of Lazarus is not that for which we hope. But to believe in Christ and die yet live is our goal. And the journey to that resurrection isn't a race: just finishing it makes you an absolute winner. *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 - 12 April

Parent/Toddler Group - SJW

Upper hall

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

Legion of Mary - MB

after 12:30pm Mass,
Wednesdays

PARISH NOTICES

A Holy Week and Easter Week leaflet with the times of all Masses and confessions for the remainder of Lent and the Easter Octave is available to take home with you. Please give them to anyone thinking of coming to our parishes over Easter.

Easter Offering. This week you can 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, please sign up for the Holy Week and Easter liturgies outside the sacristy in St John's Wood and in the porch at Marylebone. Thank you.

Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) for the children takes place in the church garden after the 9:00am Mass until 11:30am today. Tickets are £5 per child. All are welcome.

Tuesday 31 March Mass will be at 9:00am as Canon Kevin has go to the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral.

Big Church Clean at 6:30pm on Wednesday 1 April in St John's Wood. Easter treats provided. All are welcome to help. Please contact Kathleen in the parish office.

Wintershall 'The Passion of Jesus', live in Trafalgar Square, Good Friday 3 April. Free performances are at 12:15pm and 3:15pm. Livestreamed at: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-passion-of-jesus-2026/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Registration is open until 30 April at: <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173.

Volunteers are needed at Our Lady of the Rosary, Marylebone, to help open the church, prepare for Mass, and close afterward—especially on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. This is a simple but important way to support our parish and help ensure the church is ready to welcome everyone for Mass. Thank you so much to those who have already volunteered. We do, however, need more help. If you can offer your time please contact either Maureen at: mbvolsupport@rcdow.org.uk or Kathleen in the parish office at: stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you so much for supporting our parish community - *WE NEED YOU!*

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2026/2027 tax year for existing users from both parishes are available to collect from the porches today. The new envelopes begin on Sunday 12 April. Please consider using envelopes or a standing order for your offertory donations, and Gift Aid your contribution which benefits the parish by 25p for every £1 you give at no extra cost. Contact Asha at: stjohnswoodbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk, if you have any questions regarding planning your giving.

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 a Mass to be offered, please take a Mass offering envelope from the church and place it in the collection, or hand it to a member of the clergy. Alternatively, you may email Kathleen in the parish office at: stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 020 7286 3214. The offering suggested by the Diocese is £10 per Mass. Payment can be made either in cash at the parish office at St John's Wood or online at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/donate/>