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

St John's Wood

Palm Sunday Mass:

6:00pm (Sat, procession, sung with senior choir) 9:00am (Sung), 12:15pm (sung with junior choir) & 6:00pm

Palms blessed & distributed at all Masses

Monday: 10:00am, **Tuesday:** 9:00am
Wednesday: 10:00am

Maundy Thursday:

7:30pm (Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper) Watching at the Altar of Repose until 11:00pm concluding 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, 12:15pm (sung with senior choir) & 6:00pm

Holy Week Confessions

Monday 9:00am - 9:45am

Tuesday: 8:00am - 8:45am

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Marylebone

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

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Come and Have a Go If You Think You're Hard Enough

Every Mass is the liturgy of Maundy Thursday, of Good Friday and of Holy Saturday – plus that of the Ascension – rolled into one. The unfolding of the highs and lows of the Paschal Mystery of Christ over three days and then forty more is concertinaed into one hour. And the Mass of Palm Sunday does this par excellence, To wit, we begin with joy: cloaks spread on the road, branches cut from the fields, and voices lifted in praise singing and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” as Jesus enters Jerusalem. He does so not as a conquering hero, but in humility on a donkey, fulfilling the prophecy of a peaceful king. It is a scene full of hope and expectation. Yet the liturgy turns and within moments we find ourselves standing at the foot of the cross and alongside the same crowd no longer crying, “Hosanna” in welcome but, “Crucify Him!” in rejection. Our king does not impose power but offers Himself in love. In a world that values strength, control, and success, Jesus overturns expectations and reveals that true authority is found in self-giving humility, in mercy, and in sacrifice. Those palms we carry are not just symbols of celebration; they also point us toward the cross. Now for us good Catholics, it is tempting to distance ourselves from

this, to imagine that we would have remained faithful. But Palm Sunday harshly challenges us to “act out” how we welcome Christ with enthusiasm one moment only to turn away when discipleship becomes difficult. And we will do this because unless you go for the whole of the coming year without committing a single sin, you'll want me to turn those very palms you wave today into ashes for 10 February 2027. Be realistic - these palms remind us that following Christ is not just about moments of joy and praise, but also about walking with him through challenges, through suffering, uncertainty, and sacrifice and failing. Holy Week is not something we can observe from a distance—it is something all Christians should enter into fully. We must walk the whole path from the triumphal entry to Calvary, to the cross to which our sins have nailed Him, and to the hope of the Resurrection. To come today and then next Sunday alone fulfils our obligation. But it evades Christ's call for honesty: about our fickle loyalty and that despite this, we should trust in the steadfast love of God which never wavers. So have the courage, faith and hope to walk the entirety of this holiest week of perfect love with Christ. *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

Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parishes for their wonderful generosity when they visited earlier in March. Donations totalling £2,128 were made which will enable *Mary's Meals* to feed 111 children one good meal every school day for a whole year. Thank you so much for your support. Please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all.

A Holy Week and Easter Week leaflet, containing the times of all Masses and confessions for the remainder of Lent and the Easter Octave, is available at the back of our churches. Please take a copy and share it with anyone who may be 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.

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.

Good Friday Walk of Witness starts at St John's Wood Church, Prince Albert Road, at 9:15am. All parishioners are welcome to attend. All children who would like to be part of the Passion procession are asked to please email Sr Brigid at: srbrigid@gmail.com.

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/>

Holy Places. On Good Friday we will be taking a collection for the holy places of Palestine. Thank you for your support.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory takes place on Saturday 11 April led by the Marian Fathers as a preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. The coach will leave Ealing Broadway station at 7:30am and depart from Aylesford at 5:00pm. Telephone Millie on 07957 594 646 if you would like to join.

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.

Beginning Experience weekend will take place from 8 - 10 May at Worth Abbey, West Sussex, RH1 4SB. Beginning Experience is a peer-support ministry to the widowed, separated and divorced. Led by trained volunteers, these weekends encourage participants to deal with the natural process of grief and loneliness. For details, please contact Mary on 07730 884 315 or email: BeginningExperience.soe@gmail.com

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 pick up your box of envelopes this weekend, if you have not already done so. Email Asha at: stjohnswoodbookkeeper@rcdow.org.uk, if you have any questions regarding planning your giving to our parishes.

Parish Office will be open next week on Monday and Tuesday from 9:00am until 4:30pm, and on Wednesday from 9:30am until 3:30pm. It will reopen on Tuesday, 7 April.