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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

**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

**Confessions & Adoration**

Friday 5:30pm - 6:20pm

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Marylebone

+FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
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**Back to School**

Dr Fernandes-Viana and Miss Donnellan at St Joseph's had a meeting with the diocese's RE advisor last Friday. Mr Smith and Mrs Gomes at St Edward's will have the same in June. Both schools very kindly invite me along for part of this, and to avoid displaying my complete ignorance, one of the things I swotted up on before the meeting was the Religious Education Directory.

This term's topic is, "To the Ends of the Earth" in which the children are age-appropriately taught about the events following the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They study the missionary work of the apostles in establishing the early Church and learn how the Catholic Church grew to what it is today, specifically the way in which its liturgy, structures and sacraments, flow from the early Church and make it truly apostolic.

As part of that, in years five and six, there is an introduction to the sacrament of confirmation which 16 of our parishes' young people, many of them former students in our two schools, will celebrate this weekend. This sacrament is the completion of Christian initiation and was alluded to at baptism – "in confirmation [they] will receive the fulness of God's Holy Spirit." (Rite of Baptism for Children, 147) And while part of this

rite is the confirmandii (candidates) renewing their Baptismal promises, the directory reminds us that confirmation is not primarily about a young person accepting for themselves the promises made for them at baptism. Rather, the term "confirmation" comes from the Latin confirmare meaning "to strengthen". Thus, in this sacrament, the maturing adult is strengthened in their Christian life by the Holy Spirit and the outpouring of the fulness of His gifts – knowledge, wisdom, understanding, right judgement, counsel, piety and fear of the Lord – into their lives.

The Church teaches that at confirmation those same gifts received at baptism are increased. But while at baptism they were given primarily to unite the individual to God in holiness and love, in confirmation they are given more for the benefit of others, to help us spread and defend the Faith. So may our young people, and all who have been confirmed live out the words of Lumen Gentium 11, and "be more perfectly bound to the Church... [and endowed] with special strength...to spread and defend the Faith, both by word and by deed, as true witnesses of Christ," no matter how rusty our knowledge might be. *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** - 10 May

### 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

**Spiritans' Mission Appeal.** We have just received a letter on behalf of Fr Brendan Aroh from the Spiritans: "*On behalf of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers), may I offer our sincere thanks and gratitude for your parishes' kind generosity in response to our mission appeal that took place recently. With gratitude, we received £1,008.80 from your parishes. This amount will greatly increase our ability to bring Christ to the poorest and most neglected, responding to their cries for help.*" Thank you very much for your generosity.

### Pastoral Letter – Day of Prayer for

**Vocations.** Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, is the Church's annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. To mark this occasion, Archbishop Richard has written a pastoral letter to be read at all Masses. He also invites us to begin a month-long cycle of prayer for vocations to the priesthood.

### Priest Training Fund – Supporting

**Future Priests.** Today there will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund. This fund supports the formation of men responding to God's call to serve as priests in our diocese. Their journey involves years of preparation - human, spiritual, and pastoral - equipping them to serve parish communities in the years ahead. Your support helps make this formation possible. If you are able, please give generously in today's collection or donate online at: <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/priests-training-fund/> or via the QR code on the available envelopes and poster. Please continue to pray for vocations and for those currently in formation.

**Celebrate Trust Webinar: Confident Parenting in a World of Screens** takes place on 29 April at 8:00pm.

Worried about the impact of phones and social media on your teen? A helpful webinar with Kate Duroux from Care for the Family, offering practical advice for supporting teenagers growing up in a digital world. To reserve your place, book at: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting>

### An Ecumenical Service of Evening Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

on Thursday 30 April, 7:00pm, at Our Lady of Victories Church, will be led by Bishop James Curry and Fr Nigel Wollen, with an address by Dr Harry Hagopian. All are welcome.

### Rest in Peace, Bernadette Hutchins.

Requiem Mass at Our Lady, St John's Wood on Tuesday 5 May at 12:30pm with cremation at West London Crematorium at 2:00pm.

### Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella.

On Friday 8 May at 6:30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, Marylebone will have the privilege of hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella on their tour around England and Wales to mark the saint's 300th anniversary. St Gerard, a Redemptorist lay-brother from Southern Italy, died at only 29, but was known as a great wonder-worker even during his lifetime. He is popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive, and those looking for work. All are welcome to come and pray before his relics, take part in Mass, and receive a blessing. Please see the posters in the porches for further details.

### Procession of Our Lady of Willesden

takes place on Sunday 10 May at 3:00pm. The Preacher will be Fr Nigel Woollen, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. The intention of the procession is the 'Protection of London', and for 'Peace'. Please see the poster in the porches.