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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

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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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You Only Live Twice

Our class teacher asked us to bring in all the gifts we received for our First Holy Communion. "Did you get a prayer book, Kevin?" "Yes, Miss, and a James Bond car." "Did you get a rosary?" "Yes, Miss, and a James Bond car." "What about holy prayer cards?" "Lots of them. And a James Bond car." Totally failing to impress my teacher, said car remained untouched in its box. Over the next two weekends, those children in our parish who have made their First Confession will celebrate their First Holy Communion. I wonder what they will value the most?

I say this because the Gospel at those Masses will be the same as this Sunday's story in which two disciples walk downcast in confusion and sorrow at the death of Christ on the road to Emmaus. Yet for all their longing to be with Him again, they do not recognize the risen Lord even when He begins to walk alongside them, empathises with their sadness, and explains how the scriptures should give them hope. However, when He breaks the bread, when He "celebrates Mass", they do know Him. This beautifully reveals the deep connection between the Resurrection and the Eucharist in two ways. Firstly, this moment reminds us that the Eucharist is not a symbol, but a living encounter with

the risen Lord. We may not "see" Jesus in the person of the priest nor in the bread and wine, but we believe He is truly present when the priest says and does as Christ commanded His apostles at the Last Supper. And of course we believe that, since transubstantiation is a lot easier than rising out of the grave! Secondly, that they failed to identify Jesus shows that the risen life is not just a rerun of this one. We, like Christ, will live in a different way that is not bound by the limitations of this world. Christ does indeed live twice, but the resurrected life is different to the previous one not least in that we will never die.

When we attend Mass and receive Communion for the first or umpteenth time, Christ walks with us, speaks to us, and feeds us. Christ could not be closer. Just as the disciples came to know the risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread, so too do we meet Him as the source of joy and new life in a real and personal way through the Eucharist. It is a gift freely given—not one we earn—and one we must receive with deep gratitude and wonder. My Aston Martin DB5, with its bullet proof screens and working ejector seat, was dead cool, but there is no greater gift than the Eucharist whatever your age. *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

English Conversation Group - SJW

Upper hall 10:00am - 12:00pm
Monday 20 April

PARISH NOTICES

Thank You to everyone who helped make our churches so beautiful and our liturgies so prayerful throughout Holy Week, the Easter Triduum and on Easter Sunday. May God reward your generosity in sharing your gifts and talents. We are also extremely grateful for the many kindnesses you have shown to us in the presbytery. Your Easter offerings have been incredibly generous, and we thank you sincerely for your support. If you still wish to contribute, donations can be made online via the parish websites:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/donating-to-the-parish/> or

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/marylebone/donate/>.

If you are a taxpayer, please complete the Gift Aid form available on these pages. Standing orders remain the easiest way to give regularly, and can also be set up on these websites. Whatever and however you give to us and to those in need, please be assured of our prayers. May God bless you and your loved ones this Easter and always.

Missio Red Box "Thank You" and Appeal.

Fr Bernie Luna MHM wishes to thank the parishes for their welcome and generous response to the Red Box Appeal last weekend. If you did not get a chance to collect a Red Box or direct debit form, please contact *Missio* at: www.missio.org.uk

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2026.

Children from both parishes will shortly receive the Lord for the first time over two Saturdays: 25 April and 2 May, marking an important step in their journey of faith. On Sunday 26 April our young people from both parishes will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Please keep all the children, young people, their families and catechists in your prayers at this special time. May the Lord bless them and guide them all as they continue on their lifelong journey towards Catholic maturity.

Priest Training Fund. Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place to support the formation of men preparing for the Catholic priesthood, as well as the ongoing enrichment and development of our ordained priests. Donation envelopes will be available in the church next weekend. You will also be able to donate via the QR code which will be on the poster/envelope and online at: www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

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.

JP2 Football Cup.

Are you a young man aged 18–35 who enjoys a good game of football with fellow faith-filled friends? Why not join the Youth Ministry's annual men's football tournament for the John Paul II Cup on 6 June 2026? Each team will need at least 10 players to qualify. Don't have a team? Get in touch and they can help allocate you to a team or find you some players. Or want to volunteer to be a referee? For more information please email: youth@rcdow.org.uk or visit: <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/jp2-cup-2026>

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage for Young Adults to Vilnius, Lithuania with the Assumption group

from 6-12 June. Take part in the World Apostolic Congress on Mercy, an international Catholic gathering held in the birthplace of the Divine Mercy devotion. Cost: £600, plus travel. Register by 30 April. For more information please visit: www.assumpta-eu.org/divine-mercy-pilgrimage-in-vilnius/ or email: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org.