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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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Who, Me?

People often call me "Father", apologise, and say, "Canon." I don't mind either, especially as when asked how he should be addressed on becoming Archbishop of Westminster, Basil Hume replied, "I can cope with anything apart from, 'Hey you!'" On that note, we heard last week how the Good Shepherd calls "his sheep by name and leads them." Even today the Lord invites each of us to follow Him in a particular way. Only by responding positively to this call can our hearts find rest. And I found that peace in a vocation to the priesthood.

As our current Archbishop wrote, without the priesthood there would be no Mass, indeed, no sacraments at all. For this reason, priestly vocations are everyone's business. And rather than relying on religious orders and priests from overseas, we need to raise up more men for the priesthood from our own local church. But we're not. So, is the problem, that God is calling fewer to the priesthood? No it is not: God is still calling, but many are not able to discern His call. And when a vocation goes unanswered it is a sadness for the one who does not respond, and a sadness for the entire Church to have lost that man as a priest.

You see, God, in His loving providence, gives to the Church all

she needs. Therefore, the challenge today is not a lack of vocations, but rather a lack of responses.

Thus, we cannot limit the horizons of the young by asking only, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" We must also ask "and what do you think God wants you to be?" We must help them look beyond careers and professions to discern if God's call received in Baptism to be holy lies in the priesthood. And we must encourage not just the young because God calls people at all ages. Hence I ask every unmarried man who reads this to consider if Jesus is calling you to the priesthood.

The Archbishop also asked each of us to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for vocations in our diocese. There are prayer resources available in the porches to help you with this and the times of adoration are to the left of this piece. Far too many calls from God fall by the wayside due to peer pressure, or lack of encouragement so all of us have a part to play in encouraging vocations in our parishes, schools, and among fellow parishioners.

I hope many young of all ages will be open to hearing Christ call their names and willingly offer themselves for the priesthood in our diocese, whatever title by which they are currently addressed. *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

Priest Training Fund. Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You can also donate using the QR code on the envelopes, or poster in the porch, or you can make a donation online at: <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/priest-s-training-fund/> Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

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 celebrate the saint's 300th anniversary. St Gerard was a Redemptorist lay-brother from the South of Italy, born in 1726. He 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. Come along to pray in front of his relics, participate in Mass, and receive a blessing with his relics. Please see the poster in the porches for details.

The SVP Foodbank Collection takes place next weekend. Please leave non-perishable items on the table in the porches. Thank you.

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.

Rest in Peace, Rosita Galcon.

Requiem Mass at Our Lady, St John's Wood, on Monday 11 May at 1:30pm with cremation at West London Crematorium at 3:00pm.

The Tyburn Martyrs Walk will take place on Sunday 17 May. Meet at 1.30pm in the churchyard of St Giles-in-the-Fields and you will walk to the site of the Tyburn gallows, honouring the courageous Catholic martyrs who met their deaths there in the 16th and 17th centuries. The walk will finish with Benediction and tea at Tyburn Convent. Please email: info@tyburnmartyrswalk.co.uk to confirm your attendance. For more information please visit the website at: www.catholichistorywalks.com

Celebrate Trust Webinar: Raising Teenagers in a Catholic Family,

takes place on 2 June at 8:00pm. The beginning of adolescence is in many ways a "rebirth" of the child, and when this "rebirth" happens, many parents feel as if they are learning how to be a parent all over again! This is the great journey from childhood to adulthood, and it is not always an easy road for parent or child. But God always gives the grace parents need, and Mike and Alicia from the *Messy Family Project*, a Catholic family ministry from the US, remind parents of this fact. They also show empathy and give guidance on how to successfully navigate the tween and teen years by modelling for children the behaviour they wish to see in them and investing in the relationship on a deeper level. To reserve your place visit: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting>

Certificate of Practice Applications for St Michael's Grammar School.

Fr Kevin will be available on Tuesday 9 June from 7:00pm for this school's forms only. Please email the parish office at: stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk to arrange an appointment.