

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

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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
10:00am
Thursday, 10:00am & 7:30pm
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)

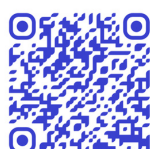
Weekday Mass

Monday 10:00am
, Wednesday 12:30pm, 6:30pm
Thursday 12:30pm
Friday 6:30pm

Confessions & Adoration

Friday 5:30pm - 6:20pm

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The Most Premier League

Most people in Suffolk are rejoicing that Ipswich Town have been promoted to the Premier League. Pub landlords in the town are not rejoicing quite so much because there are fewer games, fewer fixtures, in the top flight of English football each season so they won't make as much money in 2026/27.

We Catholic have "fixtures" that remain unchanged for the entirety of our lives on earth. One of them is named in the first precept of the Catholic Church: "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of Obligation" (CCC 2042, cf. Code of Canon Law, c.1247). This precept requires that Catholics attend Mass not simply once a month, not simply most Sundays, not simply whenever possible, not simply when it isn't inconvenient. To be a practicing Catholic, a Catholic must attend Mass each and every Sunday, and each and every holy day of obligation. As the great Archbishop Fulton Sheen put, it, "Most people today want a religion which suits the way they live rather than the one which makes demands upon them. Religion thus becomes a luxury like opera, not a responsibility like life." To treat these days as an option without a good reason is a grave or mortal sin which is incredibly sad because, unlike the opera, the Mass is free

and keeps us in such a state of grace as to be ready for eternal life.

This coming Thursday is the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a holyday of obligation. It is, 40 days after the Resurrection, the day on which Christ ascended bodily into heaven. It is the very thing we all hope for – to be, body and soul, with God as He is in His Kingdom for eternity. The preface of the Mass sums it up perfectly: "Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, He [Jesus] ascended...that we, His members, might be confident of following where He, our Head and Founder, has gone before."

That is why there are four Masses in our churches for this day. In Marylebone they are at 6:30pm on Wednesday evening and then on the day itself at 12:30pm. In St John's Wood, both are on the Thursday – at 10:00am and 7:30pm. And if you can't get to one of those, just ask and we will find the nearest Mass time to your school, college or place of work.

So see you on Thursday because whichever football team you follow, the only fixture we should really care about is the eternal one in the most premier place of all – heaven itself, where everyone wins and nobody can ever lose.

Canon Kevin

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PARISH DIARY

Children's Liturgy of the Word

SJW - 9:00am, term time
MB - 10 May

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

Radio Maria will be holding an appeal at all Masses next weekend. *Radio Maria* relies exclusively upon donations to keep broadcasting the Good News, please help them to carry on by donating via: <https://radiomariaengland.uk/donations/>

SVP Foodbank Collection takes place in both parishes this weekend. Please leave non-perishable items on the tables in the porches. Thank you.

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

The Ascension of the Lord, Thursday 14 May, is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 10:00am and 7:30pm in St John's Wood, and at 6:30pm (Vigil Mass on Wednesday 13 May) and 12:30pm (on Thursday 14 May) in Marylebone.

Procession and Crowning of our Blessed Lady will take place in Marylebone on 17 May at the end of 10:45am Mass. All our children are invited to participate and lead this. Feel free to bring flowers and join us for this wonderful occasion.

Rest in Peace, Thomas Waldron. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary, Marylebone on Friday 15 May at 2:30pm with cremation at Golders Green Crematorium at 4:00pm.

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. As children enter adolescence, parenting can feel brand new. Mike and Alicia from the Messy Family Project share faith-filled wisdom and practical tools to help parents guide their tweens and teens with patience, modelling, and stronger relationships. To reserve your place, please visit the website at: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting>

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 any information please email: youth@rcdow.org.uk or visit: <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/jp2-cup-2026/>

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 one offered, please either take a Mass offering envelope from the church and place it in the collection or contact Kathleen by emailing at: stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 020 7286 3214. The offering suggested by the Diocese is £10 per Mass. Payment can be made online or in cash either at the parish office at St John's Wood or by handing to one of the clergy.