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 & 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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A Hen's Tooth

Those who are able to attend Mass in St John's Wood during the weekdays for the last month or have had cause to visit the parish office might have noticed a new young face around the church and the presbytery. Those of you who also go to Marylebone might recognise him from Mass during the school holidays and Friday evening Mass as he has lived in the presbytery there for the past three years. He is a rare breed called a seminarian and will shortly begin formation for the Priesthood. He introduces himself thus:

"My name is Daniel O'Brien, and I have recently moved into the presbytery in St John's Wood, which will be my base for the foreseeable future. I was born in Enfield in 1999 to Ann and John, and three years later my younger brother was born.

After attending local Catholic schools, I studied Theology, Religion & Ethics at St Mary's University. During my time there, I also spent two years working at a West London parish as the catechetical coordinator. It was there that I developed a genuine love for parish life and began seriously exploring the possibility of a vocation.

After much prayer and discernment, I applied and was accepted for seminary formation for the Archdiocese of Westminster.

However, I ultimately withdrew, feeling that such an intense commitment was too much so soon after graduating.

Instead, I completed the *Teach First* training programme and, over the past five years, have taught at two Catholic secondary schools. Although I have greatly enjoyed teaching, my love of parish life has never gone away. With the support of the vocations director, I have successfully applied to return to seminary formation at the Royal English College in Valladolid, Spain.

My seminary life begins with a propaedeutic year before seminarians move on to their main studies. This coming year, I will be one of 31 students from around half a dozen countries, including three from our own diocese.

I look forward to getting to know many of you during my holidays when I am back in NW8. Please pray for me, as I will be praying for you!"

As the title of this piece suggests, seminarians are pretty rare these days. Yet it is a mark of the trust our former Cardinal and the current Archbishop have in us that we are asked to play a part in the formation of so many of our all too few future priests. I know we will repay that trust by supporting Daniel in the years to come.

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 - 11 October

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

Today is Home Mission Sunday when we are invited to pray for the work of evangelisation. The bishops of England and Wales encourage us to share the joy of knowing Jesus Christ in our homes, workplaces, friendships and everyday lives. As members of God's family, we are called to be missionary disciples, helping others discover the love of God and find their way home to Him. For resources please visit: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home-mission-sunday. with the main reflection from Abbot Hugh Allen O.Praem, Director of Mission for the Bishops' Conference.

Radio Maria UK. This weekend, after all Masses, a representative from *Radio Maria UK* will visit our parishes to tell us more about this important Catholic ministry and make an appeal for support. Donation envelopes are available in the pews. You can also donate online at: radiomaria.org.uk/donate or by phone: 0300 302 125. For more information, please pick up a flyer as you leave the Church or see the poster in the porches.

For those in both parishes applying to Catholic secondary schools and sixth forms, follow this link for admissions and please read the Guidance for Clergy document: https://catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/admissions. If you can meet the criteria for a priest to complete a Certificate of Catholic Practice form, contact Kathleen in the parish office to arrange an appointment. Appointments are available on Monday 28 September and Tuesday 20 October and will take place in the St John's Wood parish office. Appointments for Catholic nursery, infant and junior schools will be announced after the October half-term break.

Baptismal Preparation Class will be held at Our Lady's, St John's Wood, at 11:30am, on Saturday 24 October. Please contact the parish office to book a place.

Mary's Meals. You may remember our appeal before the summer holidays to collect foreign currency, as well as old UK coins and notes that are no longer legal tender. Special *Mary's Meals* envelopes are now available at the back of church. Please place your currency inside and post it through the presbytery door. *Mary's Meals* provides over 2.6 million children with a daily meal at school across 17 countries. Your forgotten currency could help feed the next hungry child, with meals costing as little as £19.15 per child per year. Thank you.

Volunteers - We Need You! Our parish relies on the kindness and generosity of our volunteers. We would like to welcome some new faces. Please consider if you could spare some time to help with any of the following ministries:

- Reading at Masses
- Cleaning the church
- Helping in the Church Repository
- Church Opening and closing and setting up for Mass
- Cash Counting;
- Tea and Coffee
- SVP (Society of St Vincent De Paul) volunteers particularly for transporting food to our local foodbank

If you would like to find out more, please contact Kathleen in the Parish Office who can put you in touch with the relevant ministry leader, who will be happy to explain what is involved, answer any questions and help you get started. Thank you to all our wonderful existing volunteers for everything you do to support our parish community.