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 - 6:15pm

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St John's Wood **Marylebone**

+Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Other Tapestries Are Not Available

Tuesday is the optional Memoria of St Edward to Confessor. In my first year in St John's Wood, 13 October fell on a Sunday. As well as being a patron of our diocese which would make the day a feast, St Edward is the principle patron of the City of Westminster which makes this day a solemnity of the highest order. Such a solemnity outranks the ordinary Sunday of the year so the readings etc. were not in the Mass books published for the whole world. Boy, did I get an earful for my "modern" ways from one parishioner.

St Edward the Confessor appears in the Bayeux Tapestry. At the very beginning, the elderly Edward sits crowned upon his throne, sending Harold Godwinson to Normandy to tell Duke William that he is to succeed Edward as King of England. Later, Harold returns from Normandy and tells Edward that he has sworn an oath to William while in Normandy. This oath becomes central to the Tapestry's story: when Harold later accepts the English crown, the Norman account portrays him as breaking his solemn promise. That is a very French view of things!

The most moving scenes come at Edward's death in January 1066. The king is shown lying in bed, surrounded by attendants. Then his body is carried in procession to Westminster Abbey (depicted with the hand of God above it), whose rebuilding was Edward's act of thanksgiving to God. Ironically, Edward died just days after the new church was consecrated.

These scenes are important because Edward's death sets the entire drama of 1066 in motion. He left no child to inherit the throne. Hence, Harold became king, William challenged his claim, and within months England was transformed by the Norman Conquest. Thus, St Edward is not a minor figure in the tapestry: his throne, his death and the question of who should succeed him provide the beginning and cause of the whole story.

History aside, remember that Edward is a saint. He prayed and attended Mass daily; he provided religious communities with money and land to house, feed and educate the poor and the sick; he stood outside his palace giving money to orphans and beggars. King Edward was a man of and for the people.

So, if you go and see the tapestry, ask our great patron to pray that leaders of today may imitate his example. Even better, go to Westminster Abbey and offer the same prayer at his tomb that we may be blessed with governments and rulers like St Edward the Confessor. *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

SVP Foodbank Collection takes place in both parishes this weekend. Please leave non-perishable items on the tables in the porches. Please ensure that all items are securely wrapped to prevent any spillages. Thank you so much for your support.

Preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2027. Application forms for both sacraments will be available to collect from Canon Kevin or Sr Brigid after Mass next weekend. Confirmation candidates must collect the forms themselves. Please post completed forms through the presbytery door at either parish by 12 noon on Tuesday 1 December.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support *Missio* – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, please use a *Missio* envelope (available at the back of the churches next weekend) or telephone 0207 821 9755 or visit missio.org.uk.

Procession of Our Lady of Willesden takes place on Sunday, 18 October, starting at 7:00pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, London, NW10 9AX. Join pilgrims in praying the Rosary for the gift of Vocations to the Diocese. Preacher will be Archbishop Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster.

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, please contact Kathleen in the parish office to arrange an appointment. The final day to book an appointment will be Tuesday 20 October.

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.

November is the month of the Holy Souls so from this weekend you can pick up an envelope and sheet as you leave the church on which to write the names of your deceased loved ones. Please return the sheet in the envelope, with any offering you may wish to include, to the presbytery. The sheets will be placed in our Book of Remembrance which will be in each sanctuary during November. Four Masses a week will be said for those whose names are listed there.

Solemnity of All Saints falls on Sunday 1 November and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Solemnity will be celebrated at all Sunday Masses including the Saturday Vigil.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Monday 2 November with Masses at 10:00am at St John's Wood and 12:30pm at Marylebone.

Volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has responded so generously to our recent call for new volunteers. We are always delighted to welcome new helpers. At present, we are particularly in need of some more volunteers to help with church cleaning. If you would be able to offer some time to this important ministry, please contact Kathleen in the parish office. Thank you once again to all our wonderful volunteers, both new and existing. Your time, commitment and generosity are greatly appreciated.