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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**

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A Voice for Religious Freedom: The Courage of Shahbaz Bhatti

What if coming to Mass could cost you your job? How would you react if wearing a cross put your life at risk? What would you do if professing your faith could lead to prison, violence or even death?

Evidence shows that Christians are the most persecuted faith community in the world today, oppressed in more countries than any other faith group.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN UK) is a pontifical charity for persecuted and suffering Christians, supporting thousands of projects in more than 140 countries. Your support sustains priests and religious, forms seminarians, provides emergency relief and keeps the faith alive where it is most threatened.

The growing threat of persecution is why ACN has launched its first global campaign: a petition to uphold the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion set out in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

On behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, Archbishop Richard Moth has added his voice, urging the UN and governments to protect people targeted for their faith. This is not only a Christian concern. It is a matter of human dignity, which belongs to every person created in the image of God.

ACN will hold an appeal at all Masses on the weekend of 24–25 October, where QR codes and petition forms will be available. You can also sign at acnuk.org/petition.

The focus of the appeal will be Pakistan, where a false accusation of blasphemy can destroy a life and a community. ACN recently supported the legal defence of two Christian nurses, finally acquitted after more than four years under the shadow of blasphemy charges. Theirs is a story of courage and unshakeable faith.

We are also honoured to welcome Peter Bhatti, brother of Servant of God Shahbaz Bhatti, Pakistan's former Minister for Minorities Affairs, who was assassinated in 2011 for defending religious freedom. Peter will speak in the parish hall at Our Lady's, St John's Wood, 54 Lodge Road, at 7:00pm on Sunday 25 October, after the 6:00pm Mass. Come and hear his witness of faith and hope. Refreshments available.

This November marks the 10th anniversary of #RedWednesday. Across the UK, churches and public buildings will be lit in red, the colour of the martyrs, as a reminder that religious freedom must never be taken for granted. Every donation will be match-funded for Red Wednesday, making your gift last longer and have more impact.

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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 - 8 November

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 World Mission Sunday. By supporting *Missio* – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the *Missio* envelopes available at the back of the Church or call 020 7821 9755 or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

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. 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.

Interreligious Dialogue. Cardinal Koovakad and a delegation from the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue in Rome will visit England and Wales. The following events are being organised in London:

- Christian and Jewish Gathering: Sunday 18 October, 3:00 – 4:30pm (Central London)
- A day with Christians and Hindus: Monday 19 October, 10:00am – 5:00pm (Willesden Green)
- A day with Christians and Jains: Tuesday 20 October, 9.30am–5pm (Harrow)

For details or to register, email: elliot.vanstone@cbcew.org.uk.

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.

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 are eligible for a Certificate of Catholic Practice, please contact Kathleen at the parish office to book an appointment with Canon Kevin. Tuesday 20 October is the final day available to book an appointment.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. Please take an envelope and sheet as you leave the church to write the names of your deceased loved ones. 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.

A Day With Mary takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7 November. Archbishop Richard Moth will be the Celebrant and Preacher at the 10:30am Cathedral Mass on that day. For further information please visit: https://www.adaywithmary.org/ Please see the poster in the porches.

Catholic Teaching Internship Programme. Applications are open for the 2026–2027 Catholic Teaching Internship Programme, a paid three-week placement for second-year students. Please see the poster in the porches for full details.