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 12:30pm
Wednesday 12:30pm & 7:00pm
Friday 6:30pm

Confessions & Adoration
Friday 5:30pm - 6:15pm

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Doing Exactly What it Says on the Tin...and the Websites

On Wednesday we will celebrate one of our patronal feasts, that of Our Lady of the Rosary, which traces its origins to 1571: as Europe faced the the Ottoman fleet, Pope St Pius V called Christians to pray the rosary. Following our victory at Lepanto on 7 October, that Holy Father established a feast in thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victories, which eventually became what we celebrate today.

This teaches us something deeper about Christian prayer: in moments of uncertainty and human powerlessness, we turn to God, and Our Lady helps us to do so. And that gives us a natural connection between the rosary and Eucharistic Adoration, or, as the websites say, "To Jesus, though Mary."

You see the rosary is often misunderstood as a prayer principally about Mary. But she never keeps our attention upon herself. At Cana she says, "Do whatever He tells you." Thus, Pope St John Paul II described the rosary as profoundly Christ-centred because its mysteries are the mysteries of Jesus: His birth, ministry, suffering, death and resurrection. Our Blessed Mother helps us to contemplate her son.

That is also what we do in Eucharistic Adoration. We come before Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and contemplate Him. St Luke tells us how Mary teaches this: she "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart." At Calvary she could not take away her Son's suffering. She simply remained with Him. In Adoration we do the same, bringing Christ our gratitude and disappointments, those we love and those about whom we worry.

We have an opportunity to do all that this weekend. At 3:00pm on Saturday 10 October, as part of the Eucharistic Congress, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament will go from Southwark Catholic Cathedral along the South Bank to Westminster Cathedral: a public witness to Christ truly present in the Eucharist.

It will conclude there at 5:00pm with Solemn Benediction, followed by Mass. Three Holy Hours will begin at 8:00pm, with an all-night Vigil from 11:00pm until Mass at 6:00am.

There is something beautiful in that progression: we walk with Christ through our city, worship Him in Benediction, receive Him in the Eucharist, remain with Him through the night. Our Lady did the same. She walked with her Son, contemplated Him and, when others had gone away, remained beside Him. Our Lady teaches us too to look at Jesus, to love Him and to remain with Him. How lucky we are to have such a patroness.

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

English Conversation Group - SJW
Upper hall 10:00am - 12:00pm
Monday 5 October

Parish Notices

Radio Maria UK would like to thank both parishes for their generous support following the recent appeal. A wonderful £931.33 was raised, which will go a long way towards helping with their operational needs.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal was on Friday 3 October. You can return your envelopes by either placing them in the collection or posting them through the parish office door. You can also give online at: https://cafod.org.uk/ or by scanning the QR code on the poster in the porches. Thank you.

Marylebone Parish Patronal Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is on Wednesday 7 October. It will begin with a pontifical sung Mass at 7:00pm celebrated by Bishop Michael Campbell and be followed by a bring-and-share social in the parish centre. We'll provide the drinks.

The Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress takes place in London on Saturday 10 October. The day will begin with Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to Westminster Cathedral for Benediction, Vigil Mass and all-night Adoration. Although the opening Mass is reserved for Congress delegates, everyone is warmly invited to join the procession at 3:00pm from Southwark Cathedral to Westminster Cathedral. The procession will finish at 5:00pm with Solemn Benediction, followed by Mass at 6:00pm, celebrated by Bishop Gerard Bradley. From 8:00pm, there will be three Holy Hours led by the youth ministry teams of Westminster, Southwark and CYMFed. An all-night vigil before the Blessed Sacrament begins at 11:00pm, concluding with Mass at 6:00am. Registration is required for the Holy Hours and all-night Vigil at: https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/adoremus/

SVP Foodbank Collection takes place in both parishes next 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.

Celebrating 40 Years of the Cardinal Hume Centre. A special Mass to mark the 40th anniversary of the Cardinal Hume Centre will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 13 October at 5:30pm. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will preside, joined by Bishop James Curry and Dom Robert Igo, OSB. The Mass is open to the public, and parishioners from both parishes are invited to attend in thanksgiving for the life and legacy of Cardinal Basil Hume and the Centre's 40 years of service.

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. Last appointments available on 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.

Proclaiming God's Word: Exploring the Ministry of Reading. A morning of formation for Readers led by Sr Karen Marguerite d'Artois OP takes place on Saturday 31 October, 10:00am - 1:00pm at Vaughan House, Westminster For more information and to book a place email: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7798 9152 Suggested donation of £5.