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**

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Whoever Sings Prays Twice

Does your child enjoy singing, music and being part of something meaningful and rewarding? If so, we would be delighted to invite them to join our junior choir.

The junior choir plays an important part in the musical life of the church, singing at the 12:15pm Sunday Mass and enriching the liturgy. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to develop their musical abilities, build confidence, and become more involved in the life of our church community. If you were present at that Mass last week, you witnessed the extraordinary singing of Fauré's Requiem alongside the senior choir – an incredible achievement by our young singers, one milestone among many over recent years.

Junior choir members attend a rehearsal before Mass each Sunday to learn music, develop their vocal skills, and work together as an ensemble. All members receive expert musical and vocal training from me, with a focus on developing good singing technique, musicianship, confidence and an enjoyment of music. Whether your child already loves to sing or is simply curious to give it a try, they will be warmly welcomed and encouraged to develop at their own pace.

We are also excited to introduce a new opportunity for choir members: subsidised singing lessons, generously supported by the church. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to receive additional vocal tuition, further develop their technique, and explore their musical potential, with the church's financial support making such lessons more accessible. These classes take place alongside the rehearsal on Sundays and will be given by our junior choir's organist and singing teacher.

We are particularly looking to welcome young people from First Holy Communion age up to the final years of secondary education. We appreciate that every child is different, so I would be very happy to discuss welcoming younger children on an individual, case-by-case basis.

Above all, the choir is about enjoying music, making friends, growing in confidence and making a valuable contribution to our worship each week. No previous choir experience is necessary – just enthusiasm and a willingness to sing.

If your child might be interested, or if you would simply like to find out more, please do email me on martinasmyth@rcdow.org.uk or catch me after the 9:00am and 12.15pm Masses. I would be delighted to welcome new voices into our junior choir and look forward to seeing it grow.

Martina Smyth

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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 - 13 December

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

The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection takes place this week. Please give generously and help ensure our ill and older priests are financially supported. In their lifelong dedicated service, amongst so many things, they have baptised us, welcomed us into the Church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now it is our chance to give back and offer them peace of mind during their senior years when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please use the envelopes in the church. You can also make a one-off donation or set up a regular gift and become a patron by completing section four on the envelope form. You can also donate at rcdow.org.uk/SRP The envelopes and posters also feature a QR code that you can scan with a 'phone camera to give online. Thank you for your support, particularly of those retired priest who help in our own parishes

Preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2027. After three months of availability, this Sunday is absolutely the final opportunity to collect application forms for either sacrament for the 20026/27 classes. Forms may be collected from Canon Kevin after any Sunday Mass. Confirmation candidates must collect their forms in person. Completed applications must be posted through the presbytery door at either parish by 12 noon on Tuesday 1 December.

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.

A Day with Mary takes place at The Rosary Shrine, Haverstock Hill, on Saturday 21 November. For further information, please visit the website at https://www.adaywithmary.org/ or see the poster in the porches.

Artificial Intelligence is an important issue for Catholics, especially after the publication of Pope Leo's encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*. The third in a series of talks to explain our response to AI will take place at St Aloysius Parish Centre, 20 Phoenix Road, NW1 1TA at 7:30pm on Monday 23 November. To register, contact info@FCJecoJustice.co.uk or use the QR code on the poster in the porches.

UCM Christmas Family Fayre takes place on Sunday 29 November in the parish hall at St John's Wood after the 9:00am Mass. Children's tickets cost £5, payable on the door, and include a visit from Father Christmas, a children's book, crafts and games. Festive refreshments, a raffle and a silent auction are open to all.

November is the month of the Holy Souls, when we pray in particular for the dead. Please take an envelope and sheet as you leave church to list your deceased loved ones. Return it to the presbytery with any offering. Names will be entered in the Book of Remembrance in each church and four Masses each week will be offered for those who ask for our prayers. In return, one day, they will pray for us from heaven.

Baptismal Preparation. The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child - and prospective sponsors (godparents) - will be on Saturday, 12 December at 11:30am in the St John's Wood parish office. Please contact the parish office to book a place.

If you are sick or in hospital, please tell the ward staff that you are a Catholic and wish to see the chaplian so that arrangements can be made for the priest each hospital has dedicated to it can visit you.