



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25 July 2021 & Summer 2021

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The Fat Lady Ain't Singing

Steady now: the pandemic is not yet over and people who are doubly vaccinated are becoming infected. Therefore we still need to think of one another, particularly those susceptible to infections and those who, for good reason, have not yet been immunized.

That is why, reflecting the Government's easing of legislation around precautions to be taken in churches, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has issued guidelines which can be found on our website and our *Facebook* page. After a careful risk assessment based on those principles and prevailing local conditions, and considering that some will want to exercise maximum freedom while others will be more cautious and need more time to acclimatise to a new way of living and yet we want everyone to feel as safe in the Church as they have done over the last sixteen months, this means, please:

1. Check in each time you come to the church on the *NHS Track and Trace* app using our QR code or complete one of our forms.
2. Use the hand sanitizer provided on entry, after touching frequent contact surfaces, and as you leave.
3. Wear a face-covering.
4. Keep as much distance as possible from other people so don't bunch at the back. And if you want to be alone, sit right in the middle of a small bench and/or use a "Please leave a space" sign. This is easy at Saturday or Sunday evening Mass, less simple at 9:00am and 10:30am, and impossible at 12:00 noon. And think: if you kneel down, move to the left or right so your masked nose isn't stuck in the ear of the person in front of you. At Communion, keep a distance as you approach the sanctuary and come up as in the past—centre aisles from the front bench, then side aisles from the rear bench, and lastly those in the transepts or side chapels.
5. Before you leave the church, please spray and wipe down where you sat, knelt and touched, before disposing of the paper towel in the bins by the doors and then sanitizing your hands.

Trust your wonderful cleaners to do the rest but just stick to those points above and we will be a truly Christian community and good shepherds to one another. Do this, and the *prima donna* will soon be in full voice. Have a wonderful summer and God bless you all. *Fr Kevin*

Mass Times

Sunday

6:00pm (Saturday)
9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon,
6:00pm

Weekdays

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:
10:00am
Thursday: 7:00pm
Friday & Saturday: 10:00am

Rosary

After weekday Mass

Exposition & Confessions

Saturday 10:30am—11:00am

Confessions

Saturday 5:15pm—5:45pm

Music for 10:30am Mass

Victoria - *Missa Salve Regina*
Palestrina - *Laudate Dominum*
Lassus - *Salve Regina*

Sunday Readings

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18 R. v 16
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15

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This Sunday is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly instituted by Pope Francis. Identifying with the more senior members of our society, he says "The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!" For the Holy Father's full message, a filmed reflection from the President of the Bishops' Conference, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, as well as prayers and links to help you celebrate the day, please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-grandparents-elderly-2021/>.

Junior Choir If you are interested in finding out more about our plans for the junior choir and were unable to attend last Sunday's meeting, please contact Martin Toyer via his email overleaf.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Mass at Westminster Cathedral is on 28 July at 2:00pm. With restrictions removed on 19 July, the Cathedral will be at increased capacity, so all are welcome in person or via livestream at www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:
Mrs Emelda Etienne. Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Thursday 5 August at 11:30am followed by committal at Kensal Green Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

Young Christian Climate Network Relay is being hosted by *Westminster Justice and Peace* with two events on Friday 6 August. The first will be lunch at Farm Street parish and a walk to Westminster Cathedral from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Sign up at <https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/163375276851>. The second event is an ecumenical prayer service at Westminster Cathedral from 3:30pm to 4:00pm, <https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/163372454409>.

Sung Mass for those in the Performing Arts at *Corpus Christi*, Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NB on Wednesday, 25 August at 6:30pm (the feast of St Genesius, patron saint of actors, dancers, singers and comedians) for all those who work in the Performing Arts on stage and behind the scenes.

Maryvale Summer Courses offer a rich and varied mixture of tasters via short lectures, tutorials & workbooks for only £99 per course. Visit: <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/summer-school-21.html>.

Catholic History Walks. For more information on the new series of walks, please visit www.catholichistorywalks.com or email/call chwalkslondon@gmail.com / 07495 205568. Cost £10, no need to book, simply come along.

Petition to Ban On-Line Pornography On the UK Government and Parliament Petitions website until 9 September there is a petition to ban/make illegal on-line pornography: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/571515>. Please consider signing it and sharing it with your friends. This pervasive industry places the cult of the body and pleasure above the dignity of each person.

Coronavirus Update:

1. Please help us stay open by using the contactless *CollectTins* or the offertory baskets. If you are not coming to Mass you can give via www.olsjw.org.uk or set up a standing order.
2. Please scan the QR code with the *NHS COVID-19* App as you enter or leave the church or use the contact forms at the end of the benches and place one per household or bubble in the collecting baskets as you leave the church.

Parish Website www.olsjw.org.uk and **Our Lady's RC Church, St John's Wood Facebook page** are updated regularly. Mass is live-streamed at 10:30am on Sundays on both sites at which you can pray *An Act of Spiritual Communion*: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Next Newsletter available 3/4 September 2021.

Parents' and Toddlers' Group will resume after the Summer break on Tuesday 7 September 2021.

SVP Foodbank Collection. The next collection will take place on 11/12 September.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) next meeting will be on Monday 20 September 2021 at 8:00pm in the Parish Hall.