



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 September 2022

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## I Have a Cunning Plan

Stage one is down to you as the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8 September, has long been your parish feast. Hence, there will be a sung Mass with the choir at 7:30pm this coming Thursday followed by a bring-and-share supper (with drinks provided) in the hall. Please indicate on the list in the porch if you can bring some food.

Stage two wasn't particularly onerous—I just emailed Bishop Hudson and asked if he would like to be the celebrant and he was thrilled. Stage three was a combination of things. First, the Synodal process highlighted the desire for something in the parish for families to encourage and develop their faith. Second, I remembered how fruitful the *Teams of Our Lady* had been among families in my last parish and that a couple of families here are part of it. And third, I recalled Bishop Hudson saying that his family had been members of this movement. Thus, all that was required was to invite the bishop to bring his experience of these groups for family members of all ages into his homily, and to ask the families already involved here to attend and bring some literature, and hey presto, we would have something to meet that desire expressed at the Synodal meetings which could then form groups—with people to run them—for specific age groups to grow spiritually themselves and to evangelize others.

In a nutshell, the team members in an area meet together once a month over a meal to share their experiences of living their family life be they a newly married couple, a family or empty-nesters. All this helps them to grow closer to each other through, if people wish, sharing the ups and downs of marriage and family life, and to increase and improve their prayer life so that they grow closer to God. In between these meetings the individual families read the Word of God, pray and celebrate the Sacraments alone and together, thus developing a simple and easily lived spiritual and practical rule of life. So, come along on Thursday with your whole family from babes in arms to your great aunt Nelly. Come and celebrate the birthday of Our Lady with Mass, the greatest Sacrament of all. Come and hear Bishop Hudson's love of the Teams. Come and meet in prayer and socially other wonderful families here and see how you can grow in your love for God and each other. Now that sounds like a real plan. *Fr Kevin*

## Mass Times

### Sunday

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

### Weekdays

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:  
10:00am  
Thursday: **7:30pm** (Sung)  
Friday & Saturday: 10:00am

### Rosary

After weekday Mass

### Exposition & Confessions

Saturday 10:30am—11:00am

### Confessions

Saturday 5:15pm—5:45pm

## Music for Sunday

*Missa super Confundatur superbi*  
(Lassus)  
*Adiuvo vos* (Palestrina)  
*Congratulamini mihi*  
(Manchicourt)  
133 All ye who seek a comfort sure  
212 Dear Lord and Father of  
mankind  
126 O thou, who at thy Eucharist  
didst pray

## Sunday Readings, page 133

Wisdom 9:13-18  
Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17 R. v 1  
Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Luke 14:25-33

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**Join us for tea and coffee** from next Sunday after 9:00am Mass in the parish hall. We desperately require more volunteers to assist in this important ministry—please contact Claudia in the office.

**The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** is celebrated from 1 September until the feast of St Francis on 4 October. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share. Visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/>

**St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022.** The relics will be at Westminster Cathedral this weekend until 9:30am on Monday 5 September 2022. For other venues visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/> or <https://stbernadette.org.uk/>.

**Parents & Toddlers Group** resumes Wednesday 7 September 2022.

**‘A Day with Mary’ at Our Lady’s Next Saturday, 10 September 2022,** from 9:30am—5:15pm is a day of instruction, devotion & intercession based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. For full details see poster and leaflets in the porch.

**SVP Foodbank Collection** items may be left on the table in the porch after all Masses next weekend.

**CAFÉ, ‘Belong and Believe’** is an online introduction to a resource looking at how our Celtic past can help us today to refresh our communities and renew our mission, on Thursday 15 September 2022, 7:30pm—9:00pm. Register on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/registertZUldegqDMuH90ldRPXKNLE6rg3DoAgk7b>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing further information, check your spam/junk folder. For an overview visit <https://faithcafe.org/collections/belong-and-believe>.

**Grants to Help Pay Off Energy Debts.** People who are in debt to their energy supplier might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. Visit <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

**‘A Day with Mary’** at The Five Precious Wounds, Brentfield Road, NW10 on Saturday 17 September 2022 from 10:00am—5:30pm. For more information on this and other days please see poster in the porch.

**Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum—To Accompany Refugees** will be held on Saturday 17 September 2022, 10:00am—1:00pm at St Aloysius Church Hall, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston, London NW1 1TA, hosted by Bishops Nicholas Hudson and Paul McAleenan. At this event, we will discuss, and present our vision of, the Catholic response to migration. Just come along on the day but please register in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/westminster-social-justice-and-peace-forum-to-accompany-refugees-tickets-354473378417>.

**An invitation from Catholic Voices, Word on Fire & The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom** Are you passionate about renewal in the church? Are you ready for mission? If so, you may be interested in ‘Sharing the Church’s Story’ Conference with Bishop Baron on 17 September 2022, 10:00am—6:00pm, at Friends’ House, 173—177 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ. For more details and to book tickets <https://www.sharingthechurchstory.com>.

**Offerings** Standing orders are the easiest way to give regularly and can be set up via [www.olsjw.org.uk](http://www.olsjw.org.uk). To *GiftAid* using the *CollecTins* register your usual card on the machine or scan the QR code and register your card at home.

**Modern Media.** Do follow our parish website [www.olsjw.org.uk](http://www.olsjw.org.uk) and our microsite <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/> which is slowly being updated (could you help with this, please?) and Our Lady’s RC Church, St John’s Wood *Facebook* page which are updated regularly.

Day	Location	Time	Group
Sunday	Upper Hall	After 9:00am Mass	Tea and Coffee
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Upper Hall	9:30am-11:30am	Parents & Toddlers
Tuesday	Upper Hall	1:00pm-4:30pm	Over 50’s