



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 September 2022

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May She Rest In Peace

A few words from Cardinal Vincent, on the death of Queen Elizabeth II, "On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.' Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unflinching way in which she fulfilled that declaration. Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity. In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'

This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.

Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.

Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.

We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother. God save the King.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster
8 September 2022".

This Sunday, the 10:30 Mass will be a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of our beloved Christian Monarch, Elizabeth. Guiding and transforming her many years of devoted service was her relationship with and belief in Jesus Christ. May she now see His glory. *Fr Ben*

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 Sunday

Officium Defunctorum (Victoria)

200 All my hope on God is
founded

242 Love divine, all loves
excelling

130 Sweet Sacrament Divine

Sunday Readings, page 136

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Psalms 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

R. Luke 15:18

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

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This Sunday is Education Sunday The theme for 2022 is ‘enlightening the mind’, taken from Ephesians 1:17-18. We pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary – not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed. We pray for all our primary and secondary pupils – particularly school leavers who have had such a difficult journey in recent times – not to mention students in higher education and vocational training.

Join us for tea and coffee today 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.

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

DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal Devastating floods have hit Pakistan, leaving millions in urgent need of help to survive. Your donation will provide clean drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. Please pray for those affected and donate now at <https://cafod.org.uk/Give> or see poster in the porch for QR code.

‘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.

National Energy Action. Their *Warm and Safe Homes* helpline, 0800 304 7159, is open daily 10:00am-12:00pm, to support clients with energy advice around topics such as reducing energy consumption, Warm Home Discount and Priority Services Register, fuel debt, water rates and benefits advice.

Offerings Standing orders are the easiest way to give regularly and can be set up via www.olsjw.org.uk. To *GiftAid* using the *CollectTins* 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 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.

Church Cleaning—Volunteers We desperately require more volunteers for Tuesdays and Saturdays. We don't have a Friday team at the moment so it would be good to get some people together to increase the rota from every 5 to 6 weeks. If you can help, please contact Claudia in the Parish office.

Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum—To Accompany Refugees has moved online due to the rail strikes on Saturday 17 September 2022. Participants will be able to log in at 10:15am and the meeting will start at 10:30am—1:00pm. All are invited to join Bishops Nicholas Hudson and Paul McAleenan in this online gathering to explore our Diocesan response to refugees. To attend please [Book with Eventbrite](#).

Mass Intentions Thank you for your Mass intentions which are greatly appreciated. The Sacrifice of Christ brings our prayers right to the heart of the Father. There can be no greater gift for another person. If you would like one offered, please either take a mass offering envelope from the Church and place it in the collection or contact Claudia at stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk or 020 7286 3214 (option 2). The offering suggested by the Diocese is £10 per Mass.

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