

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD

+ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9 October 2022

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May We Support CAFOD With Hearts Turned To The Lord

Last Friday, CAFOD proposed that we embrace solidarity with many of our brothers and sisters in need around God's world by observing a Family Fast Day. For a family to practise some form of reducing their food intake together unites their prayers and offerings for those who need our help. Jesus Himself teaches (Mt 6) that fasting, alms giving, and prayer are essential to living a life open to His forgiving love. The readings for this Sunday speak of the glorious power of Jesus to heal bodily ailments. We also know from the Gospels that Jesus revealed His divinity by controlling nature, too. These natural happenings point to one goal: the salvation of souls. Of the ten lepers in the Gospel who had been healed, one turns back to Jesus and adores Him in thanksgiving, and Jesus, our Lord, says, "your faith has saved you". Let us cleave to the truth that this life's goal is salvation in Jesus. CAFOD, in bringing aid to the needy, depends profoundly on our own on-going conversions, which mould our generosity. Below are some words from our parish CAFOD representative: "These are difficult times for us all. In Kenya, Sudan and Ethiopia, where CAFOD is at present working on the ground, and after 4 years of no rain, up to 20 Million people are fighting for survival caused by Climate Change, Coronavirus and the conflict in Ukraine. Let us focus on one family: in Norther Kenya a young mother named Talaso is struggling every day to feed her 2 sons. Most of their herd of goats have died in the drought and the family have no way to earn income to grow food. Their neighbours share what little they have but with the worst drought in 40 years there is nothing left to share. And Talaso would like to send her children to school which isn't free, either. No one should have to choose between education and water. Let us share with her and thousands like her what we can. Pope Francis asks us to recognise Christ Himself in each of our abandoned or excluded brothers and sisters. Please keep this Global Crisis in your prayers and please show acts of

love by donating to CAFOD. And if you can, please do take out a monthly gift using the envelope or going online. Could you afford £5 to help? In God, no act of love, however small will be lost.

Johnny Dewe Mathews - Parish Representative for CAFOD".

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

Sunday Readings, page 149

2 Kings 5:14-17 Psalm 97:1-4 R. cf v 2 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19

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Prisons Week—9 October to 15 October 2022

Today is Prisoners Sunday which marks the beginning of the week of prayer each year. Prisons Week raises awareness and generates prayer. It provides an annual focus and reason for Christians to work together, building capacity and motivation to make a difference for people who are out of sight and often out of mind. For more information and prayers please visit

https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prisons-week/.

SVP Foodbank Collection items may be left on the table in the porch after all Masses this weekend. If you would like to be involved with the valuable work of the *SVP* please do look in the porch of the church where you will see a poster giving details. Thank you for your ongoing support.

CAFOD Collection. You can still return your envelopes by either placing them in the collection or posting them through the Parish Office door. Thank you for your support.

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College,
Twickenham—6th Form Open Evening on
Wednesday 12 October from 6:00pm. Tours of the
college will be led by current students and
teachers. Please register by booking a ticket via
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sixth-form-open-evening-2022-tickets-424979534227

Unveiling and Blessing of New Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis Bishop Nicholas Hudson will be unveiling a new shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane on Wednesday 12 October at 6:30pm. There will be a Sung Mass celebrated by Bishop Nicholas, followed by the blessing and a reception. All are most welcome.

A Concert for Ukraine, in support of the Ukrainian Welcome Centre On Thursday 20 October 2022 at 8:00pm at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, Duke Street, W1K 5BQ. Tickets £20, online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/thelondonchorus or on the door. Please see poster in the porch.

Offerings Standing orders are the easiest way to give regularly and can be set up via www.olsjw.org.uk. To Gift Aid using the Collections register your usual card on the machine or scan the QR code and register your card at home.

Please join us for tea and coffee today after 9:00am Mass in the parish hall. A nice way of catching up with old friends and making new ones.

For those who are applying to Catholic schools, please follow this link for Admissions - https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/admissions and read the Guidance for Clergy document. This explains what you need to provide in order for a priest to complete a Certificate of Catholic Practice. If you can meet these criteria then please contact Claudia in the parish office to arrange an appointment to discuss secondary and sixth form applications. Primary and nursery applications will be dealt with after half-term but the same criteria apply for the completion of the Certificate of Catholic Practice.

Free Creative Writing Sessions starting Thursday 3 November 2022 from 10:30am—12 noon in the lower hall. No previous writing experience necessary. All adults welcome to have-a-go/share ideas in a friendly supportive environment.

Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green, NW10 5NU will take place on Monday 7 November 2022 at 11:30am.

Altar Server Training in the church on Saturday 12 November 2022 at 11:30am-12:30pm. Please let the parish office know if you are intending to attend, stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk. Serving at the altar of God is a gift of such wonder. God bless you.

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.

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