



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 October 2022

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World Mission Sunday - the Mission Within and Without

This Sunday the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday. The sacred words chosen from the Holy Bible to give focus for this year are, "you shall be my witnesses.....to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The Holy Father, in his *Message* for this day, reflects on verse 8 in its entirety: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (1:8).

We note from the quotation that mission, that evangelisation, starts from the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit. This is important, for we are not bringing our own agenda, but are proclaiming alone the words and actions of Jesus, we are witnessing to His saving work. We are His instruments, we are His Body, we are made so in His victorious Blood by the Spirit. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit, Who weds us to Himself at Baptism. It is Baptism which opens our souls to becoming an utterly radiant human person, seeking to serve and love the Lord, Who is our life, above everyone and everything.

So, do we see how being a Christian fills us with the seeds to be great evangelisers? Being a Christian is not a little thing, it is not a social or cultural rite of passage, to pick up when we have a bit of time to spare, heaven forbid; no, it is to be given the Spirit Who alone can free us from spiritual blindness and selfishness, and redirect our lives toward the heavenly wedding banquet - eternal joy. To cooperate with the grace of Jesus is to willingly clothe ourselves in the wedding garment necessary for heaven (Mt 22:1-14).

This Mission Sunday let us open our souls, hearts, and minds to Jesus and choose to leave them open, even when distractions from this world seem to be pressing. Who comes first? Let us pray with the Holy Spirit and learn to love Jesus - He Who is to be adored and obeyed - anew. Let us do all we can to grow in faith and service of Jesus' Body the Church, and to help the mission of the Church through our prayers and offerings, even when difficulties arise. Let us not be put off, let not a vocation be snuffed out by trials. Jesus is Lord, He has risen, He knows what He is about, and it is for us to live in that joy and grow in faith and trust. The Spirit is always there to lead us forward. *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

Lassus - *Missa Susanne un jour*
de Wert - *Transeunte Domino*
268 There's a wideness in
God's mercy
233 King of Glory, King of
Peace
53 Lord Jesus, think on
me

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Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19
Psalm 33:2-3, 17-19 23 R. v 7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

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Today is World Mission Sunday All donations go to the Universal Solidarity Fund to support developing or impoverished Catholic communities around the world. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church. For more information, please visit <https://missio.org.uk/wms>.

There will be no tea and coffee today and next Sunday, please join us again in the parish hall after 9:00am Mass on Sunday 6 November 2022.

March for Life UK are holding a solemn public witness in Parliament Square, London on Thursday 27 October at 12.30pm—2.00pm, commemorating the passing of the Abortion Act in 1967. Since then 10 million have been aborted. Please attend if you can - wear black (or as dark as possible). Don't bring posters. Full details at <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2022/10/07/join-us-on-the-27th-october/>.

St Bernadette Relics' Tour will be at the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, Duke Street, W1K 5BQ from 3:00pm on Sunday 30 October to 7:00am on Tuesday 1 November 2022.

The next UCM Meeting will be held in the parish hall on Monday 31 October 2022 at 8:00pm.

Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament Cardinal Sarah will celebrate a Sung Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints on 1 November 2022 at 6:30pm and preach at the Sodality Mass at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane at 6:30pm on Thursday 3 November 2022. All welcome, visit <https://sodality.co.uk>.

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 and Our Lady's RC Church, St John's Wood *Facebook* page which are updated regularly.

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.

November is the month of the Holy Souls so please pick up an envelope and sheet as you leave the church on which to write the names of your deceased loved ones. Please return the sheet in the envelope, with any offering you may wish to include, to the presbytery. The sheets will be placed in our Book of Remembrance which will be in the sanctuary during November. Four Masses each week will be said for those whose names are listed there.

The Parents & Toddlers Group is closed over half term and will resume on Tuesday 1 November.

All Saints—Tuesday 1 November 2022 is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at 10:00am and a Sung Mass at 7:30pm.

Free Creative Writing Sessions start on 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.

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.

The SVP thank you for your ongoing support for the Foodbank. Next collection on 12 & 13 November 2022.

Monday English Classes. These free, informal conversation classes for adults have been held in the Church Hall for many years and we hope to start classes again soon. In order to offer the classes, we need volunteer tutors, in particular, someone to work with the elementary level group. If you are interested, please contact Lois on 07761 590240 or email lois_darley@hotmail.com.

Day	Location	Time	Group
Tuesday	Upper Hall	1:00pm-4:30pm	Over 50's