



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



+ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30 October 2022

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### Three-in-One

No, I am not about to embark on a theological explanation of the Trinity nor extol the virtues of a commercial lubricant. Rather, I refer to the three levels of the Church—the Church Militant (us), the Church Suffering (those in Purgatory), the Church Triumphant (the saints in Heaven). And these three align in the next few days thus... It's easy to understanding that we are militant, active, our primary activity being to make each day holy by worshipping God, by praying to Him. We do so with all sorts of intentions but one of the main ones, a corporal work of mercy, is to pray for the dead. And the best prayer we have is one not of our own making but one given to us by God, His work of washing away our sins through His Son's sacrifice on the cross which is re-presented at every Mass.

Now those "suffering" are the souls in Purgatory. This does not mean they are in agony but rather that they are in a place of final cleansing, a waiting room for Heaven. They can see God but not reach Him until the scars left by their earthly sins are removed. It is thus a feeling akin to the suffering we endure in an airport before heading off to an earthly paradise. And as Cardinal Newman puts it to these souls, "Masses on the earth shall aid you at the throne of the Most Highest". So, write down the names of your beloved dead on the sheets at the back of the church, put that sheet in the envelope along with your offering, return it to us, and throughout November which is dedicated to our loved ones' Holy Souls, we will offer four Masses a week for them, the prayer of the Mass, the greatest prayer of all. As for the Church Triumphant, non-stop from 3:00pm on Sunday 30 October to 7:00am on Tuesday 1 November, the relics of a member of that level of the Body of Christ, St Bernadette of Lourdes, will be exposed for veneration in the Ukrainian Cathedral. There is a notice in the porch with all the details of the services that will be associated with this extraordinary opportunity to ask the prayers of this great woman now with God for us and those who have died, for as Newman also puts it, the holy souls will also be aided by "prayers in Heaven". Don't miss out on this alignment, better than any eclipse, so that one day we might be welcomed into Heaven by the saints, among whom will be today's holy souls whose journey there we have aided. *Fr Kevin*

### Mass Times

#### Sunday

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

#### Weekdays

Monday: 10:00am  
Tuesday:  
10:00am, **7:30pm** (Sung)  
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

Palestrina - *Missa Benedicta es*  
Lassus - *O gloriosa Domina*  
Gallus - *Viri Sancti*  
188 Thy hand, O God, has  
Guided  
247 O for a Closer Walk  
with God  
208 Blest are the Pure

### Sunday Readings, page 157

Wisdom 11:22-12:2  
Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 R. cf v 1  
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2  
Luke 19:1-10

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**St Bernadette Relics' Tour** is at the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, Duke Street, W1K 5BQ from 3:00pm today until 7:00am Tuesday 1 November 2022.

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

**Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection.** Next weekend is the annual collection for sick and retired priests in the Diocese of Westminster. There are more than 66 sick and retired priests who receive support after a lifetime of service to their parishes. By 2025 the number of such priests is set to double. By giving to the fund you will ensure these priests are cared for. Please take a donation envelope as you leave the church today or scan the QR code on the poster in the porch to give online. Please continue to pray for all our clergy: active, retired or ill. *Thank you.*

**Monday English Classes.** Before we can start these classes again we need volunteer tutors, particularly someone to work with the elementary level group. If you are interested, please contact Lois 07761 590240 / [lois\\_darley@hotmail.com](mailto:lois_darley@hotmail.com).

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

**A Day with Mary** on Saturday 5 November 2022 is at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George, London Rd, Enfield from 9:30am—5:00pm. Poster in porch.

**Tea and Coffee.** Please join us again in the parish hall after 9:00am Mass on Sunday 6 November.

**Beyond Conflict and The Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral presents "The Cry" by Adrian Snell**, a Requiem for the lost children of the war in Ukraine on Friday 11 November 2022 from 6:30pm—8:30pm at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Family, Duke Street, W1K 5BQ. Visit: <https://ukrainianlondon.co.uk/nov-11th-the-cry-by-adrian-snell-ukrainian-catholic-cathedral-of-the-holy-family/> or see the poster in the porch.

**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 via [stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk).

**Equipés Notre-Dame (Teams of Our Lady)**  
Following some publicity at our parish feast in September, representatives Janet and Paul DeBoo from *Equipés Notre-Dame* will be in the parish hall after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday 13 November 2022 to meet married couples, and those planning soon to marry, and offer information about the teams and what it's like belonging to one. Begun in Paris more than 80 years ago, *Equipés Notre-Dame* helps tens of thousands of couples in more than 90 countries to appreciate and respond to their married life as a call to holiness and an encounter with the Lord.

**Rest in Peace: Bridget French.**  
Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Tuesday 15 November 2022 at 1:00pm followed by committal at West London Crematorium.

**November is the Month of the Holy Souls.** Please take an envelope and sheet as you leave the church on which to write the names of your deceased loved ones and return the sheet in the envelope, with any offering you may wish to include, to the presbytery. The sheets will be in the sanctuary during November and four Masses each week said for those whose names are listed there.

**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). Please *Gift Aid* using the *Collections* by registering your usual card on the machine or scan the QR code and register your it at home which takes about 30 seconds.

**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 almost fully updated and Our Lady's RC Church, St John's Wood *Facebook* page which is updated daily.

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