



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13 November 2022
Remembrance Sunday

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Through the Keyhole

A recent visitor to the rectory commented on what a lovely house I have. It is beautiful but it isn't mine—it belongs to the Diocese. Last week there was a retiring collection for the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund to support the 66 priests of this Diocese who have given a lifetime of service to our Diocese and at 75 and older stepped back from fulltime ministry. But as one of them put it, "When people reach retirement age and leave their job, they go home. But for a priest, on the day they retire, they leave their parish and their home. They leave familiar surroundings, setting out for somewhere unknown." For these men, your generosity helps create "Granny Flats" in large rectories like ours, or maintain other flats and small houses which the Diocese owns to accommodate them. For the few who have their own properties financial assistance is needed to help to keep those homes habitable. This is not least because given our low stipend [salary], NI contributions may not have been enough for a full state pension and amassing savings and/or a private pension is nigh-on impossible. But for practical and/or health reasons, some require care. And for many, this is provided by the Little Sisters of the Poor to whom the Church worldwide has entrusted the Apostolic Mission of hospitality to the aged poor. As it happens, the sisters will be here next week asking for your help to run their two beautiful and welcoming nursing homes in London which house those aged poor, priests among them. Please be generous to them and to the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund. And in the current economic climate, even asset-rich people here are cash poor and need foodbanks for which we are having our monthly collection today. Please, give non-perishable goods to this if you can. Today is World Day of the Poor and this link might deepen our awareness of those who are poor <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/10/CSAN-World-Day-of-the-Poor-Resourc-2022.pdf> so that, as Pope Francis says, we might examine our lifestyles and "reflect on the many forms of poverty all around us". Then we can express our faith in loving action towards those far away, through CAFOD's Christmas campaign or by helping Ukrainian refugees, but also closer to home, for there are many who are poor despite how nice their houses might look at a first glance. *Fr Kevin*

Mass Times

Sunday

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

Weekdays

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:
10:00am
Thursday: 7:00pm
Friday & Saturday: 10:00am

Rosary

After weekday Mass

Exposition & Confessions

Saturday 10:30am—11:00am

Confessions

Saturday 5:15pm—5:45pm

Music for Sunday

Morales—

Missa pro Defunctis

- 249 O God our Help in Ages Past
- 226 Jerusalem the Golden
- 212 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

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Malachi 3:19-20
Psalm 97:5-9 R. cf v 9
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

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SVP Foodbank Collection—this weekend. Please leave your donations on the table in the porch.

Preparation for Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation in 2023.

Application forms for both Sacraments are available to collect from one of the clergy after Mass. Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation must collect the forms themselves. Only if you can attend all the sessions should you post completed forms through the rectory door by 12 noon on Tuesday 6 December 2022.

The next UCM Meeting is on Monday 14 November 2022 at 8:00pm in the parish hall.

A Day with Mary is on Saturday 19 November 2022 at Our Lady of the Rosary & St Dominic, Southampton Road, London NW5 from 9:30am—5:15pm. Please see the poster in the porch.

If you are applying to a Catholic nursery or primary school, follow this link to [Admissions \(https://catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/admissions\)](https://catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/admissions) and read the *Guidance for Clergy* document. If you can meet these criteria then please contact Claudia in the Parish Office to arrange an appointment to discuss applications.

Operation Elf is the campaign by *PACT, the Prison Advice and Care Trust*, to enable prisoners to give a Christmas gift to their child. This year they are asking for gift cards with a £15 value only please. Please buy multiples of £15 cards if you wish to donate more, i.e. for £30 buy two separate £15 gift cards and so on. The *One4All* gift card can be used in lots of shops or buy *Boots, M&S, or Love2Shop* cards— please, no e-cards or e-vouchers. Please drop the cards into the collection or at the rectory by Sunday 20 November 2022— <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/operation-elf>.

Monday English. Free English conversation classes for adults have been held here for many years. There will be an informal get together for anyone interested in the classes on Monday 28 November 2022 from 10:00am—12:00 noon in the church hall. We'd like to welcome former students and volunteer tutors, as well as anyone new who might like to see what we do. Everyone welcome!

November is the Month of the Holy Souls.

Envelopes and sheets are available at the back of the church. Please 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 are in the sanctuary during November and four Masses each week said for those whose names are listed there.

CARITAS Food Collective—Advent Giving Calendar.

Advent is a special season in the Church's year but Christmas can be a difficult time, and with the cost of living crisis, many in our communities are facing food insecurity. This calendar is designed for you to think about those who might need some extra support this Christmas. Please pick up a calendar for your own family from the back of the church.

Tombola; Tea & Scones & Homemade Cakes, Irish Coffee and children's activities at Our Lady's

on Saturday 3 December 2022 from 2:00pm in the parish hall. We would be grateful for donations of homemade cakes, whisky and toiletries - please drop these off at the presbytery by Friday 2 December. Entry: £1.00 per person, kids go free. All proceeds to various charities and the parish.

Offerings. Standing orders are the easiest way to give regularly and can be set up via 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 look at our parish microsite <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/> (which is replacing the old website www.olsjw.org.uk), and at Our Lady's RC Church, St John's Wood *Facebook* page which is updated almost 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
Thursday	Lower Hall	10:30am-12 noon	Creative Writing