



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

+ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe - 20 November 2022

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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe

To hail Jesus as King, we must possess an understanding of the nature of His Kingship. Jesus came for each one of us.

In the Gospel today, whilst Jesus is hanging on the Cross, the people, the soldiers, and the crucified criminal jeered, mocked, and abused Him. Each demanded that He save Himself to prove He was God. But the Kingship of God is eternally about the other. Kingship is perfectly revealed in the Trinity: eternal self-offering to and for the Other. The Kingship of Jesus Christ is not self-centred, but it shepherds repentant and humble souls, in His risen Spirit, to heaven.

Saint Paul, in the second reading today, to the Colossians, teaches that we gain true freedom in the forgiveness of our sins, through Jesus. This happens, as Saint Paul explains, through Who Jesus is: "He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth. [] God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, [] when he made peace by his death on the cross". So Jesus is at one and the same time the means by which the entire universe was created; He is also the One Who came to die for each of us upon the Cross. Dearest brothers and sisters, He Who is God - omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient - is He Who also took on flesh, took on our sin, and died on the Cross, the eternal sin offering. Stand aghast at His majesty; stand in trembling gratitude at His coming for each one of us.

The first reading from 2 Samuel 5 tells us that under King David the Twelve Tribes of Israel were united, 'and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel"'. Now cast your mind back to the young David, 1 Samuel 17, slaying Goliath. Young David, who is shepherding his father's sheep, comes to the aid of the Israelite army who are quaking in their sandals at the power and arrogance of the Philistine army. David responds and acts in the faith given him by the Lord. David needs not the clanking armour of worldly philosophies to defeat evil; David opens his heart, his mind, his body to the Lord. We must do the same for the only King, Jesus. Jesus has come for us, His grace - the forgiveness of our sins - teaches us to live in a holy freedom which is victorious. Follow Him. *Fr Ben*

## Mass Times

### Sunday

6:00pm (Saturday—Sung)  
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

de Wert	- <i>Missa Transeunte Domino</i>
Palestrina	- <i>Cantantibus organis</i>
187	The Church's one foundation
209	Christ is made the sure foundation
207	At the name of Jesus

## Sunday Readings, page 167

2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Psalm 121:1-5 R. cf v 2  
Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43

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**The Little Sisters of the Poor** are in the parish this weekend 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.

**Modern Media.** Do look at our parish microsite <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/> (which is replacing the old website [www.olsjw.org.uk](http://www.olsjw.org.uk)), and at Our Lady's RC Church, St John's Wood *Facebook* page which is updated almost daily.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**The Friends of Westminster Cathedral Events** in support of Westminster Cathedral at Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, SW1P 1QJ on Tuesday 22 November 2022—Katharine Parr: The Sixth Wife, Talk by Alison Weir, £10 and Wednesday 23 November 2022—Cathedral Quiz with fish & chip supper, £18. Both start at 7:00pm. Tickets from [friends@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:friends@rcdow.org.uk).

**The SVP** are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. To sponsor a pack at £4.10 each please send your donation to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ, cheques payable to SVP or via Bacs to Nat West S/C 60-60-04, A/c Nr 46088237.

**Free English Conversation classes** for adults have been held here for many years. For anyone interested please join an informal get together 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. All welcome.

**Recent Parish Collections.** CAFOD Harvest Fast Day £778.75; Evangelii Gaudium Sunday £446.69; Sick & Retired Priests' fund £1,026.48 so far. Thank you for your generosity.

**Rest in Peace: Rita Maxim.** Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Friday 2 December 2022 at 11:30am followed by committal at St Pancras Cemetery.

**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.

**'The God Who Speaks'.** For free resources, events and ideas to help you deepen your faith visit <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/>.

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