



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



+ 1st Sunday of Lent, Year A - 26 February 2023

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## Multitasking

Lent is a real challenge. It's not just giving something up or saying some more prayers or giving money to the poor, but it's juggling all three that's the real difficulty. So, can we do all three at once? Well, this coming Friday is *CAFOD* fast day when instead of having our usual five courses for breakfast, lunch and dinner, we have one simple main meal and two snacks and put the money we would normally have spent aside. Next Sunday we offer that money—and a little extra if we can—to support *CAFOD's* work in helping people in poorer parts of the world provide for themselves.

And to make that aid real, take 14 year old Dristy from Bangladesh. The rice crop in her village was once abundant and rich but it has been hit by so many cyclones that these days it produces hardly anything of value. In response, *CAFOD* trained local people to identify and source different crops that would grow in each devastated area and trees suitable to the local habitat which would shield the villages from cyclones. They then showed others, like Dristy's mother Rupali, how to build beds for those seeds and where to plant the trees that would protect against flooding. But it didn't end there because Rupali passed this knowledge on to her daughter Dristy. All of this was possible because of donations from people like you. And *CAFOD* is also helping with the relief efforts in Syria and Turkey. So, fasting and giving done. Closer to home, the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal are marriage and family life; youth & evangelisation; our education service and *Caritas Westminster*. Now we all know that the cost of living crisis is making daily life harder for all and that many families face the impossible choice between heating or eating. *Caritas* in particular responds to this by its workers putting their faith into action by serving those in such need. And for those who can't give money, your time is a priceless commodity as explained on the posters. Thus, please take home both donation envelopes or use the QR codes to donate online and if you're a taxpayer, please *GiftAid* your offering. More giving then on top of fasting, but add the Cardinal's pastoral letter from last week to these appeals and you have prayer too. As Pope Francis says, "You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works." Who says multitasking is hard? *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

Lassus - *Missa Certa fortiter*  
Palestrina - *Scapulis suis*  
Gabrieli, A - *Emendemus in melius*  
235 Lead us heavenly father, lead us  
50 Forty days and forty nights  
227 Jesu, Lover of my soul

## Sunday Readings, page 151

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7  
Psalm 50:3-6, 12-14, 17 R. cf v 3  
Romans 5:12, 17-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

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**Parking.** Anyone can park without a permit for half an hour before, during, and for about 30 minutes after a scheduled Mass. At all other times, 24 hours a day and seven days a week, you must park in a marked bay and follow the instructions on the notices and on, and by, the plastic box which is on the shelf by the parish office door. If you have arranged with us in advance for the fee to be waived, please also write your name and the reason for your visit on the brown envelope. This is because neither the company nor we in the parish will know that it is your car, no matter how regular a parishioner you are. Thank you.

**Tea & Coffee** Please join us today in the parish hall after the 9:00am Mass.

**Confirmation Programme** continues on Sunday 26 February 2023 from 4:00pm—5:30pm in the parish hall.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent** take place every Thursday at 6:15pm before evening Mass.

**First Holy Communion Programme** continues on Saturday 4 March 2023 from 12:00pm—1:00pm in the parish hall.

**Free Art Classes for Adults.** Please join us for an hour of creativity where we will learn drawing and practice watercolour. Everyone can draw, so don't be shy and join in! You can bring your own drawing pad and paints with brushes or if it is your first time, we will provide materials. Every Wednesday (from 8 March) from 1:00pm—2:00pm in the parish hall.

**The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** will meet on Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 8:00pm in the parish hall. Anyone wishing to know more about the society is more than welcome to come along.

**Thank You Mass 26 March 2023 at 12 noon.** The Morrissey Family would like to offer this Mass in thanksgiving for all the love, kindness and prayers of the community on the death of their mother Mena Morrissey.

**Social Media.** Do look at our parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/>, and at Our Lady's RC Church, St John's Wood *Facebook* page which is updated almost daily.

**Thank you** to those who have suggested topics for our adult catechesis sessions beginning in May. More ideas are most welcome. As a taster, you might follow Fr Mike Schmitz's *Catechism in a Year* podcasts <https://www.youtube.com/@TheCatechismInAYear> or <https://hallow.com/>

**Weekly 5-a-side football** Whether you're an experienced player or just starting out, we would love for you to join us for some friendly competition and exercise. Please email Simone [blacksamp@gmail.com](mailto:blacksamp@gmail.com) with your name, preferred position, and any other relevant information. We are planning to play locally on a weekday evening. Please note that there will be a small fee which will cover both the rental of the pitch and the donation to our local parish. This fee will help support the church and its ongoing mission to serve our community.

**Electronic Giving.** Please *Gift Aid* using the *Collectins* by registering your usual card on the machine or scan the QR code and register it at home. Standing orders are the easiest way to give regularly and can be set up via <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/donating-to-the-parish/>. Thank you.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony—Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 2:30pm.** The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please email Claudia [stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk) with the following details: husband's and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or if not, a telephone number) by **Sunday 26 March 2023.**

Day	Location	Time	Group
Monday	Upper & Lower Hall	10:00am-12 noon	English Class
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