



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



+ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - 29 January 2023

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## All Change, Please

This was a common phrase once heard on railways. You remember the old railways, don't you? They used to have trains on them that moved. Those were the days. But in this context, I refer to websites. Many of you will know Csaba who built and ran our beautiful [www.olsjw.org.uk](http://www.olsjw.org.uk) site which is so full of information. More than that though, it was Casaba who sat with this technological novice at the start of lockdown and taught me how to update the homepage with a short reflection each day, how to put the daily Mass on there and link it to our *Facebook* page, and how to negotiate my way around various giving pages which appealed to your extraordinarily generous nature such that our income increased and, concomitantly, our ability to help so many in our community over those difficult months and beyond. Without Csaba we would not have been able to keep in contact with you all through those difficult times and I know, from listening to many families and individuals during the synodal process, that you valued this contact deeply. We owe him our deepest gratitude and in particular, I thank him from the bottom of my heart for his patience. That said, you will have heard Fr Ben and I mentioning that the newsletter was not only on that site but also the diocesan "microsite". This was so-called because it was a very simple generic site with the name of the parish above it. However, in recent months, the diocese has employed someone in the communications department to upgrade those pages. And with the invaluable help and patience of Simone, another parishioner, everything has been transferred to <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/>. Do take a look at it. But this is not change for change's sake. Firstly, the old one had an irresolvable glitch which meant it did not work properly on android 'phones—the diocesan one works just fine. Secondly, the diocesan one removes the need for us to put in security measures to ensure no-one can publish things without authorisation and they gently vet the content too. And thirdly, there are no additional costs which is music to the ears of anyone in this challenging financial climate. For now, put the new address in your browser as the old website will only connect you to the new one for a few months. We hope, as more material is added each week, that you all enjoy changing. *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

Taverner - *Mass of Small Devotion*  
Tallis - *Videte miraculum*  
Victoria - *Congratulamini mihi*  
209 Christ is Made the  
Sure Foundation  
233 King of Glory, King of  
Peace  
208 Blest are the Pure in  
Heart

## Sunday Readings, page 130

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13  
Psalm 145:7-10 R. Matthew 5:3  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

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**Modern Media.** Do look at our parish microsite <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/> (which has replaced 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.

**First Holy Communion Programme** continues on Saturday 4 February from 12:00pm—1:00pm in the parish hall. An obligatory meeting with parents will take place in church at the same time.

**Confirmation Programme** continues on Sunday 29 January from 4:00pm—5:30pm in the parish hall.

**The Blessing of the Throats**, on the feast of St Blaise, will be offered after the 10:00am Mass on **Friday 3 February 2023**.

**Next Weekend, an appeal by The School of Joy.** *Friends of the Holy Land (FHL)* is a charity supporting the most needy Christians in the Holy Land. The prevailing harsh political and economic situation in the West Bank particularly affects young people. The absence of welfare services makes life for families of children with learning disabilities even more difficult. In many cases children with low academic achievement drop out of education as they need extra assistance which is not available and these children end up on the streets.

The Christian-run School of Joy in Beit Sahour is the only school in the West Bank that aims to rehabilitate children of all faiths found in these situations, preparing them to play a full and productive role in their community. The school relies on donations to offset the many running costs. *FHL* funding has traditionally covered around 70% of the school's running costs and has enabled the school to double the number of classes to six, increase the number of pupils to 67, introduce better facilities, and invest in well-qualified teaching staff. Next weekend there will be a short talk by Father Mamdouh Abusada about the work of the charity and how it supports the School of Joy, followed by a retiring/second collection after all Masses. Please be generous.

**Volunteers for the Church Repository.** If you could help in the repository before and after any of the weekday and weekend Masses, please contact the parish office.

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

**Next Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday.** The theme chosen for 2023 is "All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together". This was inspired by observations made by Pope Francis during his visit to Canada last year when he spoke about looking towards a future of, 'justice, healing and reconciliation' and by conversations following RJS 2022. For more information please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-Sunday>.

**World Day of the Sick**, on Saturday 11 February 2023, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the 31st World Day of the Sick, Cardinal Vincent Nichols will celebrate Mass in Westminster Cathedral at 2:30pm. During this Mass anointing of the sick will be offered. For tickets please contact Claudia [stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk) by Wednesday 1 February 2023 advising if you are booking for wheelchair users who require anointing; walking sick who require anointing; or assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.

**J.S. Bach's St John Passion** at Westminster Cathedral on Thursday 16 March 2023 at 7:30pm. An event in aid of Westminster Cathedral. [www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/event/passion2023](http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/event/passion2023).

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

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