



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - 12 February 2023

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Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Church...

I was on a Zoom conference recently to discuss a reflection document to be later ratified by the Area Bishops' Deans' Councils before being discussed at the individually Deanery meetings: a meeting about a meeting about a meeting. And I kid you not, one other normal level of talks was omitted. Such is the life of a parish priest and dean today. That said, when we discussed it on Tuesday at the Ukrainian Cathedral (which included a wonderful lunch and special vodka about which Fr Ben can tell you more) it bore much fruit. Talking about the Cardinal's observations that we are in a time of transition and that new shoots are appearing which give "life to the practice and deepening of faith and its expression in service," and how members of the neo-catechumenal way have a lifetime of catechesis, I had a thought... Throughout the pandemic, Fr Ben and I spent a lot of time on the website and Facebook page giving Scripture reflections, explanations of various aspects of the Church's teaching and liturgies, as well as the usual Masses, Holy Hours, Stations of the Cross and so on. But now with both of us heavily involved in the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes, and lots of couples to prepare for Baptism and Marriage, all that catechesis for its own sake has stopped and there are only adult "classes" for those preparing to be fully initiated into the Church. More importantly, having just met with the parents of the First Communion children, I was astonished at the number who appreciated some catechesis, commented how they'd never had anything like this before, and said they had learned a lot. With this in mind—and since a similar suggestion was made during our Synodal meetings here—and given that the First Communions and Confirmations will be completed by the mid-May, we have enough time until the summer to offer ten 90 minute sessions purely to help deepen your knowledge of parts of our Faith that particularly interest you or about which you would just like to know a little more. So, we hand it over to you to suggest the topics and we shall cover the most popular. But two things: one, if more of you could help with children's sacramental preparation, we could do more adult pure interest sessions; and two, this will not be a forum to discuss doctrinal change, but otherwise, whatever it is...don't be afraid to ask. *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 Bell amfitrit altera*
Gallus - *Cantate Domino a 9*
Trombetti - *Bonum est confidere*
200 All My Hope on God is Founded
133 All Ye Who Seek a Comfort Sure
126 O Thou, Who at Thy Eucharist Didst Pray

Sunday Readings, page 136

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
Psalm 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 R. v 1
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

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CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal. We are responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria-Turkey Emergency Appeal at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

Modern 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.

School of Joy. *Friends of the Holy Land* would like to thank the parishioners for their generous donations last weekend and for their continued support and prayers.

The SVP Foodbank Collection takes place this weekend. Please leave your non-perishable items on the table in the porch. Thank you.

English Classes/Parent and Toddler Group/Over 50's: no sessions during half term 13—17 February 2023. English classes resume on Monday 20 February; Parents & Toddlers and Over 50's on Tuesday 21 February.

Burning of Palms on Sunday 19 February after the 12:00 noon Mass to make ashes for Ash Wednesday on 22 February when there will be Masses at 10:00am and 7:30pm. Please leave your palms in the brazier in the church porch before next Sunday. Thank you.

Stations of the Cross during Lent will take place every Thursday at 6:00pm before evening Mass from 23 February 2022.

First Holy Communion Programme continues after half term on Saturday 25 February 2023 from 12:00pm—1:00pm in the parish hall.
Confirmation Programme continues after half term on Sunday 26 February 2023 from 4:00pm—5:30pm in the parish hall.

Tea & Coffee after 9:00am Mass in the parish hall continues after half term on Sunday 26 February.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Lent Appeal. Please take home a money box from the porch table, fill it with loose change and return it to the parish at your convenience or direct to CAFOD. Family Fast Day is on Friday 3 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously. cafod.org.uk/lent

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.

CAFOD's The Big Lent Walk. Challenge yourself to walk 200km over 40 days. Walk when and where you choose, alone or with friends. Sign up at walk.cafod.org.uk, get sponsored and raise money to help people as they overcome poverty.

'Caspar's Dream: Bartholomew on the Road' is a simple text beautifully illustrated which describes the path of life and its pebbles along the way (which are allegories for sins), and the various events on the road don't prevent us from moving forward and finding true happiness. It's a story to understand the companionship with God - available from the repository, age 7+, £9.20 per copy.

Rest in Peace: William Allen. Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 11:30am, committal at West London Crematorium.
Audrey Joseph. Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Thursday 9 March 2023 at 11:00am, committal at St Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Saint Christina's Pre-Prep and Prep School for Boys & Girls Aged 3-11 Open Morning is on Wednesday 15 March 2023 from 9:15am—11:00am. To book your place call 020 7722 8784 or scan the QR code on the poster in the porch or email headteacherspa@staintchristinas.org.uk.

Day	Location	Time	Group
Thursday	Lower Hall	10:30am-12 noon	Creative Writing