



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ Third Sunday of Easter - 23 April 2023

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If You Want to Make God Laugh...

...tell Him your plans. And, of course, we did—can you hear Him? To wit, a couple of months ago we offered to run a series of ten sessions on consecutive Thursday evenings from late May until the summer holidays on topics of your choice about which you would like to know more. Well, you can imagine how delighted we are to have received 15 wonderful requests thus far covering the full gamut of our beautiful Faith. That was the first happy dilemma as none of the subjects should be—nor would be—overlooked. However, as we began to put them in what we hope you will consider to be a sensible order, each one building on the previous one, we hit another slight difficulty: of those Thursday evenings, two are Holydays of Obligation which means there will be a sung 7:30pm Mass and we would really not want to start after 8:30pm nor cause working people to miss those sessions so as to fulfil their Catholic duties on the Solemnities of the Ascension and Ss Peter & Paul. In addition, a Deanery meeting has been scheduled for one of those Thursday evenings and since I am the dean and Fr Ben is the secretary, we both have to attend that. Therefore, I hope you will be pleased with this happy compromise—we will have seven sessions before the summer and then eight in the autumn. This has several added advantages. Firstly, we could offer it on a different day from September so that people who have a commitment on a Thursday could attend. Secondly, it will allow more topics to be suggested organically as we go along. And thirdly, it will give word-of-mouth the chance to spread how good Fr Ben's talks are so that more people might come, and how awful mine are so that they can be advised to stay at home and watch the telly instead.

So behold, the dates and topics:

- 25 May Why the Trinity Makes Complete Sense
- 1 June Christian Anthropology from Adam to Mary and Beyond
- 8 June God's Self-Revelation and Teaching from Abraham to Jesus
- 15 June The Paradox of the Powerful Yet Tender Nature of God
- 22 June Isaiah and His School
- 13 July Why is there Suffering?
- 20 July Job and Redemptive Suffering

Of course, this all assumes God has stopped laughing by then. *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

85 Ye Choirs of New
Jerusalem
72 When I Survey the Wondrous
Cross
120 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep
Silence
de Rore *Missa a Note Negre*
Philips *Regina Coeli*
Lassus *Surrexit pastor bonus*

Sunday Readings, page 258

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalm 15:1-2, 5, 7-11 R. v 11
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

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Tea & Coffee after the 9:00am Mass in the parish hall. We look forward to welcoming you back.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Meeting is on Monday 24 April 2023 at 8:00pm in the parish hall.

First Holy Communion Rehearsals on Thursday 27 April at 6:00pm (for Saturday 29 April at 12:00 noon) and 4 May at 6:00pm (for Sunday 7 May at 2:00pm) in the Church. Attendance is compulsory.

'A Day with Mary' is on Saturday 29 April from 10:00am—5:30pm at Our Lady & St Michael, Crown Rise, Garston, Watford. See poster in porch.

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday when we pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood, and when the annual collection for the Priest Training Fund takes place which pays for the formation of men for our diocese as well as supporting the ongoing formation of those ordained. And while we don't have a student this year, Allen Hall are sending us one to talk to you about his journey and seminary life which means you get to hear a different voice next Sunday—lucky you. Please take home a donation envelope from the back of the church, read the information therein, and bring it back next weekend with your offering. Above all, continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

The Annual Mass for Migrants will be celebrated on Monday 1 May 2023 at 12:00 noon at St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate E7 9QB. The celebrant will be Bishop Alan Williams, sm.

Catholics and the Monarchy in Britain—London Jesuit Centre, 113 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH on Thursday 4 May from 7:00pm—9:00pm. At the coronation of Charles III, join a discussion about the relationship between Catholics and the Monarchy. Suggested contribution £10, visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.churchsuite.com/events/hl8mglym>.

Coronation of King Charles III. There will be a solemn sung Mass with the choir to pray for our King at 7:30pm on Friday 5 May followed by a bring-and-share supper in the hall. All welcome.

St Francis of Assisi Exhibition, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, 6 May to 30 July 2023, showing art and imagery of Saint Francis (1182-1226) from the 13th century to today including paintings from the National Gallery Collection by Sassetta, Botticelli and Zurbarán with international loans of works by Caravaggio, Josefa de Obidos etc. Book your free ticket to gain entry at <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/saint-francis-of-assisii>.

Procession of Our Lady of Willesden through the streets of Willesden will take place on Sunday 14 May 2023 at 3:00pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX.

Thank you to those who have suggested topics for our adult catechesis sessions beginning on Thursday 25 May 2023 at 7:30pm in the parish hall. More ideas are most welcome.

Social Media. Do visit <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/>, and Our Lady's RC Church, St John's Wood Facebook page which are regularly updated.

Your Easter Offerings were incredibly generous and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Any offering can be given electronically via <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/donating-to-the-parish/> but please remember to say what your donation is for. If you pay tax, please complete the *Gift Aid* form on that page too. Standing orders, the easiest way to give regularly, can also be set up there. To *Gift Aid* using the *Collectins* you must follow the prompts to register each card or 'phone on the machine, or scan the QR code and register them at home. God bless you for whatever and however you give to us and to those in need.

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
Wednesday	Upper Hall	1:00pm-2:00pm	Art Class
Thursday	Lower Hall	10:30am-12 noon	Creative Writing