



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday) - 30 April 2023

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Priest Training Fund

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood.

There are currently **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **14** of whom are from our own Diocese, as well as two men studying in Rome and two in Valladolid. Last year **5** men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests.

The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

In the Gospel, Jesus declares that He is the gate and the gatekeeper of the sheepfold. Jesus then speaks of the shepherd of the flock who He permits to enter the haven of the sheepfold with his flock. We see here how Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, envisages shepherds who will lead His flock. In the Gospel there is a clear bond between Jesus, the gatekeeper, and the shepherd. The sheep listen to the voice of the shepherd because he is one with the gatekeeper, the gate, Who is Jesus. In the other readings for this Sunday, we have Saint Peter preaching Jesus Christ, not himself, but only Jesus. A true shepherd, a priest of Jesus Christ, is a man who devotes himself to prayer, service, and study in order that the precious flock may be brought safely to the sheepfold, as he serves in the Person of Christ, repeating Jesus' words at every Mass, "this is my Body, this is the chalice of my Blood". Our own seminarian Robert Smialek will be ordained to the Diaconate, Saturday 10 June 10.30am at the Cathedral, after 5 years of formation; as you recall, Robert was devoted to bringing Jesus to all. This Sunday we welcome Paolo Gambardella, a seminarian at Allen Hall, who is being formed for the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. May we support the formation of our priests through prayer, by our own lives of faithful discipleship in Christ, and by financial generosity. *Fr Ben*

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: 10:00am, 7:30pm
Saturday: 10:00am

Rosary

After weekday Mass

Exposition & Confessions

Saturday 10:30am—11:00am

Confessions

Saturday 5:15pm—5:45pm

Music for Sunday

Scarlatti - *Missa Clementina II*
Hassler - *Deus, Deus meus*
Porta - *Ego sum pastor bonus*
209 Christ is Made the
Sure Foundation
200 All My Hope on God is
Founded
265 The King of Love My
Shepherd is

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Acts 2:14, 36-41
Psalm 22, R. v 1
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

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First Holy Communion. Please keep in your prayers the first group of children who are receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this weekend.

No tea & coffee after the 9:00am Mass **this and next** Sunday. We look forward to welcoming you back on 14 May.

No English Classes on Monday 1 and 8 May. Classes will resume on 15 May.

First Holy Communion Rehearsal on Thursday 4 May at 6:00pm (for Sunday 7 May at 2:00pm) in the Church. Attendance by both a parent and all children is compulsory.

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.

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.

Marriage Preparation Course at St Charles Borromeo Church, 8 Ogle Street, W1W 6HS from Thursday 11 May 2023 at 8:00pm, consisting of 8 one hour sessions each Thursday evening and finishing with a day together on the following Sunday. Open to all, no charge but please register to attend by emailing oglestreet@rcdow.org.uk. The course helps those preparing for marriage by assuring them of God's love for them and helping to show the meaning and importance of Christian Marriage.

Your Offerings 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.

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.

Vocations Evening. On Wednesday 17 May 2023, there will be an open evening at St James, Spanish Place, for any men interested in learning about or discerning a vocation to the priesthood. The regular evening Mass at 6:00pm will be followed by a gathering in the social center for a short presentation, informal conversations and refreshments. Nearest tube: Bond St/Baker St.

Thank you to those who have suggested topics for our six adult catechesis sessions beginning on Thursday 25 May 2023 at 7:30pm in the parish hall. More ideas are most welcome. Please note that the sessions on 13 and 20 July will be combined into one talk on 13 July.

Legion of Mary If you are interested in becoming a member, please join their meetings in the Lower Hall at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Old Marylebone Road, NW1 5QT on Thursdays 6:00pm, for more information please contact Caroline Benker on 07950 771352, see leaflets in the porch.

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.

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