



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ Easter Sunday and Second Sunday of Easter - 9 & 16 April 2023

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It Ain't Over...

...since an amply proportioned lady hasn't started singing. Yes, Lent is done and Christ is risen, but the denouement of Christ's mission is another 40, nay 50, days away. Don't worry though as there's no fasting or abstinence involved in those six weeks. Rather there should only be unbridled feasting at Christ's new life offered to all until the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday 18 May (indeed, to Pentecost) when the Lamb of God sacrificed once and for all physically enters Heaven as the ultimate hope for our bodily future. This is why in the painting by Correggio Christ is telling Mary not to



hold Him down to earth as if He has been reincarnated. Instead, He points upwards to Heaven, the place to where He must go in order to complete His saving work. Thus, while we thank you all for making the church so beautiful and our liturgies so prayerful over the past few weeks, and for your generosity to us and the needy this season and always, we pray that you will keep the joy of Easter alive in your

hearts for even longer than you kept the Lenten fast. Now isn't that a cause for an "Alleluia!"? So, as the fat lady warms up, may God bless each and every one of you and sustain your rejoicing throughout the whole of this long, glorious season. *Fr Kevin, Fr Ben, Sr Brigid & Milo*

Mass Times

Holy Saturday

8:00pm The Easter Vigil
in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday

9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon,
6:00pm

Easter Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

10:00am

Easter Thursday

7:00pm

Easter Saturday

10:00am

Second Sunday of Easter

6:00pm (Saturday) 9:00am,
10:30am, 12:00 noon, 6:00pm

Confessions

Holy Saturday

10:00am—11:00am

Easter Saturday

10:30am—11:00am

5:15pm—5:45pm

See also [Easter-2023.pdf](#)

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Easter Sunday

Mozart - *Coronation Mass*

Guerrero - *Regina Caeli*

Victoria - *Surrexit pastor
bonus*

Hymns - 79, 112, 73

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An Easter Week leaflet with all the times of Masses and Confessions is available in the Church or at [Easter-2023.pdf \(https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/\)](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/).

Easter Offering. Your Easter gift to the parish using the special envelopes can be given at any time during Holy Week and the Easter season and can be *GiftAided* <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/wp-content/uploads/sites/48/2023/01/Gift-Aid-Form.pdf>. Thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity throughout the year and especially in these difficult times.

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

'A Day with Mary' on Saturday 15 April 2023 from 9:30am—4:30pm at the Church of Mary, Mother of God, Nags Head Road, Ponders End. For full itinerary please see poster in the porch.

The next SVP Foodbank collection will take place on 15/16 April 2023. Please leave non-perishable items on the table in the porch. *Thank you.*

English Classes resume on Monday 17 April, **Parents and Toddlers Group and Over 50's** on Tuesday 18 April, **Art Class** on Wednesday 19 April and **Creative Writing** on Thursday 20 April.

Confirmation Rehearsal on Thursday 20 April 2023 at 7:30pm in the church. The Mass is on Friday 21 April 2023 at 7:00pm. We pray for, and congratulate, the 22 young parishioners who will have the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred on them by the Right Reverend Nicholas Hudson.

First Holy Communion Programme. The last session is on Saturday 22 April 2023 from 12:00pm—1:00pm in the parish hall.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday 23 April 2023 as will **Tea & Coffee** in the parish hall after that Mass.

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

The Cistercian Nuns of Holy Cross Abbey, Whitland, Pembrokeshire, are inviting single Catholic women between the ages of 25 and 45 who are discerning a vocation to experience their monastic life over a weekend on Friday 28 April—Monday 1 May 2023, www.hcawhitland.co.uk and to register contact comeandseehca@gmail.com.

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.

Coronation of King Charles. 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.

Thank you to those who have suggested topics for our adult catechesis sessions beginning on 18 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/>.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by HE Vincent Cardinal Nichols from 21 to 28 July 2023. Book now to avoid disappointment as places are limited <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimage/lourdes/westminster-lourdes>.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP, from 19 November to 27 November 2023, route: Galilee – Jerusalem – Bethlehem, flying from Heathrow on BA. Full board £2,265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Travel insurance essential. Book online at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666 or Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage office 020 7798 9173.

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.