



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ Pentecost Sunday - 28 May 2023

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Full House

Every year a few parents get into a complete panic because, for some unfathomable reason, their child has not only missed registration for, but also the first few sessions of the First Holy Communion or Confirmation programmes. They seem to think that if these Sacraments aren't celebrated in year three and year nine respectively then their child will never complete their initiation into the Church. No matter how much priests try to reassure them that those are just the youngest ages for preparation, you would think they had brought the world crashing down on them and their child was lost forever. There are all sorts of very good reasons why children and young people don't celebrate these milestones at the earliest opportunity. Indeed, at times this can be a blessing because slightly older children in the First Holy Communion classes will help the younger ones with reading and so on. And at the time for Confirmation registration I am always impressed by teenagers who say they don't yet feel ready to make an adult commitment to the Faith of Christ's Church. There is, in both cases, plenty of time to catch up.

But don't put it off forever: it is important for our salvation to celebrate these Sacraments. Firstly, any Sacrament is the best source of grace in our lives to help us avoid evil, do good, and grow in holiness. Secondly, these two Sacraments complete our initiation into the Church. And as a result of this, they are necessary for certain tasks we might be asked to undertake in the future in the Church. At this point you might think I mean the Sacrament of Matrimony, but while Confirmation is desirable for this, only Baptism is essential. However, Confirmation (and by definition, First Holy Communion) are required if one is to be a godparent at Baptism or a sponsor at Confirmation. This is the Church's universal Canon Law and without Confirmation—and regular practice of our Faith—these roles cannot be filled. So, for the grace of these Sacraments, to complete your initiation into the Church, and to thus be available as a sponsor or godparent, come and talk to me and we can begin the process in a little weekly group meeting which, with its diverse ages, is always great fun. Yes, I know it flies in the face of the rules of poker, but only in the Church does a full house beat every other hand.

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

Great Organ Mass (Haydn)

Hodie completi sunt à 8

(Melchior Franck)

92 Come Down O Love Divine

91 Breathe on Me, Breath of
God

93 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator,
Come

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Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 R. cf v 30

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

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No Over 50's Club on Tuesday 30 May 2023.

Eucharistic Adoration event for young people in the Diocese, hosted by Bishop Nicholas Hudson and Westminster Youth Ministry is on Wednesday 31 May 2023 from 7:30pm—9:00pm at Farm St Church in Mayfair. Antonia Salzano, Blessed Carlo Acutis' mother, has very generously agreed to speak at this event. Her talk will be focused on her son's trust in and on the Lord in the Eucharist. This is open to everyone but especially to young people who have just received the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are not many times in the history of the Church where the parent of a Blessed has been alive to recount to us the journey to beatification of their child.

Blessed Carlo Acutis's Mother, Antonia Salzano, will also be visiting the Church of Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane on Thursday 1 June 2023 at 6:30pm. Following a sung Mass, Antonia will give a talk about Carlo's life and his relationship with Our Lord. There will also be the opportunity to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo.

Volunteer Cleaners. If you can help every 5 weeks, especially on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Thursdays after 7:00pm Mass, Saturdays after 6:00pm Mass, please contact Claudia in the office. Thank you.

Our second adult catechesis session on 'Christian Anthropology from Adam to Mary and Beyond' will take place on Thursday 1 June 2023 at 7:30pm in the parish hall.

Rest in Peace: Barbara McFadden. Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Friday 2 June 2023 at 12 noon, committal at West London Crematorium.

The London Eucharistic Octave—3 to 11 June 2023. The Westminster parishes of Maiden Lane & Spanish Place, together with the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy, the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, and the Order of Malta, invite you to a week of celebrations, centred on the Blessed Sacrament. We invite you to honour Our Eucharistic Lord, celebrate the richness of the Catholic Church and take to the streets of London to share the message that *Christus Vincit!* For the full programme visit <https://catholicengland.org/>

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.

'A Day with Mary' On Saturday 10 June 2023 from 9:30am—5:15pm at St Scholastica, Kenninghall Road, Clapton. See poster in the porch.

The SVP would like to thank you for your generous donations to the Foodbank. The next collection will be on 10 and 11 June 2023.

Sri Lankan Dinner in aid of Caritas St Joseph's, hosted by *Caritas St Joseph's* on Saturday 10 June 2023 from 7:00pm—10:00pm at St Joseph's Grove, Hendon, NW4 4TY. Tickets are £35 incl. drinks, canapes and a buffet dinner. Call 020 8202 3999 or email thushari@stjoseph.org.uk by 31 May 2023 to book your ticket (18+ only).

12:00 noon Mass on Sunday 11 June—Corpus Christi. Our First Holy Communion children will be present at this Mass which will be followed by a procession through the grounds.

Tea & Coffee after 9:00am Mass resumes on Sunday 18 June 2023.

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School - Open Evening for Secondary Transfer - Monday 26 June 2023. Guided tours from 5:00pm—7:00pm, Headteacher talks at 5:00, 6:00pm and 7:00pm in The Chapel. Admissions Policy at <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/>. The online application to apply to sit the entrance tests for entry in September 2024 is available at <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/admissions-2024-25/>. Deadline for applications and Certificate of Catholic Practice - 4:00pm Tuesday 4 July 2023.

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, and if you pay tax, please complete the *Gift Aid* form. Standing orders, the easiest way to give regularly, can also be set up there. To *Gift Aid* using the *Collectins* 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.