



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ Corpus et Sanguis Christi - 11 June 2023

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If Jesus Came Today...

Our Blessed Lady's *fiat*, her "yes", to embracing body and soul her part in the Incarnation at the message of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation, her giving her body to form the Body of Christ, *Corpus Christi*, on earth in history, was not a response that sat well with the people of the time. As an unmarried young woman she risked not only the shame of her family and rejection by Joseph (albeit briefly until the fullness of the Incarnation was explained to him), but also being stoned to death for adultery by the religious authorities. In our world today she might also have faced pressure, for the sake of her education, getting a foot firmly on the career ladder first, and so on, to have a termination, an abortion. In contrast, as Catholics we would advise that the Church's teaching is that life is to be nurtured from conception to its natural end in all circumstances.

With that teaching in mind, in England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year (next Sunday, in fact), for the first time, it will be celebrated in Scotland and Ireland on the same day. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of terminations primarily on women, but also on men and others. Such an emphasis echoes the reflection of St (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta who once said, "Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: half the babies and all the mothers."

Now you may think this a little sensationalist, but the message for this year's *Day for Life* has been written not by a senior Church figure but by a woman of about Mary's age who had an abortion. She wrote it in the hope that it can offer opportunities for healing and reconciliation. She wrote it in the hope that knowing the impact the abortion had on her life, others might know about and make different choices. You can read it in full here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/df123-message/>.

The voices of women who have had an abortion are often silent or unheard. So please support *Day for Life* next week and help break this silence for them. And let us not forget the silent voices of those in the womb today: who knows what their message might be or what their bodies, their real presence, might contribute to our salvation. *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

Palestrina *Missa nasce la
gioja mia*
Valcampi *O quam suavis est
Domine*
Montemayor *O sacrum
convivium a 6*
112 Alleluia sing to Jesus
129 Soul of my Saviour
122 O Bread of Heaven,
Beneath this Veil

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Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20 R. v 12
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

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

Our fourth adult catechesis session on 'The Paradox of the Powerful Yet Tender Nature of God' will take place on Thursday 15 June 2023 at 7:30pm in the parish hall.

Junior Choir Recruitment. We are looking for new members to sing with our Junior Choir. The Junior Choir has been singing at the 12noon mass since September 2021 and has been going from strength to strength. We would love to gain some new voices, particularly from our First Holy Communion cohort. If you would like more information about how to join and what is involved, please speak to Martina after mass or email her at martinasmyth@rcdow.org.uk.

Westminster Cathedral Friends are hosting a quiz with a fish and chip supper on Wednesday 14 June at 6:30pm in support of Westminster Cathedral. Deadline for bookings: 10:00am on Wednesday 14 June. And on Tuesday 20 June at 7:15pm Cardinal Vincent Nichols will speak and host a number of speakers on the theme 'Coronation Reflections'. Booking at <https://tinyurl.com/CathedralFriends>, or contact friends@rcdow.org.uk. Both events are at Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London SW1P 1QW

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London—Divine Mercy Retreat 2023 at Sacred Heart RC Church, New Priory, Quex Road, Kilburn NW6 4PS on Saturday 17 June 2023 from 1:30pm—4:30pm led by the Marian Fathers. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

Tea & Coffee after 9:00am Mass in the parish hall resumes next Sunday. We are looking for more volunteers so if you can help please contact Claudia in the office.

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery, NW10 5NU, Kensal Green will be on Monday 19 June 2023 at 11:30am.

Next Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Meeting takes place on Monday 19 June 2023 at 8:00pm in the parish hall.

Refugee Week 19—25 June: Compassion. Monday 19 June 2023 is World Refugee Day and kicks off Refugee Week with a monthly prayer vigil outside the Home Office, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF from 12:30pm—1:30pm, organised by Westminster Justice & Peace, London Catholic Worker and the London Churches Refugee Fund to pay for migrants to seek safe passage to the UK. Guest Speaker: Bishop Paul McAleenan. Contact Barbara Kentish barbarakentish@talktalk.net.

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.

Rest in Peace: Peter Jean Claude Ramsamy. Reception Service at Our Lady's on Wednesday 28 June 2023 at 4:00pm. Requiem Mass on Thursday 29 June 2023 at 2:00pm, committal at Golders Green Crematorium.

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 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.

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