



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ The Most Holy Trinity - 4 June 2023

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The Fellowship of the Eternal Trinity Invites You

When we speak about the Holy Trinity, we enter into the realm of three divine Persons Who are eternal. They have no beginning; They have no end; They are the necessary Substance; They are Being; no thing can exist without Their willing to sustain it in its linear, time bound existence. The Holy Trinity is absolutely not part of this time-bound, changeable universe, but Their creation, which includes us, is marked with the unimaginable beauty of Their truth, Their signature.

Jesus Christ claims to be one of the Persons of the Trinity: "now Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was" (Jn 17:5). He also demonstrates His authority on earth, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" [] "But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home" (Mk 2:7, 10-11). Jesus' reference to the 'Son of man', refers to Daniel 7:13-14, where Scripture describes two divine being in heaven: the Ancient of Days, and the Son of man. Jesus knows Who He is, further, He knows why He is here.

Both the first reading from Exodus and the Gospel teach of the tenderness, compassion, kindness, and faithfulness of God (Ex 34:6); these characteristics are unchanging and eternal in God. The Son, Who has learnt everything from His Father (Jn 8:38), reveals these same characteristics by coming into creation, born of the Virgin and named Jesus, to die for our sins. The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father and the Son, (Jn 14 & 15), also reveals the tender, compassionate, and faithfulness of God, for the Holy Spirit will counsel us, will teach the humble of heart to live lives like Jesus, guided by His risen grace, for the Spirit is the Spirit of Truth.

The Scriptures teach us that the most holy Trinity, God, unseen and ineffable, has revealed Their eternal unchanging love and faithfulness by Their covenants and prophecies, and then finally in the Incarnation of the eternal Son, Jesus, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is eternal, unending bliss and fellowship, and They long to welcome us into Their bond. How will we respond to Their invitation? *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 & Saturday: 10:00am

Rosary

After weekday Mass

Exposition & Confessions

Saturday 10:30am—11:00am

Confessions

Saturday 5:15pm—5:45pm

Music for Sunday

Jacquet - *Missa Enceladi*

Coeique soror

Tallis - *Honor, virtus et
potestas*

235 Lead us heavenly
father, lead us

96 Holy, holy, holy! Lord
God Almighty

217 Firmly I believe and
truly

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Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Psalms Daniel 3:52-56 R. v 52

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

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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/>

Our third adult catechesis session on 'God's Self-Revelation and Teaching from Abraham to Jesus' will take place on Thursday 8 June 2023 at 7:30pm in the parish hall.

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

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).

CAFOD "Following the footsteps of the Saints: Called to action by our faith" You are invited to CAFOD's International Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road London SE1 7JB on Saturday 10 June 2023 from 10:30am—1:00pm for a short time exploring our faith, why we Campaign & how you can help. There will be guest speakers and a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as Live Simply, Our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. To book visit <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events>.

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.

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.

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.

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. Please call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

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

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.

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