



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - 9 July 2023

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## All At Sea

It would seem that my subtlety [or over-seasoning the news, Fr Ben?] may have made what I was trying to say two weeks ago a little obscure. So, for the sake of clarity the approaching storm involves:

1. Fr Ben leaving in October to be parish priest of Whetstone
2. Fr Alex coming in September to replace him—a hard task
3. Fr Alex and I continuing to live here but also running the parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, Marylebone

This will mean that from the end of August, your two priests will have:

1. Seven Masses to celebrate every Sunday over two sites
2. Four Masses and four sets of Confessions on a Saturday
3. A Mass in each church every weekday.
4. Two sets of parishioners for whom to provide pastoral care

This all seems a lot but the increased workload is mainly sacramental. Ironically, this is what a priest should be doing with most of his time anyway and is not the stuff we mainly do right now. But it means we simply won't have as much freedom to do some of the nice things we did in the past at any time of the day. For example, both St Edward's and St Joseph's schools get us in at various times on different days to make a contribution to their superb Catholic teaching. This is essential for priests to do and a ministry both they and we value. But knowing our time constraints from September, each has adapted their schedules to provide a chaplaincy slot for us first thing in the morning one day a week as they know that is the one hour we can guarantee them. I feel sure you can be as understanding about our availability. Similarly it will no longer be possible for us to catechise on a regular basis on Saturdays for the First Holy Communion programme. Therefore, those kind souls who offered recently to be catechists will soon be contacted to get your CRB checks underway—please don't change your minds. In other areas, particularly the children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:00am Mass, regularly ticking Health and Safety checklists, counting etc., an increase in volunteers is more essential now than ever—so whatever you think you can do, please volunteer. This is Sea Sunday but when you see less of us, know that we're not off on a cruise and that we could be more available if you might do anything at all to share just a tiny part of our new workload. *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

Guerrero - *Missa Iste Sanctus*  
Martini - *Populum humilem*  
Palestrina - *Tollite jugum meum*  
225 Immortal invisible  
133 All Ye Who Seek a Comfort  
Sure  
266 The Lord's My Shepherd

## Sunday Readings, page 99

Zechariah 9:9-10  
Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 R. v 1  
Romans 8:9, 11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30

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**This Sunday is Sea Sunday** when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Your support will make a big difference. Please pick up a donation envelope or visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Thank you for your support.

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

**Our sixth adult catechesis session** on 'Why is there Suffering' and 'Job and Redemptive Suffering' will take place next Thursday 13 July 2023 at 7:30pm in the parish hall.

**Dominican Order 800th Anniversary Walk to Blackfriars.** This year is the 800th anniversary year of the foundation of the first Dominican house in London so on Saturday 15 July 2023 the Dominican friars will be making a special pilgrimage walk to their roots. It will begin with 10:00am Mass in St Dominic's Priory Church, Haverstock Hill, followed by a walk to Blackfriars, with a lunch and drink break in a Blackfriars pub, followed by prayer around the vicinity of the Apothecaries' Hall. There will then be a tour of St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield, at 3:00pm with a short talk by Fr Richard Finn OP, followed by sung Vespers at 4:00pm in St Bartholomew the Great. All are welcome.

**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 *CollectTins* 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.

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

**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.

**Next Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Meeting** takes place on Monday, 17 July 2023 at 8:00pm in the parish hall. This is the last meeting before the Summer break.

**Over 50's** last session is on Tuesday 18 July 2023 and will resume on Tuesday 5 September 2023. **Parents & Toddlers Group** last session is on Thursday 20 July 2023 and will resume on Tuesday 12 September 2023.

**St Patrick's Spirituality Summit.** This summit is focused on how to grow in the spiritual life. We will be exploring different ways of praying as well as being led through the day by renowned spiritual author Fr Jacques Philippe. It is on Saturday 29 July 2023 from 11:00am—8:00pm at St Patrick's Church, Soho Square, W1D 4NR. For more information and to book your place, visit <https://www.stpatricksoho.org/spirituality>.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham in Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life** led by Most Rev. Kevin McDonald, Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark, on Saturday 5 August 2023 commencing with the 12 noon Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. Pick-up points in the Diocese of Westminster: Westminster Cathedral, Harpenden, St Albans and Letchworth so visit [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org) or call 01858 571242 / 07779 122365. Follow online at [walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/](http://walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/)

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