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SERVICE TIMES

St John's Wood

Sunday Mass

6:00pm (Sat), 9:00am (Sung),
10:30am (Sung Latin),
12noon (Sung),
6:00pm

Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday &
Saturday 10:00am;
Thursday 7:00pm

Confessions

Saturday 10:30am - 11:00am
5:15pm - 5:45pm

Marylebone

Sunday Mass

6:00pm (Sat),
11:00am (Sung Family Mass)

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
12:30pm

Confessions

Saturday 5:00pm-5:30pm

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An Unchanging Truth

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday when we pray for new vocations to the priesthood and religious life and support those already in formation.

As a teenager I read that Pope John Paul II had said, "When the spirit of adventure and great love dies there will be no more priests or nuns." This was all before the days when every word of a notable figure found its way on to the internet. To this day it is still not there.

But while many people say the priesthood is the last place they would expect to find adventure or great love, I beg to differ.

Yes, I "gave up" being a vet, but if I hadn't become a priest I would never have served in our Cathedral and met and worked with so many leaders of our Church, other churches and faiths, members of governments and heads of state. I wouldn't have gone to Sandhurst and served in the Army, become a part of the extraordinary world that is Harrow School, been a member of the NHS care system, nor learned what it means to be part of the leadership of a school. I wouldn't have been a part of so many lives.

And of course, slightly tongue in cheek, I would never have had the joy of getting to grips with health and safety legislation. That's quite a lot of adventures for anyone.

As for love, well, I would never have had to "learn" how to develop a deeper love for God through prayer and so become able to notice the signs of His love for me and for others, especially through retreats. I wouldn't have become attuned to the underlying and undying love that still exists even in the most difficult situations in which people find themselves. And I wouldn't have known the love you, the faithful People of God, have for their priests despite our many defects of character. Above all, I wouldn't have known the wonderfully sustaining love of a very few but truly special brother priests. As I write this, I am smiling at how truly blessed and loving this adventure has been.

So if you feel called to share in this spirit of adventure and great love, there are two priests in your parish who will happily witness to the unchanging truth of a great saint's words. *Canon Kevin*

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A Day With Mary 2024 Pilgrimages

Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 September) information available at:

www adaywithmary.org or

email: adwmary.uk@gmail.com

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at

St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green
Monday 17 June at 11:30am

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 19 - 26 July 2024.

Registration for the pilgrimage is now open at:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contact the Pilgrimage

Office on 020 7798 9173.

Applications to be submitted by
Tuesday 30 April.

PARISH NOTICES

Priests' Training Fund. This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priests' Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. The Priests' Training Fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can also use the QR code on the envelopes or poster in the porch, to make your donation online at:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/>
Thank you for your generosity.

Tea & Coffee.

St John's Wood - After the 9:00am Sunday Mass today.

Marylebone - After the 11:00am Sunday Mass, 28 April, 2 June, 30 June and 14 July.

This is a lovely way for parishioners to broaden their friendships. It would be wonderful if we had some more volunteers at both parishes. Please contact Kathleen in the parish office if you can help.

Rest in Peace. Joan Winifred McHugh. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary at 12:30pm on Monday 22 April and committal at West London Crematorium.

Dreams Concert. Join Radio Maria England for the Feast Day of St George on Tuesday, 23 April at 7:30pm at the London Oratory, Brompton Road for an evening of music. Pianist Rachael Shipard and singer Christian Jenkins with music from Wagner, Schumann, Rachmaninoff and Vaughan-Williams. For tickets, please visit: tinyurl.com/Dreams-April-2024

Columban Missionaries Mission Appeal 2024. Fathers Tom Ryan and Kevin McDonagh will be visiting our Parishes next weekend the 27/28 April to hold their annual Mission Appeal. The Columban Missionaries were originally founded in 1918 as the Irish (Maynooth) Mission to China. Following their expulsion from China in 1952 they began working in other countries around the rim of the Pacific ocean, such as the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Chile and Peru. Your support is very much appreciated.

Our Lady of Willesden annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, NW10 9AX on Sunday 12 May at 3:00pm. Please see the poster in the porch.

Vocations Day: 'Come and See' Men who are interested in exploring vocations to the Priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to to 'Come and See' on Saturday 1 June, 10:00am - 2:00pm in Our Lady's Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Harpenden AL5 2BD. To find out more and to register please contact:

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Legacy Gifts. You might like to consider how you could make a lasting impact by supporting the the Diocese of Westminster, your parish or an aspect of our outreach in your will. We all benefit in some way from the kindness of legacy gifts. For more information visit: <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/legacy/>. Leaflets are also available at the back of the churches.