

OUR LADY'S,
ST JOHN'S WOOD &
OUR LADY OF THE
ROSARY, MARYLEBONE

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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
10:00am;
Thursday 10:00am & 7:30pm
Friday & Saturday 10:00am;

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, Thursday
& Friday 12:30pm

Confessions
New Time
Saturday 5:15pm-5:45pm

+ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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0 to 25 in Four Days

As a seminarian in a parish one summer I made a ham sandwich for someone who came to the door. It was swiftly thrown back at me because, as the gentleman colourfully explained, he was a vegetarian. Nevertheless, my practice remains to give food or vouchers to someone who is begging rather than money.

A couple of weeks ago you all gave generously to the Priests' Training Fund. And while your donations go a long way towards the £25,000 per year costs of formation per student, you also have experience of giving practically to the "growing" of a priest. During lockdown Tim Mangatal, now a priest, was here; then Deacon - now Father - William Johnstone spent a year with us: the year after that, the now Deacon Robert Smialek made a huge contribution to the parish. At the same time both Fr Ben and Fr Alex are under-5s (in terms of years of Ordination) and therefore benefit from a regular programme of ongoing formation to make up for the many bad habits they learn from me. For you, the Priests' Training Fund is very real.

And so Deacon Robert Smialek extends an invitation for you to attend his Priestly Ordination at the Cathedral on 29 June at 10:30am. He will be ordained with two others - yes, we need more - so arrive early to secure a seat. In addition, Deacon Robert has done us the great honour of asking if he can celebrate his first Mass at Our Lady's at 12:00 noon on Sunday 30 June. It's going to be a wonderful weekend so, as they seem to say these days, "save the date".

At the other end of the scale to all these young whippersnappers, your parish priest will be 25 on 3 July. As Fr Alex puts it, appropriately enough for the feast of St Thomas, "doubt no longer but believe" that Fr Kevin has lasted this long. And so I invite you to join me and my family and friends for Mass that day at 7:00pm when the Right Reverend George Stack, Archbishop-Emeritus of Cardiff, my first parish priest in 1999 and role-model, will preach.

And rest assured that at both do's there will be food to suit all dietary preferences. *Canon Kevin*

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Confirmation at St John's Wood

Bishop Nicholas Hudson presiding.
Thursday 9 May at 7:30pm

First Holy Communion at St John's Wood

Saturday 11 May at 12 noon

First Holy Communion at Marylebone

Sunday 12 May at 11:00am

Our Lady of Willesden Annual May Procession

in honour of Our Lady takes 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.

PARISH NOTICES

First Holy Communion 2024.

Congratulations to the children from St John's Wood who made their First Holy Communion yesterday. The second group will make theirs next Saturday and in Marylebone the children will receive the Lord for the first time next Sunday. Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers. May the Lord bless them in their future Christian life.

Confirmation 2024. On Thursday 9 May our young people at St John's Wood will be Confirmed. Please pray for them and their families as they make this big step in their lives as Catholic Christians.

May - Month of Mary. Why not join with others after weekday Mass and pray the Rosary throughout the month of May. It is a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love for and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Tea & Coffee

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

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

The Ascension of the Lord - Thursday 9 May is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 10:00am at St John's Wood; 12:30pm at Marylebone; 7:30pm at St John's Wood.

SVP Foodbank Collection will take place next weekend on 11/12 May.

How Beauty Draws Us Closer to God, a talk by Fr. Patrick van der Vorst at 7:00pm on Friday 17 May at St Patrick's, Soho Square, London W1D 4NR. Fr Patrick is a priest of the Archdiocese of Westminster, a former Director of Sotheby's Europe, and the founder

of the evangelistic initiative www.Christian.Art. He will explore how beauty elevates us to encounter the Divine, how the Church has historically sought to create art that facilitates this meeting, and how this can happen in our visually overstimulated world. Please see the poster in the porch.

Annual Eucharistic Octave and Central London Corpus Christi Procession.

The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, *Corpus Christi*, Maiden Lane, will again be hosting a Eucharistic Octave from 25 May to 2 June. This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi* and includes the celebration of Masses in the various Rites of the Church and the *Quarant'Ore* devotions. Full details: <https://catholicengland.org/programe/> and on the poster in the porch.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate,

London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Saturday 1 June from 11:00am until 4:30pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Please telephone Millie on 07957 594 646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria. Please see the poster in the porch.

Sponsor a Lourdes Wheelchair.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is in need of new wheelchairs to transport the assisted pilgrims. Each wheelchair costs £139. If you would like to sponsor a wheelchair in memory of someone, contact: elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 020 7798 9173.