

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

Confessions

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

Adoration

Saturday 10.30am-11.00am

**Marylebone**

Sunday Mass

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

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
12:30pm

Confessions

Saturday 5:15pm-5:45pm

Adoration

Saturday 3pm-5.30pm

+ ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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**The Small Print**

In my humble opinion two of the greatest honours that can be bestowed on a priest are being asked to vest another (new) priest at his ordination and to preach at his first Mass. I was once asked to do the latter but, much to my regret, a previous commitment meant I was unable to accept this offer. However, I am delighted to say that I will be vesting Deacon Robert Smialek as a priest at 10:30am Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 29 June.

Although that wonderful event – when two others will become priests with Robert – has been on the back of the newsletter for several weeks, a regular parishioner had missed it entirely. And before you tut, how often do you read the small print?

Now you all know that priestly ordinations are becoming rarer and so the Cardinal expects all his priests to attend them. Hence it will be hard to get cover for the Mass here that day. And not only will many of our parishioners and staff and pupils from our schools want to be at Westminster but Sr Brigid and our sacristans will too. Thus, there will be no Mass, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament nor confessions in St John's Wood (nor in Marylebone as per the normal schedule) on the morning of Saturday 29 June.

But what there will be is the wonderful sight of the Cardinal and all his assistant bishops, the Chapter of Canons (including me) and the vast majority of our priests laying hands on three young men who have generously given their lives to Christ and you, His Church. So here it is in big print – go along. Go because it's Robert. Go because while there will be two more next year there will be none for the next few years after that. Go because you will see how aging our presbyterate is becoming – believe it or not, I am in the youngest 20%. And when you have seen how desperately in need we are to serve properly our 198 parishes, pray for more vocations, especially by attending exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Marylebone between 3:00pm and 5:30pm every Saturday, a wonderful initiative started by one of our parishioners. Finally, the other two small print notices refer to Fr Robert's first Mass at 12:00 noon on Sunday 30 June and my Silver Jubilee at 7:00pm on 3 July, both of which you are all welcome to attend in St John's Wood. And the added incentive to come to those is that I am not preaching at either. So see you all then, I hope. *Canon Kevin*

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at

St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green  
NW10 5NU, on Monday 17 June at  
11:30am

### Deacon Robert Smialek's Ordination

Westminster Cathedral at 10:30am on  
Saturday 29 June.

### Deacon Robert Smialek's First Mass

Our Lady's St John's Wood at  
12:00 noon on Sunday 30 June

### Canon Kevin Jordan's Silver Jubilee

Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 years of  
priesthood on Wednesday 3 July at  
7:00pm at St John's Wood. The Most  
Rev. George Stack, Archbishop-  
Emeritus of Cardiff, will preach.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Happy Fathers' Day.** We wish all fathers a very happy and relaxing day. May God bless you.

**Day for Life.** Today, Sunday 16 June, we celebrate the 'Day for Life'. This year we focus on the theme of compassion and hope at the end of life as well as the reasons why the Church opposes the proposal to introduce assisted suicide or euthanasia. The day provides an opportunity for catechesis on the the precious gift of life which opens out into the hope of eternal life at our earthly death. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has a dedicated section of their website on this topic, visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>  
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

**The Little Sisters of the Poor** will be making an appeal this weekend in Marylebone parish. These sisters care for the elderly poor and welcome them as they would Jesus Christ Himself, serving them with love and respect until death. For more information and to donate visit: [www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk)

### Rest in Peace.

#### Ghislaine Salabert-Mougin:

Funeral Service at Our Lady's on Monday 17 June at 1:30pm, with committal at West London Crematorium at 3:15pm.

#### Cruz Elizabeth Samaniego Estrella:

Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Thursday 20 June at 11:30pm, with committal at Brompton Cemetery, Fulham Road at 1:00pm.

**UCM Meeting** in St John's Wood on Monday 24 June in the Upper Hall featuring a make-up demonstration. All are welcome.

### CAFOD'S 'Year of Encounter'.

With the UK general election due on 4 July, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. The 'Year of Encounter' is a joint initiative between CAFOD and the SVP, equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates. Please visit [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter).

**CAFOD.** Could you inspire the next generation and gain valuable experience of presenting to young people at the same time? CAFOD is looking for volunteers to visit local schools to present assemblies and workshops. For more information visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/volunteer> or email Westminster rep Chris: [westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk) or telephone 07776 493 162.

**Altar Servers.** Any children who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to learn how to serve at Mass should speak to Canon Kevin or Fr Alex.

**Junior Choir.** Keen young singers should speak to our organist Martina about joining our wonderful junior choir after 9:00am or 12:00 noon Mass. All ages are welcome.

**If you are sick or in hospital,** please make it known to the ward staff that you are a Catholic and that you want to see a priest so that arrangements can be made for the Catholic Chaplain to visit you. Please let Canon Kevin or Fr Alex know if you are housebound, even temporarily, so they can visit you.