

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

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The Gift of Holy Communion

What's the best gift you've ever received? It might be something sentimental, made by your children or grandchildren, like a Christmas bauble you put on your tree each year. Perhaps it was the first bouquet of flowers you received or the engagement ring offered when your husband proposed.

The most meaningful gifts aren't always the most expensive, although the cost of flowers today can make them pricey! These gifts show us we are loved and treasured. The true value lies in the sentiment behind the gift, not its appearance. While someone else might see it as kitsch or out of fashion, to us, it's a treasure of incalculable value.

Today we celebrate the greatest gift Jesus has given us: Corpus Christi. We honor the gift of Jesus' body and blood, given to us at each Mass. This is the greatest gift humanity has ever received, offered because of Jesus' immense love for us.

The Eucharist is not just a symbol but a reality: the presence of Jesus among us. This is why we genuflect and bow when we enter the Church, kneeling before a king who holds power over life and death. Catholicism asserts that

Jesus is present under the appearances of bread and wine. This mystery, like the Trinity, is something we believe in faith.

Our faith is based on sure foundations. Jesus' words at the Last Supper about offering his flesh and blood were prefigured thousands of years earlier by Moses' sacrifices at the founding of the covenant between God and Israel. These sacrifices continued in Jewish worship until the temple's destruction in 70 AD.

Animal sacrifices didn't take away sins but prefigured the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. The entire Old Testament points to this moment. Today, we don't see the sacrifice prefigured but rather concealed in the appearance of bread and wine. When we consume it, Jesus lives in us, and we have life in him. Just as normal food becomes part of our body, so too does the divine food of Jesus, uniting our souls to Christ's. This communion with Christ allows us to call God our Father, anticipate eternity with him, and see God face to face. Such immense joy comes from a gift in unremarkable packaging.

Fr Alex

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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

Columban Mission appeal which took place recently in our parishes raised a wonderful £1,171. 70. Thank you so much for your incredible generosity.

Corpus Christi. Today at Our Lady, St John's Wood there will be a procession on nearby streets directly after the 12noon Mass, concluding with Benediction. Please feel free to join, even if you come only for the procession (arrive for 12.40). Booklets will be at the back of the church.

Fr Francis Wahle RIP Funeral Fr Francis' mortal remains will be received at Our Lady of the Rosary, on Monday 3 June at 5:00pm, followed by a Requiem Mass at 7:30pm. Bishop Paul McAleenan will preside. On Tuesday 4 June the Funeral Mass will also be at Our Lady of the Rosary, Marylebone at 11:30am with the Cardinal presiding and Mgr Philip Whitmore giving the homily. Parishioners from both churches are very welcome to attend and asked to keep Fr Francis in your prayers.

SVP Conference at St James Spanish Place urgently need volunteers to take part in a bike ride on 9 June and to organise their next charity ball. Both events will raise much needed funds for their twice weekly 'Soup Runs.' Please see the poster in the porch.

Lepra Appeal takes place next weekend at our Lady of the Rosary. Today 600 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, whilst over 3 million people are living with undiagnosed leprosy. Leprosy is not a disease of the past, it still exists and it is still destroying lives. But it is curable! Lepra has been working for 100 years this year to tackle this disease For information or to donate visit www.lepra.org.uk.

Eucharist Adoration at Our Lady of the Rosary will be restarting on Saturday 8 June 3pm-5.30pm, and will be every Saturday going forward. This project allows the church to be open more in the day for private prayer and devotions, so please support simply by visiting our Lord between 3pm-5.30pm and letting others know of this opportunity for silent prayer in the presence of Jesus.

The SVP Foodbank Collection takes place at St John's Wood next weekend. Please leave non-perishable items on the table in the porch. *Thank you.*

The Bible Summit takes place on Saturday 22 June, 10:30am - 5:30pm, at St Patrick's Church, Soho Square. The Bible Summit will bring together renowned Biblical experts for talks, sessions and panel conversations designed to help Catholics to encounter God in His Word, to learn and explore the rich, vibrant language of the 'God who speaks'. For more more information and to book tickets please visit: <https://www.stpatricksoho.org/summits>

SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with includes suggested questions to ask candidates. Please visit: cafod.org.uk/encounter and svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

Serving at Mass 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 after Mass.