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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

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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Don't be anxious about anything

I'm sometimes unnerved by the youth of our servers. When preparing to celebrate Mass last week, one said they were doing a play based on "a really old film." When I probed further, it turned out it was a film from the 1990s, which made me feel ancient.

So I'm sure it will seem like ancient history to some, but others of you might remember the 2017 election and the response of Brenda from Bristol, who, when told another general election was on its way, responded with: "You're joking, another one! I can't be doing with it."

Irrespective of our different political opinions, we can all agree that the last few years have had a lot of upheaval. And upheaval can be unnerving. It can unsettle us. We can find our minds becoming more and more filled with big questions, whether they be trade agreements, pandemic responses, or tax changes.

Sometimes, like now in an election, we should focus on these big questions. To think whose positions are the ones we believe are the most likely to benefit our society. Ask whether any pose a challenge to Christianity.

However, we mustn't let these matters become consuming. To become issues to divide us or disrupt our inner peace. Politics was undoubtedly a big factor in the life of the early Church, that Saints Peter and Paul preached to, with Roman Emperors coming and going with alarming frequency. It must have been tempting to obsess about it, but St. Paul's words showed what was truly important:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but by prayer let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God will guard your hearts and in Christ Jesus."

That peace of God is what keeps us focused on what is important. And this weekend we have much to celebrate here with the ordination of new priests at the Cathedral, today's First Mass of Father Robert Smialek at St. John's Wood and Canon Kevin's Jubilee celebrations on Wednesday. For the priesthood exists at the service of all. To offer the sacrifice of the Mass on our behalf, to take away sins, and to give the assurance of eternal life through the sacraments. Compared to such wonder and greatness, political questions seem very small indeed. *Fr Alex*

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fr Robert Smialek's First Mass

Saints Peter and Paul

Sunday 30 June, 12:00noon

Our Lady's, St John's Wood

Canon Kevin Jordan's Silver Jubilee

Feast of St Thomas

Wednesday 3 July, 7:00pm

Our Lady's, St John's Wood

CAFOD pilgrimage for young adults

aged 18- 40 from 12 -14 July.

For more information please visit:

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/young-adults-residential-pilgrimage>

Please see the poster in the porch.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

19 - 26 July 2024.

PARISH NOTICES

Deacon Robert Smialek was ordained a priest by Cardinal Nichols in Westminster Cathedral yesterday. Today Sunday 30 June, Robert will be celebrating his First Mass at Our Lady's, St John's Wood at 12 noon, followed by celebrations in the Upper Hall. All are welcome.

Please pray for Fr Robert and the other two men who have been ordained for our diocese to the priesthood. May they dedicate themselves to the service of the Church and faithful celebration of the Sacraments.

A second Collection for 'Peter's Pence' takes place this weekend, 29/30 June. The Peter's Pence Collection is for the Pope's fund to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters and others in need of emergency assistance. The proceeds of the collection, are used to assist the Holy Father in this work.

Canon Kevin Jordan's Silver Jubilee Celebration takes place on Wednesday 3 July at Our Lady's, St John's Wood at 7:00pm. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for 25 years of priesthood. The Most Reverend George Stack, Archbishop-Emeritus of Cardiff, will preach. A bring-and share celebration will follow in the Upper Hall. All are welcome.

Anna & Louise invite all catechists for a day retreat on Saturday 6 July at Sacred Heart School, Hammersmith – this nurturing and relaxed retreat is from 10:00am-3:30pm. Suggested donation of £10 for the day – please bring a packed lunch. To register please email cadadmin@rcdow.org.uk.

A Day with Mary takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 13 July starting at 9:45am. Please see the poster in the porch for the full schedule of the day.

St Peter's Italian Church will be continuing a tradition started in 1883 of holding an Annual Procession in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sunday 21 July at 3:30pm outside St. Peter's Italian Church, Clerkenwell Road, EC1. Before and after the procession there will be a *Sagra* with food, drinks and activities. Please see the poster in the porch.

The 40th Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life will take place at Walsingham on Saturday 3 August, led by Bishop David Oakley, the Bishop of Northampton. The pilgrimage will pray for reparation for the sins against human life and to intercede for a change in heart across every part of society. A coach will be going from this diocese leaving from outside the Cathedral at 7:30am. Further details can be found on the poster in the porch.

Eucharistic Festival takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14 September, the Feast of the Holy Cross. Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. The afternoon will include Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as sermons from Fr Alan Robinson, Rector of the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, and Bishop Nicholas Hudson, who will impart Pontifical Benediction at the end of the Procession. There will also be an opportunity to venerate a relic of Bl Carlo Acutis, whose Canonisation has recently been announced.