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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

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.

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**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

+ FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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**A New Broom?**

As I write this the electorate in our land is going to the polls. By the time we wake up tomorrow morning we will know, as the prophet Ezekiel speaks of in today's first reading, by how much – if? – the people have turned against our current government. But whoever may end up leading our country, may they be truly prophetic in their defence of the Christian principles on which our society is based. Like Christ in the gospel, may they be seen to be filled with wisdom in their guidance of our great nation.

At the other end of the rebellion spectrum, I have to say that I was deeply touched by the loyal turnout for Mass to celebrate my silver jubilee of ordination on Wednesday. Thank you all for your kind wishes and your generous and thoughtful cards and gifts, and to all who made the church look so beautiful, our liturgy so prayerful, and the celebration in the hall afterwards such a welcoming event. And since, in these modern times with so many technological advances, the readership of our newsletter goes way beyond the confines of St John's Wood and Marylebone, it was a delight to see so many familiar faces from the

other parishes in which I have had the privilege of serving as a priest.

In particular I want to thank our senior and junior choirs, the orchestra, and especially Martin and Martina. People haven't stopped talking about the high standard of such beautiful music during the Mass. It is incredible to think that those wondrous sounds came from those known to us in much the same way as the witnesses to Christ's ministry were amazed at what He achieved. It is a testimony to how much we can do together when our talents are laid at the feet of the one we call with St Thomas, "My Lord and my God".

But as my mind turns back now to the events in the wider world, I am struck by the fact that Christ couldn't work any miracles because He wasn't accepted in His home town. Whoever is elected, rather in the way you get no real say about your parish priest, may we put aside our party loyalties and pray, with the great faith our communities have, that our government may work miracles in improving the lives of all they are called to serve in our country with gentle compassion and seek to find paths to peace around the globe.

*Canon Kevin*

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**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 EC1. Please see the poster in the porch.

### Harvester's Men's Weekend

Sept 2024 in Swanwick. A time for men of all ages to gather, explore and share their faith with a mixture of talks, workshops, social events, sport, Mass, Reconciliation, and more. To book go to:  
<http://harvesters.org.uk/>

## PARISH NOTICES

### Next Sunday is Sea Sunday.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. Donate online at: [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

### The SVP Foodbank Collection at

St John's Wood takes place next weekend. Please leave non-perishable items on the table in the porch. Thank you.

### CAFOD is organising a pilgrimage

for young adults aged 18- 40 from 12 -14 July in this year of prayer leading up to the year of Jubilee. The pilgrimage will include a two-night residential stay at Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough, NN9 5UH. For more information see the poster in the porch or visit <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/young-adults-residential-pilgrimage>

### 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.

### The Divine Mercy Apostolate,

London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat on Saturday 20 July from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Sebastian and St Pancras R.C. Church, 22 Hay Lane, Kingsbury NW9 0NG. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, 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. All are welcome.

### The National Network of Pastoral Musicians 2024 Summer

**Conference** takes place from 26-28 July and is a weekend of practical workshops and music making, with keynote speakers Tina Beattie and John Bell. Full details and booking: [https://nnpm.org/NNPM/Welcome\\_files/Swanwick%202024%20booking%20form.pdf](https://nnpm.org/NNPM/Welcome_files/Swanwick%202024%20booking%20form.pdf)

### 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 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. 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.

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