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

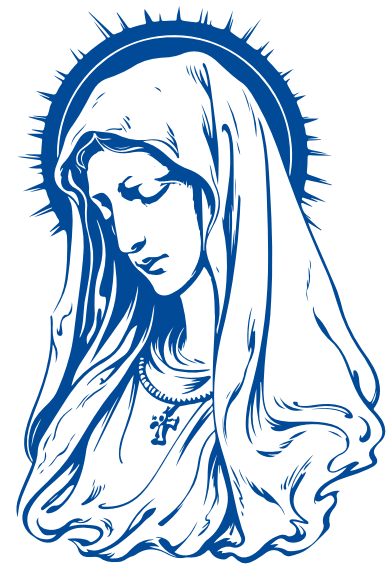
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SERVICE TIMES

**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

+ FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes**

In our second reading today, St Paul uses a metaphor he is fond of when describing the Church: "he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth." The harmonious image of the Church as one body, with Christ as its head, is key to understand our relationship with God and each other.

Firstly, because God doesn't expect, nor does he want, us to relate to him alone. We need to have prayer and connection with him, just like each organ needs nerves and tissue to connect it with the head. However, each part of the body needs to be in sync with the whole, with all sorts of different connections if all are to function well. Likewise in the Church faith is not a solitary journey; we are called to live and grow in the context of a community, supporting and edifying one another. In the modern world that's challenging, but we need each other's help, whether we realise it or not. That help can be material, time or prayer.

Secondly, because as there is diversity between different parts of the body, so there is in the

Church. It's no good having three stomachs, even at Christmas time, if we don't have a mouth to eat. In the same way, not everyone is called to the same life as a Catholic, not everyone is blessed with the same gifts from God, not everyone is attracted to the same spirituality. Some are called to be more active, others more prayerful and contemplative. Some are called to family life, others to priesthood or religious life. We need that diversity for the Church to function well, because it shows the richness of the Christian life.

Finally, there has to be something to unify us. Buying half a kilo of liver from the butcher doesn't make it "our" liver. Our body is linked together into a single whole that makes "us". In the same way the Church is unified into a single body. That body isn't one of blood, like family, nor nation, but by baptism. By baptism we all share the same goal, to get to heaven. We have the same mission and destiny as each other.

So whether you think of yourself as a set of lungs, like some in the choir might, or the hands as others who give time to the SVP could, remember that we are all linked, with Christ as the head. Fr Alex

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### 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 from 2:00pm.

## PARISH NOTICES

**Today 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. Envelopes are also available at the back of the church. Please give generously. Thank you.

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

### Tea/Coffee.

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

**Marylebone** - After the 11:00am Sunday Mass

This will be the last Sunday when tea/coffee will be served until Sunday 8 September.

### Next Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Meeting

takes place on Monday, 15 July at 8:00pm in the upper hall at St John's Wood. This is the last meeting before the Summer break.

### Activities in St John's Wood

- Parents' & Toddlers' Group last session Thursday 18 July, resuming Tuesday 10 September.
- Over 50's last session Tuesday 23 July, resuming Tuesday 10 September.
- Art Class will run throughout the Summer.
- Creative Writing will be resuming mid-September, date to be confirmed.

### 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)

**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/>

### Church Cleaning—Volunteers.

We desperately require volunteers at St John's Wood for this important ministry. At the moment cleaning takes place weekly on a different day each week either Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays. We have a team of cleaners for each day. This means that you will only be required to clean every 5 weeks. If you can help on any of the specified days please let Kathleen in the Parish office know. If there are enough volunteers we could also create a Friday team. Thank you.

### Mass Intentions.

Thank you for your greatly appreciated Mass intentions. The Sacrifice of Christ brings our prayers right to the heart of the Father. There can be no greater gift for another person. If you would like one offered, please either take a Mass offering envelope from the church and place it in the collection or contact Kathleen by emailing at [stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 020 7286 3214. The offering suggested by the Diocese is £10 per Mass. Payment can be made online or in cash either at the parish office at St John's Wood or by handing to one of the Clergy