

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

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

+ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AND  
SUMMER 2024

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**Happy Anniversary, We Hope**

Many people think we choose the Sunday readings to fit our homilies. But with leaflets in Marylebone and books in St John's Wood, you know that the Church provides set texts for each day of the year. And yet, as I pen this editorial for the last newsletter until September, the readings could not be more appropriate.

Believe it or not, over the summer holidays it will be a year since Fr Alex and I became the priests for both our parishes. Jeremiah speaks of God raising up shepherds to look after His flock and promises doom for those who have not taken care of His sheep. We sincerely hope that you and He find us in the former category rather than the latter. But even with our faults – well, mine anyway – as St Paul puts it in the passage we hear today from his letter to the Ephesians, “You...have been brought very close by the blood of Christ” quite literally in the priests who celebrate the Sacraments for and with you on a daily basis. Thank God that the grace of Ordination overcomes the human failings of the priest so that you receive what you expect and need from God – a banquet prepared for you in the Lord's own

house to revive your dropping spirits.

So for the next few weeks, may each of you be refreshed and revived, and quite possibly with the help of some very exotic spirits at home or whenever you may find yourselves. As for ensuring you have access to the best Spirit of all, please don't hesitate to ask us for advice on where to attend Mass in other parts of our country and the world – Fr Alex from his studies in Rome and me from my time in our Cathedral have friends ministering all around the globe.

While you're relaxing we, like the apostles, will make the most of the slightly lonelier places of St John's Wood and Marylebone not just to rest for a while but to think about the coming year now that things have settled down a bit. At the same time, might you commit yourself anew to what you volunteered to help with and anything else at all with which you might assist - the children's Liturgy of the Word in Marylebone for example? As St Paul says, we “have in the *one* Spirit our way to come to the Father.”

Above all else, pray for us as we will pray for you, thanking God for the great privilege of being your priests. God bless you and your loved ones. *Canon Kevin & 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

### **The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

falls on Sunday 28  
July. Pope Francis has given it the  
theme "Do not cast me off in my  
old age" c.f. Psalm 71:9. Read the  
full message from the Holy Father  
as well as view a filmed reflection  
from the President of the Bishops'  
Conference, Cardinal Vincent  
Nichols, and also prayers and links  
to help you celebrate the day at:  
[https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-  
day-grandparents-elderly/](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-grandparents-elderly/)

As the Pope says, we should  
cherish the elderly and recognise  
that there's no retirement age  
from the work of proclaiming the  
Gospel and handing down  
traditions to grandchildren.

### **Rest in Peace.**

**Beatrice Eke Beddall.** Requiem  
Mass is at Our Lady's on Tuesday  
30 July at 11:30am, with committal  
at St Mary's Catholic Cemetery at  
1:30pm

### **Holy Day of Obligation—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin**

**Mary** is on Thursday 15 August with  
Masses at 10:00am and 7:30pm  
(Sung) at St John's Wood and  
12:30pm at Marylebone.

### **The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London,**

is holding a celebration of  
St Faustina's Birthday at Aylesford  
Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank  
Holiday Monday 26 August, from  
10:00am to 4:30pm. The reflection  
day will include teachings on the  
message of Divine Mercy, Holy  
Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations  
of the Cross, Adoration and  
Benediction, and Veneration of the  
Image of Merciful Jesus. All are  
welcome. Please telephone Millie  
on 07957 594 646 for further  
information. Coaches will be  
leaving from Ealing Broadway and  
Victoria.

**March for Life UK** happens in  
London on Saturday 7 September.  
There are many attempts at the  
moment to further liberalise  
abortion in the UK and to silence  
those offering any alternative  
viewpoint. The theme for this year's  
March for Life is 'Abortion isn't  
Healthcare'. Join thousands at this  
family-friendly event. Find out more  
at: [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk).

### **St John's Wood Parish Patronal Feast, the Nativity of the Blessed**

**Virgin Mary**, will be celebrated at all  
Masses there on Sunday 8  
September.

**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  
[stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk) or 020  
7286 3214. The offering suggested  
by the Diocese is £10 per Mass.

**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.

**Next newsletter** available 7/8  
September.

**Summer Holidays.** Have a good  
rest, enjoy yourselves, and we wish  
all travellers safe journeys. May God  
bless you and your loved ones and  
keep you all in His tender care.