

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.

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

+ TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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As I Was Saying...

...before I was interrupted by the summer holidays, a year has gone by since we were given the joy of looking after two wonderful parishes and their equally wonderful people. Over the summer there were various clergy moves. As we said last October, with the reduced number of priests, it seemed that more pairings of parishes would occur. Somehow clergy were appointed to all the vacant parishes and we remain one of the few "teams" running two sites. Thus it looks like you're stuck with sharing us for the foreseeable future.

But this gives us the opportunity to strengthen the links between Marylebone and St John's Wood and allow each parish to benefit from the other's best practice. For example, a lot of children attend the same schools – St Edward's, St Joseph's and St Vincent's at primary level and often the same secondary ones too. Those children must have catechesis for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. And while we are blessed with the most generous volunteer catechists and ample hall space in both parishes, we should look at pooling our human and physical resources. That way our parishes

will continue to be a unifying factor in our younger parishioners' lives. Of course the children will celebrate First Communion in their "own" church while the place of Confirmation is at the discretion of the bishop.

And there are also the children in year two and below who are catechised in the Children's Liturgy of the Word – those in year three should remain in the body of the church as the Diocesan guidelines indicate. But as with secular education, you cannot gear a teaching session to appeal equally to four year olds and those who are seven. With this in mind, Marylebone in particular needs helpers as Fiorenza will explain. More people making time in their busy lives for this ministry will help meet safeguarding requirements to create age-appropriate groups in both places and to run these sessions every week.

On a personal note, while we all try to bring things closer together – and we have achieved a great deal thus far – it is wonderful to see people who are more "regular" in one church attending the other. Who knows for how long "we may be one" but we've all made a fabulous start. Long may it continue. *Canon Kevin & Fr Alex*

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History

will be organising a pilgrimage to Catholic York, including a visit to St. Margaret Clitherow's Shrine, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Bishophill - the oldest Church in York, on the weekend 26-27 October. Aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history. For details of how to book this free weekend and more information please see:-

<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicsadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>

PARISH NOTICES

St John's Wood Parish Patronal Feast, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be celebrated at all Masses there today, Sunday 8 September.

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.

Marylebone SVP meeting will be on Monday 9 September at 7:00pm in the Lower Hall. We urge anyone who has time to offer, to work with the SVP by becoming a volunteer. If you are interested in joining and being involved in this invaluable group you are more than welcome to attend.

Activities in St John's Wood:

- **Parents' & Toddlers' Group** resuming Tuesday 10 September
- **Over 50's** resuming Tuesday 10 September
- **Creative Writing** resuming Thursday 12 September
- **Art Class** resuming Wednesday 18 September.

Eucharistic Festival. On Saturday 14 September, the Feast of the Holy Cross, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral, starting with Mass at 12:30pm and ending at 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. A relic of Bl Carlo

Acutis, whose canonisation has recently been announced, will also be present. Please see the poster in the porch.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Meeting takes place on Monday, 16 September at 8:00pm in the Upper Hall at St John's Wood. All welcome.

Seeds of Hope Evangelisation Day on Saturday 28 September, 10:30am - 3:30pm, at Holy Apostles' church and hall, Pimlico. Everyone who is interested in evangelisation and wants to see the faith of those they care about come alive is welcome to attend. For more information see the poster in the porch or visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/seeds-of-hope-evangelisation-day-tickets-909962431127?aff=oddtcreator>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. The next non-residential retreat is from 21-22 September at the Church of the Annunciation, Burnt Oak, HA8 0HQ. Find out more at: wwme.org.uk or see the poster in the porch.

For those in both parishes applying to Catholic Secondary Schools and Sixth Forms, please follow this link for Admissions:

<https://catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/admissions> and read the Guidance for Clergy document. If you can meet the criteria for a priest to complete a Certificate of Catholic Practice form, contact Kathleen in the parish office to arrange an appointment. Please note that all appointments will take place in the St John's Wood office.