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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.

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- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Running on Grace: The Power of Small Acts

Some of you may know I enjoy running. And I always think of running whenever I hear today's Gospel where Jesus tells us, "If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). If you're dehydrated and far from home a simple cup of water – or better yet a Coke Zero is one of the most valuable things in the world. What is so mundane in one context is life-giving in another; likewise what seem the smallest acts of kindness in this life for the love of Christ are considered treasures in Heaven.

In our fast-paced world, it's easy to overlook these small opportunities. But St. Augustine reminds us, "God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them." How often do we fill our hands, and our lives, with things that distract us from these moments of grace? When our focus is on accumulating wealth, status, or even our own anxieties, we lose sight of the beauty in giving.

St James warns us against the dangers of hoarding wealth, where it "corrodes and testifies against us" (James 5:3). But it's not just about money—it's about where our hearts are focused. The cup of water in Jesus' teaching is a reminder that giving doesn't have to be extravagant. The smallest act, given out of love for Christ, carries eternal weight.

In our daily lives, we all have opportunities to offer that "cup of water". Indeed, in both parishes, we have a chance to give for love of Christ this weekend, whether it be supporting the parish at the Rosary in Marylebone or the CAFOD fast day. These acts of charity, however modest, open our hearts to receive the blessings God has prepared for us.

As we reflect on these readings, let's ask ourselves: what can we let go of in our hearts to make room for God's grace? What small gesture can we offer in love today? Remember, like a glass of water which becomes so valuable on a hot day, God takes even our smallest acts and multiplies them in ways we cannot imagine.

Fr Alex

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

Feast Day

Mass 7pm, Monday 7 October

Abbot Hugh Allan O.Praem

presiding.

Refreshments afterwards.

Torchlight Procession for Our

Lady of Willesden

7pm, 13 October

NW10 9AX

Eucharistic Healing Service,

7pm, 18 October

St Dominic's, Haverstock Hill,

NW5 4LB

PARISH NOTICES

Tea/Coffee at St John's Wood.

Please join us for tea & coffee today after the 9:00am Mass. It would be great to have more volunteers to assist. Please contact Kathleen in the parish office if you can help.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal

on Friday 4 October, the Memorial of St Francis of Assisi. Catholics are asked to fast on this day and donate the money saved to CAFOD. Please pick up an envelope at the church entrance and return it when you come to church or give online at: <https://cafod.org.uk/> Our CAFOD representatives will speak after all Sunday Masses at St John's Wood this weekend.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)

Dance Party on Saturday 5 October from 2:00pm until 6:00pm, in the Lower Hall at St Johns Wood. Cost is £10, which includes a cocktail. Over 18's, women and primary carers only.

Mass to celebrate Mission.

All supporters of *Missio* through the Red Boxes are invited to a Mission Mass on Saturday 5 October at 1:00pm at Holy Apostles, Pimlico. Bishop Paul McAleenan will preside and refreshments will be provided. For more information email: redbox@missio.org.uk.

Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary,

Monday 7 October. Mass will be at 7:00pm celebrated by the Rt Rev Hugh Allan, Titular Abbot of Beeleigh and Apostolic Prefect of the South Atlantic, and be followed by refreshments in the hall.

Support Our Lady of the Rosary.

Thank you for your attention and questions last week at the start of the planned giving drive. Finance committee members will be around after Mass for any more questions.

St. George's Catholic School Maida

Vale would like to invite prospective parents to their open day on Tuesday 1 October, either between 9.30 - 10.30am or 5:30 - 7:30pm Visit stgeorgerc.org for more details.

Candlelit procession in honour of Our Lady of Willesden

on Sunday 13 October at 7:00pm, to pray for the protection of London and for the gift of vocations to the priesthood. The seminarians of the diocese will attend and Fr Richard Biggerstaff will preach. All are welcome. Please see the poster in the porch.

Applying to Catholic secondary school or sixth form?

Please follow this link for admissions and read the Guidance for Clergy document:

<https://catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/admissions>

If you meet the criteria for a priest to complete a Certificate of Catholic Practice form, contact Kathleen in the parish office to arrange an appointment. If emailing please include your telephone number.

All appointments will take place at the St John's Wood office. Appointments for those applying for Catholic nursery, infant and junior schools will be announced via the newsletter after the October half-term break.

Choral Eucharistic Healing Service

takes place at St Dominic's, The Rosary Shrine, NW5 4LB, on Friday 18 October at 7:00pm. A time of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for healing in our lives. All are very welcome. Please see the poster and leaflets in the porch.

Visits to the Sick.

If you are in hospital, you should ask the staff to contact the hospital chaplain to visit you. If you are housebound or know someone who is, please give the details to Fr Alex or Canon Kevin.