

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 7:00pm

Wednesday & Friday 12:30pm

Confessions

Saturday 5:15pm-5:45pm

Adoration

Saturday 3pm-5.30pm

+ TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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A Tale of Two Parishes

Our two parishes' patronal – "matronal"? – feasts are close together. That of Our Lady in St John's Wood is on the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8 September, and that of Our Lady of the Rosary in Marylebone on 7 October which is this coming Monday. With Marylebone in mind, the Right Reverend Abbot Hugh Allan will be celebrating a sung Mass there at 7:00pm after which there will be refreshments. But what is this feast? On 7 October 1571, the Holy League, a coalition of southern European Catholic maritime states, sailed from Messina, Sicily, and met at Lepanto a powerful Ottoman fleet intent on invading mainland Europe. Knowing that the Christian forces were at a disadvantage, Pope Saint Pius V called for the whole of Europe to pray the rosary for victory and led a rosary procession in Rome. Attributing the Holy League's eventual victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that same Holy Father then instituted the feast of Our Lady of Victories to commemorate it.

But, I hear you say, we now celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This was a change brought about under Pope Saint

John XXIII and Pope Saint Paul VI and if you visit our lovely church, you will see how this change has great relevance for us in Marylebone and the whole world for in the Lady Chapel there is a plaque recalling the two million rosaries prayed for peace in the old parish church during World War I. They bore fruit on 11 November 1918. In our world today there is so much conflict. Ukraine, Sudan and other places have been eclipsed by the terrible situation in the Middle East. In response to the latter, Pope Francis has called for a day of fasting and prayer on 7 October, the first anniversary of the Hamas attacks in Israel. 'I ask everyone,' he says, 'to participate in a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world.' And the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, has echoed the 'need to pray, to bring our pain and our desire for peace to God. We need to convert, to do penance, and to implore forgiveness.'

So what better way to pray for peace than to pray the rosary and come to Mass on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary in Marylebone on Monday evening. It worked at least twice before so to paraphrase Dickens, this could be a far, far better thing that you do, than you have ever done. *Canon Kevin*

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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.

12/13 October,
St Edward the Confessor,
Patron of the Diocese
and City of Westminster
Please note that the readings
will not be in the books
in St John's Wood
nor on the leaflets
in Marylebone.

PARISH NOTICES

Please join us for tea and coffee today after the 9:00am Mass in at St John's Wood and the 11:00am Mass in Marylebone in the halls. It would be great to have more volunteers so contact Kathleen in the parish office if you can help.

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The best way to celebrate the month is to pray the rosary every day. Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "The rosary is my favourite prayer. A marvellous prayer! Marvellous in its simplicity and in its depth."

Marylebone Parish Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary, Monday 7 October. There will not be a 12:30 Mass but there will be Mass at 7:00pm celebrated by the Rt Rev Hugh Allan, Titular Abbot of Beeleigh and former 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 over the last two weeks for the planned giving drive. Finance committee members will be on hand after Mass to help you with making pledges and to answer any more questions.

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

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.

Act Now. On 16 October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide. Our bishops have asked us to help stop this being rushed into law. Follow this link <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposin-g-assisted-suicide/> for more information and a simple guide of what to say to your MP.

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.

Music Workshop Day and Eucharistic Procession takes place at St Dominic's, The Rosary Shrine, Southampton Road NW5 4LB on Saturday 26 October starting at 10:00am led by the Polish Dominican Liturgical Centre in Krakow and culminating in a sung Eucharistic Procession in the evening. The day is a great opportunity for all lovers of music and anyone engaged in parish music. To register email: london.secretary@english.op.org.

Applying to a 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 here after the October half-term.