

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

Weekday Mass

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- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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A View from the Frontline

Fr Hugh McKenzie, chaplain at St John's Hospice, recently wrote about his pastoral experience.

Human beings are good regardless of their actions, and even if they suffer as Isaiah speaks of today. To be alive is to have an importance that is not earned but received with life itself. Loving someone affirms that importance. Denying the importance of someone's life is not true love.

The concepts of good and bad, right and wrong, compassion and trust, emerge from this intrinsic value of every human being. Goodness is ultimately about fostering the individual. To set criteria by which the importance of someone staying alive can be evaluated undermines their basic value and the very basis of morality and civilisation.

Hence, our faith teaches that every human being has an eternal dignity. This value and vocation of life is a gift from God Himself.

And as St Paul says, the way we live and die affects everyone else (Romans 14:7). No one is an island: it is wrong to say that euthanasia is a purely personal choice. Hence, legalising euthanasia could change the relationship between medical staff and patients. It could also damage trust within families

as the sick and elderly worry that they are a burden on others and could easily feel pressurised into asking for help to end their lives.

And in countries where euthanasia is legal, funding for hospices and research into better end-of-life treatments have been slashed.

Rather, far from life becoming pointless in the face of terminal illness it can be a grace-filled time and many hospital chaplains – including Fr Alex and me – can attest to this. Loving when carrying a cross does save the world.

The end of life presents physical and mental challenges, yet pain is always easier to bear when we are at peace. Research shows that requests for assisted suicide are rare when people's spiritual needs are adequately met as our 'quality of life' is not just about physical health and autonomy. Human dignity is sustained by the love we receive and the love we give and real peace comes from living, and dying in this true love of God.

So please, write to your MP using these words of Fr Hugh and the Cardinal's wonderful pastoral letter which is available at the back of the church that we all may truly assist the dying by staying with them in love as Mary did at the foot of her son's cross. *Canon Kevin*

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Young Catholic Adults and the
Traditional English Association of
Catholic History** pilgrimage to
Catholic York, 26-27 October.

For details and more information:
<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate,
London.** Divine Mercy Retreat at
St Georges RC Church, Sudbury,
on Saturday 26 October, 1:00pm
to 4:30 pm. Call Millie on 07957
594 646 for more information

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
will take place next year from 25
July to 1 August 2025. Further
details will follow

PARISH NOTICES

Today is World Mission Sunday
when the whole Church unites in
prayer for its missionary activity,
and in collecting funds to support
Catholic communities across the
world experiencing situations of
poverty and conflict. 'Go and invite
everyone to the banquet!' is this
year's theme chosen by Pope
Francis. In his message, the Holy
Father reminds us that the heart of
our mission is to invite everyone to
experience the joy of Christ's
resurrection, a gift meant to be
shared with the whole world. To
donate, use the *Missio* envelopes
at the back of the church or visit:
missio.org.uk. Thank you.

Catenians. After all Masses this
weekend at St John's Wood some
members of the Catenians will be
making a presentation to inform
you about their association and
give interested men the
opportunity of joining them at one
of their meetings and subsequent
meal. They will also be available
answer any questions after Mass. A
similar presentation will take place
at Marylebone in November.

**Please join us for tea and coffee
today** after the 9:00am Mass at St
John's Wood and the 11:00am Mass
at Marylebone, in the halls, a nice
way of catching up with old friends
and making new ones.

CAFOD Collection. You can still
return your envelopes by either
placing them in the collection or
posting them through the parish
office door. Thank you.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning
hosted recently by Sr Brigid raised
a magnificent £300. A huge thank
you to Sr Brigid and to all those
who supported this event. The
money raised will be used to help
fund people living with cancer. For
more information please visit:
<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>

**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. Last appointment
date is Monday 21 October so if you
have not already done so please
arrange your appointment. If
emailing please include your
telephone number. Appointments
will take place at the St John's
Wood parish office.

Rest in Peace, Paul Edward Esprit.
Requiem Mass is at Our Lady's on
Thursday 24 October at 10:00am,
with committal at Kensal Green
Cemetery at 11:30am.

All Saints' Day, Friday 1 November,
is a Holy Day of Obligation. There
will be Masses at 7:00pm (Thursday
Vigil), 10:00am and 7:30pm (sung)
at St John's Wood and 12:30pm at
Marylebone.

**November is the month of the
Holy Souls.** All Souls' Day will be
celebrated on Saturday 2 November
with Masses at 10:00am and 6:00pm
at St John's. Wood and 6:00pm at
Marylebone. Please pick up an
envelope and sheet as you leave the
church on which to write the names
of your deceased loved ones. Please
return the sheet in the envelope,
with any offering you may wish to
include, to the presbytery. The
sheets will be placed in our Book of
Remembrance which will be in the
sanctuary during November.
Several Masses each week will be
said for those listed there.

**The Bi-Annual Concelebrated
Requiem Mass at St. Mary's
Cemetery,** Kensal Green, will be
held on Monday 4 November at
11:30am.