

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

**Weekday Mass**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
10:00am  
Thursday 7:00pm  
Friday 10:00am & 7:30pm (Sung)  
Saturday 10:00am

**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

+ THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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**Seeing Your Way**

If you will excuse the unintentional puns, at first glance it is easy to see today's Gospel as a simple healing story of a blind man, to view it as another example of nice or "Buddy Jesus". But there are three deeper messages in this story.

First of all the beggar - a nobody, an outcast - on the edges of society, is named. Therefore, he must be significant in and of himself. That significance lies in his name, Bartimaeus, which means "honourable". This echoes the ministry of Christ promised by Jeremiah in the first reading - the Lord came to gather those most in need into His Kingdom, not just those who thought themselves worthy of a place. As St Therese of Lisieux puts it, "He [the Lord] does not call those who are worthy, but those He chooses." And in so doing He bestows on them an honour the world would never give them

Secondly, Bartimaeus asks the Son of God for something and is not rebuked. This is a great relief because if your prayers are anything like mine, asking for things is par for the course. Indeed, I sometimes think my prayer requests are longer than my lists were for Father Christmas.

Incidentally - a public service announcement - there are only 60 days until Christmas.

And the third point is that when he is healed, we are told Bartimaeus follows Christ along the road. Another way of saying this is that he became a disciple of Christ, he united himself to Christ in the Messiah's travels, on His journey. This signifies in itself a journey of faith because Bartimaeus not only receives because of his trust in the Lord but gives back to God for having received from Him, using his restored sight to become a more faithful follower.

So no matter how battered we might feel by the cares of this world, let us never think ourselves unworthy of God's love. May we never be afraid to ask God for what we think we need because He will always give us what we truly require. Above all else, may we not take His gracious response for granted. Instead, at the end of each day, we should thank God for whatever has been given to us and ask for the grace to use it to unite ourselves more closely to Christ's way in this world. For His way leads not to another earthly town like Jericho but to the heavenly Jerusalem, a sight which we all should long to see. *Canon Kevin*

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

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

## PARISH NOTICES

**There will not be tea and coffee today or next weekend** but please join us again in the parish halls after the 9:00am Mass at St John's Wood and 11:00am Mass at Marylebone, from Sunday 10 November.

**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) in St John's Wood and at 12:30pm in Marylebone.

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

**Ukraine Medical Supplies Appeal.** One of our parishioners is a volunteer with a small charity which sends medical supplies or anything that can be used in the civilian hospitals to Ukraine (PPE, dressings, wheelchairs, walking sticks, etc.) If you can help supply these items, they can be placed in the box which will be available at the back of the churches next weekend. Going forward items can be dropped off at the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart Jesus, 25 St. Edmund's Terrace, NW8 7PY.

**A Day with Mary** takes place on Saturday 9 November at St George's Catholic Church, Sudbury from 10:00am. Please see the poster in the porch for full details.

**You Can Help Your Marriage** if you are frustrated or angry with your spouse. Do you argue, or have you stopped talking altogether? *Retrouvaille* helps married couples through difficult times. Next programme takes place from the 8 - 10 November 2024. Please telephone 07887 296 983 or Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com)

**Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Meeting** takes place on Monday 11 November at 8:00pm in the Upper Hall at St John's Wood. All welcome

**Church Cleaning Volunteers are required in St John's Wood.** Cleaning normally takes place once a week on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 6:30pm; Thursdays at 7:30pm; or Saturday after the 6:00pm Mass. You would only need to commit to one day which means at present you would only be required to clean every fifth week. We don't have a Friday team at the moment so it would be good to get some people for this day also which would increase the rota from every 5 to 6 weeks. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

**Lectionary.** A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024. It is a big moment of change as we move away from the now familiar Jerusalem Bible translation to the new English Standard Version (Catholic Edition) translation. The new lectionary will use better biblical scholarship and more up-to-date translations to make the Bible more faithful to its original languages. For more information visit:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/>  
<https://www.newlectionary.org/>