

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
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

+ THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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A Dog's-eye View

A couple of weeks ago I visited the D-Day beaches in Normandy. The last time I was there was in the company of soldiers. This time it was with a Golden Retriever.

Of course, the visitors' centres were packed with people reading information boards and plaques and learning all about the heroes of 6 June 1944 whose brave actions were key to the restoration of peace and freedom in Europe. But with the crowds, and the restrictions on where dogs could go, and the Roosevelt café owner's dog trying to get Cosmo to play with him, any sense of giving thanks to God for those who gave their today for our tomorrow was lost. So I got back in the car, drove down the road to a layby, walked through a gap in the dunes, and found myself on a deserted beach that stretched for miles in both directions.

There, between the concrete hulks of German gun emplacements and the rusted remains of landing craft and the famous Mulberry Harbour buried in sand and surf, the carnage of that morning, pivotal to the liberty we enjoy today, was incredibly real. Even Cosmo stopped in his tracks and sat with me looking at the scene in silent wonder. It was

that place and that moment of peace, won by the sacrifices of so many and not the official sites that moved me to tears and prayers of thanksgiving before God.

Next Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, the 10:30am Mass in St John's Wood and the 11:00am Mass in Marylebone will be Solemn Requiems for the Fallen and will conclude with the Act of Remembrance. At the same hour around the Cenotaph, our nation and the Commonwealth will honour "the glorious dead" who gave their lives for God, for King, for country, for us, for our children. Sitting on that beach, I heard anew the words of a man whose younger brother was killed in Afghanistan: "Put on a suit, visit a war memorial and honour fallen soldiers. My granddad did with me and I still remember it. I will do it when I have children and with my grandchildren. And we will remember not just a soldier but our James." Whatever else you feel able to do next Sunday, find a place and a moment of quiet. Then pray for those real, mainly young people who made and still make the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom and peace of our generation and that of those yet to come. Lest we forget. *Canon Kevin*

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A Day with Mary

Saturday 9 November at
St George's Catholic Church,
Sudbury. Please see the poster in
the porch for full details.

Retrouvaille helps married
couples through difficult times.
Next programme takes place
8 - 10 November 2024.
telephone 07887296983/email:
retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)

Meeting Monday 11 November,
8:00pm in the Upper Hall at St
John's Wood.

PARISH NOTICES

There will be tea and coffee today

in the parish hall after the 11:00am
Mass at Marylebone. At St John's
Wood tea and coffee will
recommence next Sunday.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal.

Our Parishes raised a wonderful
£707.65. Your donations will make a
real difference to people and
communities around the world.
Thank you so much for your
generosity.

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 today.
Going forward any items can be
dropped off at the Handmaids of
the Sacred Heart Jesus, 25 St.
Edmund's Terrace, NW8 7PY.

Rest in Peace, Bridie Philomena Kelly.

Requiem Mass is at Our
Lady's on Thursday 7 November at
11:00am, with committal at Kensal
Green Cemetery at 1:00pm.

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

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**Morning of Recollection for
Women** takes place on Tuesday 12
November at St Thomas More
Church, Swiss Cottage, NW3 5SU.
Please see the poster in the porch.

CAFOD-DEC Middle East

Humanitarian Appeal. The conflict
in the Middle East is getting worse
and the families affected need our
help. Please donate today to the
CAFOD-DEC Middle East
Humanitarian Appeal and support
our local Caritas partners in Gaza
and Lebanon as they continue to
provide essential food, water and
shelter. To donate please visit:
cafod.org.uk/give

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025,

led by the Cardinal,
will take place next year from 25 July
to 1 August 2025 using Sanctuary's
theme for the Jubilee year 'With
Mary, Pilgrims of Hope'. The booking
platform will soon be open for
Volunteer Helpers, Medics, Assisted
Pilgrims, Clergy and others who
wish to take part. For more
information please visit:
[https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lou
rdes/](https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/) or email: Elizabeth Uwalaka at:
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telephone 020 7798 9173.

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 Kathleen in the parish office.
Thank you.

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.