

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.

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### 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

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### A Call to Service and Sacrifice

This weekend, we mark two significant observances in the life of the Church. On Saturday, we celebrate the Feast of St. John Lateran, which commemorates the dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, one of the first churches built after Christianity was legalised by Emperor Constantine. To this day, it stands as the \*Mater Ecclesiae Romae urbis et orbis\*—the mother of all churches in Rome and the world. On Sunday, in this month of the Holy Souls, we pause to remember those who gave their lives in the two great wars and subsequent conflicts. This is a time to reflect on the nature of life, and the sad but necessary sacrifices in our fallen world for good to triumph.

Both observances invite us to reflect on the theme of sacrifice. Constantine experienced a dramatic conversion after his victory at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in 312 AD, leading him to dedicate his life and empire to Christ, a decision that came at great political cost. His determination to complete the Lateran Basilica just twelve years later showed his shift from a soldier of Rome to a soldier for Christ. Likewise, Remembrance

Sunday serves as a solemn reminder of the cost of fighting for peace, the need for sacrifice, and loving something more than one's life for goodness to triumph over evil. It is also a moment to honour those who died far from home and loved ones.

Sacrifice is at the heart of Christianity, as we hear in Jesus' response to the widow who gave all that she had to the temple treasury. Jesus contrasts her offering with that of the wealthy, noting that the widow gave from her poverty, offering everything she had to God. Sacrifice is not measured by wealth, but by the completeness of devotion. Like the soldiers who gave their lives for peace, the widow's sacrifice is a model of selflessness, giving not from surplus but from deep faith and commitment.

It's a powerful message: whether a soldier's sacrifice or the widow's humble offering, we are called to give from what we have, no matter how small or great, in service to God and others. This weekend, let us remember that every act of sacrifice, no matter how small, contributes to the building of God's kingdom—one founded on love, peace, and unwavering devotion.

*Fr Alex*

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Meeting

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

### Morning of Recollection for Women on Tuesday 12

November at St Thomas More  
Church, Swiss Cottage, NW3  
5SU. Please see the poster in the  
porch.

## PARISH NOTICES

**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.

**Preparation for Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation in 2025.** Application forms for both Sacraments are available to collect from one of the clergy after Mass. Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation must collect the forms themselves. Only if you can attend all the sessions should you post completed forms through the rectory door at either parish by 12 noon on Tuesday 10 December 2024.

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

**English conversation group** takes place in the Lower Hall at St John's Wood on Thursday 14 November from 10:00am. The group meets regularly to provide an opportunity for people to improve their English in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. New students, tutors and helpers are especially welcome. For further details please email Lois: [lois\\_darley@hotmail.com](mailto:lois_darley@hotmail.com) or telephone: 07761 590 240.

**A Day with Mary** takes place on Saturday 16 November at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George, London Road, Enfield. Please see the poster in the porch.

**Sick & Retired Priests' Fund Collection** takes place next weekend. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 72 retired priests. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By giving to the fund

you will ensure these priests are cared for. Please take a donation envelope as you leave the church today or scan the QR code on the poster in the porch to give online. Finally, if you feel you would like to give to the fund on a more regular basis, please do consider joining our Patron's Programme. Leaflets are available at the back of the church. Thank you so much and please continue to pray for all our clergy: active, retired or ill.

**Baby Loss Support.** 1 in 4 women will have had a miscarriage or baby loss. 'Churches Together' are hosting a very special baby loss remembrance and support service on 24 November at 3:30pm, in the Central Hall, Westminster. So who is the service for? Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. For more information please visit the website, which you can find at: [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org)

**Planned Giving Envelopes.** If you have a set of envelopes and no longer use them or would like to have a set of Planned Giving envelopes for the 2025 tax year please let the parish office know. However, the easiest way to contribute to the church is via standing order as it means that we receive a regular income to maintain our buildings and the charitable work of the parishes. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or need help regarding Planned Giving.

**Catholic Listeners.** If you are searching for answers about the Catholic faith, the Catholic Listeners website is now available: <https://www.catholiclisteners.com>