

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

+ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
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**A Kingship not of this World**

Lenin, the architect of the Russian Revolution, founder of communist Russia and suppressor of the Church had one statement that I can agree with: "there are decades in which weeks happen, and weeks in which decades happen". Politics since the end of the Cold War until the past ten years, at least in the West, seemed very settled and sedate. Since then, whether you be for them or against them there have been events that transformed the political landscape.

For people eager to see change, a vision of a new world coming into being can become intoxicating. It can lead to greater determination to get there, a willingness to ignore opposition or concern to reach the destination. For opponents, these daunting changes can lead to despondency, to feelings of anger or even despair. Whichever side you're on, it makes communicating with the other very difficult.

Some want the Church to take sides on these issues, others want it to stay out of them entirely. The reality is that most political decisions are complex and there can be arguments each way, although there are rare issues,

such as assisted suicide, which are questions of moral law in which the Church, to be faithful to Jesus' teaching, must take a stand.

We can forget the world has been here before, which is why in 1925 Pius XI instituted today's feast of Christ the King. Against a background of totalitarianism and uprisings, Pope Pius wisely sought that we must remember whose world it is, in whose name we act in our world. Namely, that we need to recognise of the kingship of Christ. As Daniel recognises "His is an eternal sovereignty, which shall never pass away, nor will His empire ever be destroyed".

If we spend more time focused on politics than on our relationship with Christ, today's feast is a moment to reassess priorities. Worldly empires, like Rome, come and go, but the Church and the kingship of Christ remains. If we spend more time buried in a paper, watching the news or on X than we do coming to know Jesus and His plan for our life, today is a moment to take stock. To recognise He whose Kingship will never end.

*Fr Alex*

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Young Adults Advent Retreat Day with the Assumption Sisters

Saturday 7 December  
10:00am – 6:00pm

Venue: Milleret House,  
20 Kensington Square, W8 5HH  
Donations only. To register email:  
[rebecca@assumpta-eu.org](mailto:rebecca@assumpta-eu.org)

Please see the poster in the porch

### Annual Christmas Celebration in Westminster Cathedral

takes place on 18 & 19 December  
at 7:30pm. Tickets are now on sale  
and can be purchased from the  
Cathedral Gift Shop or from:  
[www.ticketmaster.co.uk](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk)  
For full details please see the  
poster in the porch

## PARISH NOTICES

**Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection** last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church or you can give online at: [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). God bless you for your kindness.

**Catenians.** After all Masses this weekend at Marylebone members of the Catenians will be making a presentation to inform you about their association. They will also be available to answer questions you may have after Mass.

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

**If you are applying to Catholic nursery, infant and junior schools** please read the Guidance for Clergy <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. If emailing please include your telephone number. Appointments will take place at the St John's Wood parish office.

**Assisted Suicide Bill.** This will be voted on by MPs on 29 November. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences. Please urgently contact your MP and ask him/her to vote against the bill. Visit: [www.livesworthliving.org.uk](http://www.livesworthliving.org.uk) or write to him/her at: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

**Advent Giving Calendar.** Next weekend is the beginning of Advent, a period of preparation for the coming or birth of Jesus Christ. However, with the cost of living crisis, many in the community face difficulties. The Advent Giving Calendar gives us an opportunity to do something practical and help those who may need extra support with food this Christmas. A calendar has been placed on the noticeboard in the porch. For each day of Advent the calendar suggests an item to bring. These should be placed in the collection box at the back of the church. The items will be given to our SVP who will distribute the items to our local food bank. Thank you.

**UCM Afternoon Vintage Tea** takes place in the Upper Hall in St John's Wood on Saturday 7 December at 2:00pm. Tickets for the event (£10 per head) plus raffle tickets (£1 per ticket) will be available to purchase after all Masses. If anyone can donate a prize for the raffle this will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the parish office. Please see the poster in the porch.

**Please be vigilant: scam emails impersonating parish priests,** often using a similar email name and masking the real email address, are requesting the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards for the priest.

- Never purchase gift cards as gifts for the parish priest, based on an email request. Verify the request directly in person or through a trusted means.
  - Double-check any suspicious email by directly contacting the parish office.
  - Avoid sharing personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.
- If you encounter these emails, report them as spam and inform the parish office immediately.