

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
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

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Just Grow Up

Childhood is often described as short, but just three weeks for Jesus? And now the sinless one is being Baptised - not out of necessity but to embrace the human condition. His Baptism reveals His deep solidarity with humanity and showcases His obedience to the Father. It is not a moment of purification, but a manifestation of His commitment to fulfilling the divine plan of salvation for all by entering into the very waters muddied by humanity's sins.

Jesus' Baptism also marks the beginning of His public ministry. By participating in this act, Christ establishes a model for the Christian life. He teaches that through their own Baptism, Christians are called to partake in the divine life because Baptism is not just a ritual or symbol but the means by which we are incorporated into Christ.

The Trinity is also revealed in this feast as the Father's voice from heaven proclaims Jesus as His beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descends upon Him like a dove. This moment of revelation emphasizes the unity of the three persons of the Trinity working in harmony for the salvation of mankind. It teaches that God is

not distant or disconnected, but actively involved in the life of Christ and, through Him, in the lives of all believers. It is a reminder that the work of salvation is a divine initiative, a gift of grace that flows from the Father, through the Son, and by the Holy Spirit.

It also invites us to reflect on our own Baptism when we were cleansed of original sin, made members of the Church, and called to live as witnesses of Christ in the world. Just as Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of His public mission, our Baptism marks the beginning of our own journey of faith. In Baptism we receive the Holy Spirit, are given the grace to live out the Gospel, and are sent to proclaim the Good News in our every word and action.

This feast is a call to renew our commitment to live out that grace of Baptism. It is a reminder that we are called to be united with Christ in His death and resurrection, to live in the Spirit, and to bear witness to the love and salvation that Christ offers to all. It is a day to reflect on the humility of Christ, who identified with us in our brokenness, and to just grow up and respond in kind by embracing with humility the mission entrusted to us. *Canon Kevin*

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday 8 February, 2:30pm at

Westminster Cathedral which will be celebrated by the Cardinal and will include anointing of the sick.

Full details to follow.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

from 25 July to 1 August 2025

For more information please visit:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or email Elizabeth Uwalaka at:

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PARISH NOTICES

Tea and Coffee

- St John's Wood - after the 9:00am Sunday Mass.
- Marylebone - after the 11:00am Sunday Mass

This is a lovely way for parishioners to broaden their friendships.

Crib Offerings will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society. Envelopes are also available which allow any donations to be gift aided. The cribs will remain in the churches until Candlemas (the Presentation of the Lord), 2 February 2025.

SVP Foodbank Collection takes place 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 Monday 13 January from 10:00am. The group meets regularly to provide an opportunity for people to improve their English in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. New students, tutors and helpers are especially welcome. For more information please contact Lois Darley: lois_darley@hotmail.com or call 07761 590 240.

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development.

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi, will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for our Bishops' Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee, with a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse on Saturday 18 January, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

Confirmation Programme for both parishes continues on Sunday 19 January from 4:15pm—6:00pm in the Upper Hall at St John's Wood, for those who have registered. The sessions conclude with 6:00pm Mass at Our Lady's.

White Flower Appeal 2025. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual collection next weekend at both parishes. SPUC exists to radically transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, the Society is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation, and culture. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life in our society. This year's appeal postcards call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child. Fill in a postcard, (which will be available from the back of the church next week) and post it to SPUC. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.

If you are sick or in hospital, please make it known to the ward staff that you are a Catholic and that you want to see a priest so that arrangements can be made for the Catholic Chaplain to visit you. Please let Canon Kevin or Fr Alex know if you are housebound, even temporarily, so they can arrange to visit you.

To Donate to our parishes please visit our Diocesan websites at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/donating-to-the-parish/> or <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/marylebone/donate/> God bless you for however you give to us and to those in need.