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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

+ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
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**The Transfiguration and Paying Attention at Mass**

In my last parish, we had a high pulpit used on big feasts. On Easter Sunday, I climbed to the top, looking at the full church with what I considered a brilliant homily in hand. As I began, a lady in the front row took out the newsletter and read it. Annoyed at her lack of attention, I was then stunned when she proceeded to read it upside down! Sleep-deprived from the Easter Vigil, I had a violent fit of giggles. Afterward, I thought: how often do I do the same at Mass? Not reading the newsletter, but letting my mind wander? I hear the readings, respond, "Thanks be to God," then promptly forget what was said.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples witness something incredible. Jesus is transfigured, shining in glory, with Moses and Elijah at His side. But the most important moment isn't the dazzling light or great prophets—it's the voice from heaven: "Listen to Him." The disciples, like us, are good at watching, but God calls them to do more: pay attention and be changed.

The Church asks us to take part in Mass with "full, conscious, and active participation." That doesn't

just mean singing loudly or responding at the right times. It doesn't mean we must all be readers or extraordinary ministers. It means truly listening, focusing, and being present. Do we arrive on time, ready to pray? Do we listen as if God Himself is speaking? Or do our thoughts drift to lunch, work, or football scores?

In the first reading, God promises Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars. A beautiful yet transformative promise. Abraham's life is no longer his own. Likewise, when we truly listen at Mass, we cannot remain the same. God's Word challenges, calls us to repentance, and invites transformation. But if we don't pay attention, we miss it.

At the Transfiguration's end, the disciples look up and see only Jesus. The experience leaves them silent, reflecting. Lent is a time for us to do the same. Let us enter Mass with attentiveness, listening not just with ears but with hearts. If we do, we may be transformed. So remember, whilst reading the newsletter is a great thing to do, try and avoid doing it in Mass. Focus on the miracle taking place in front of you. And stop me breaking into laughter. *Fr Alex*

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## PARISH DIARY

ST JOHN'S WOOD (SJW)  
MARYLEBONE (MB)

**Children's Liturgy (SJW)** - Term time  
(MB) - 30 March, 6 April, 27 April

**Tea and Coffee (SJW)** - after the  
9:00am Sunday Mass, term time  
(MB) - 13 April

## PARISH NOTICES

**Stations of the Cross during Lent** will take place every Thursday at 6:15pm before evening Mass in the church at St John's Wood or 11:45pm on Fridays at Marylebone.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day/Lent Appeal

**2025.** Please return your CAFOD Fast Day envelope in this week's collection. Alternatively you can donate online: [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2025.** This Holy Year invites us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We invite you to consider supporting work being done in the Diocese of Westminster to bring hope into many lives. Your contributions will help fund vital projects across our diocese. Donation envelopes are still available at the back of the church. You can also contribute online using the QR code on the envelope or on the poster displayed in the porch. Thank you so much for your support.

**Beginning Experience Weekend** is a residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. Trained volunteers lead the weekend. This next programme is 4 - 6 April at the Sion Community, Essex. For further details please telephone Mary on 07730 884 315, or email [beginningexperience.soe@gmail.com](mailto:beginningexperience.soe@gmail.com)

**Young Adults Lent Retreat Day with the Assumption Sisters** on Saturday 5 April 10:00am - 5:30pm. Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH. The programme includes: talks, prayer, adoration and confessions, faith sharing, mass and social time. Donations only. Register at: [rebecca@assumpta-eu.org](mailto:rebecca@assumpta-eu.org). Please see the poster in the porch.

**UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers)** will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt for children in the church garden after the 9:00am Mass until 11:30am on Sunday 6 April. Tickets are £3 per child. Entry includes the egg hunt and a cup cake. A raffle will also be held for a fabulous family hamper. Tickets are available after all Masses at St John's Wood or by emailing [ucmstjohnswood@gmail.com](mailto:ucmstjohnswood@gmail.com) or by telephoning 07828 148 513. Please see the poster in the porch.

**Easter talks: Recognising the Risen Lord.** Two talks in April from 6:30pm until 8:00pm by Fr John Deehan: 22 April - The Gospels (Year C), 29 April - Apocalypse (Year C) at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street SW1P 1QN. Email: [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk), telephone 0207 798 9152 or see the poster in the porch.

**Wintershall 'The Passion of Jesus'** live in Trafalgar Square, Good Friday 18 April. Free performances are at 12:15pm and 3:15pm. For more details visit: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk> and see the poster in the porch.

**URGENT PETITION: Assisted Suicide Bill Threatens Vulnerable People.** Care not Killing (CNK) has launched a petition calling on MPs to reject proposals for an assisted suicide law in England and Wales. In April (or possibly May), MPs will again vote on Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. NOW is the time for Catholics to make their voices heard. Please sign the petition which is available at the back of the churches today calling on MPs to reject any proposal to legalise assisted suicide. Thank you.

**Planned Giving Envelopes** for the new tax year for existing users from Marylebone parish will be available to collect from the porch today. Envelopes for St John's Wood parishioners will be available shortly.