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SERVICE TIMES

St John's Wood

Palm Sunday Mass:

6:00pm (Sat) 9:00am, 10:30am (Procession, Sung with Choir), 12noon (Sung) & 6:00pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 10:00am

Maudy Thursday:

7:30pm (Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Watching at the Altar of Repose until

11:00pm concluded with Compline

Good Friday:

11:00am Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Celebration of the

Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday:

8:00pm The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday:

9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon, 6:00pm

Holy Week Confessions

Monday & Wednesday

10:30am - 11:00am

Good Friday and Holy Saturday

10:00am-11:00am

Marylebone

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11:45am - 12:15pm

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11:30am - 12:30pm

Separate Holy Week and Easter Week leaflet available at the back of both churches

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The Women of Luke's Passion

Today, we hear the Passion of St Luke. Each Evangelist tells the story of Christ's Passion in his own way. Luke, in particular, gives us moments not found in the other Gospels. These details show us something about the heart of Jesus and the true meaning of Christian service.

One striking feature of Luke's Passion is the attention given to women. While the male disciples argue, flee or deny Him, the women remain faithful. On the road to Calvary, only Luke records the moment when Jesus turns to the women of Jerusalem and says, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep for yourselves and for your children." Jesus, through His incredible suffering, shows compassion and concern for others. The women, unnamed and silent, are not cruel like many of the men in the crowd. Their tears are sincere.

This theme continues to the Cross and beyond. In Luke's account, the women follow Jesus to the tomb and prepare spices for His burial, showing a love that endures even after death. It is a quiet love, but faithful and holy. They do not need to speak; their actions are enough. These scenes remind us what the

Church is for. It is not about position, influence or honour. It is not about status. The Church exists to get souls to heaven. That is why Christ came. That is why the Church exists. This is also why the Church reserves priestly ministry to men. It is not a matter of superiority or rights, but of obedience to Christ's own example. The Apostles chosen by Him were men, not because they were better, but because they were called to a particular form of service, one that should be about sacrifice, not earthly honour.

Yet the holiness of women shines brilliantly in the Passion narrative. Their steadfast love, their courage, their readiness to serve speaks of a sanctity that the Church treasures deeply. The Virgin Mary, the women of Jerusalem, and the myrrh-bearing women stand at the heart of salvation history. Theirs is not the priestly role, but it is no less vital. Without their fidelity, we would have no witness to the Cross or to the empty tomb.

This week, we, all of us, are walking to Calvary with Christ. Let our walk emulate the holy and faithful people St Luke recalls, the women of Jerusalem, the good thief, and above all, Christ. Let us look to heaven, and help each other reach it.

Fr Alex

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PARISH DIARY

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

Children's Liturgy (SJW) -

Term time
(MB) - 27 April

Tea and Coffee (SJW) - After the

9:00am Sunday Mass, term time
(MB) - 13 April

Parent/Toddler Group (SJW) -

9:30am - 11:30am Tuesdays,
Wednesdays & Thursdays,
term time, Upper Hall

Big Church Clean (SJW) -

at 6:30pm, Wednesday 16 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 and at 11:45am on Fridays in Marylebone.

A Holy Week and Easter Week

leaflet with the times of all Masses and Confessions for the remainder of Lent and Easter week is available to take home with you today. Please give them out to people who might be thinking of coming to our parishes over Easter.

Easter Offering

envelopes are available at the back of the church. This is your Easter gift to the parish which can be given in at any time during Holy Week and the Easter season. Thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity throughout the year and especially in these difficult times.

The SVP Foodbank Collection

takes place this weekend. Please leave non-perishable items on the table in the porch. Thank you.

The Chrism Mass

takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 15 April at 12noon, celebrated by Cardinal Nichols and joined by the bishops and clergy of the Diocese.

Big Church Clean

at 6:30pm on Wednesday 16 April in St John's Wood. Easter treats provided, and all are welcome. If you can also help with the regular church cleaning throughout the year, please contact Kathleen in the office.

Holy Places.

On Good Friday we will be taking a collection for the Holy Places of Palestine.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

starts at St John's Wood Church, Prince Albert Road, at 9:00am. All parishioners are welcome to attend. All children who would like to be part of the Passion procession are asked

to please email Sr Brigid at: srbrigid@gmail.com.

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.

Recognising the Risen Lord.

A short series of talks by Fr John Deehan: from 6:30pm-8:00pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN;; Tuesday 22 April will be a look at the Easter narratives in the Gospel of Year C. Tuesday 29 April especially the Apocalypse: New Testament Eastertide readings. To book please email: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7798 9152.

Annual Mass for Migrants

takes place in Westminster Cathedral on the feast of St Joseph the Worker, with the at Procession of Banners at 2:00pm and Mass at 2.30pm. It is supported by the Justice and Peace Commissions, Caritas and the Ethnic Chaplaincies of our three London Dioceses. Migrants make a valuable contribution to life in the UK and the annual Mass is a celebration of how communities have been enriched by migration and the difference migrants make to the wider society.

Mass Intentions.

Thank you for your greatly appreciated Mass intentions. The Sacrifice of Christ brings our prayers right to the heart of the Father. There can be no greater gift for another person. If you would like one offered, please either take a Mass offering envelope from the church and place it in the collection or email stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk or telephone 020 7286 3214. The offering suggested by the Diocese is £10 per Mass. Payment can be made online or in cash either at the parish office or by handing to one of the Clergy.