

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.

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

+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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My sheep hear my voice and they follow me.

Jesus, as always, uses in today's Gospel an image that is both obvious and yet profound. The Good Shepherd knows His sheep, and the sheep know His voice. It seems obvious that sheep would know the one who looks after them, and, because of this, it is one of the most comforting images in Scripture. A favourite for artwork and icons.

However, the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is demanding too. The voice of Christ does not simply soothe us. Just as sheep need to be led, the Good Shepherd calls us, leads us out. And sometimes, as with Peter, it places a cross on our shoulders and says, "Follow me."

This Sunday, we contemplate the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we take pray and seek to support vocations to the priesthood, and we give thanks for a particular shepherd, to whom Christ has given responsibility for his flock. Pope Leo XIV.

When he chose the name Leo, my ears pricked up. The last Leo, the thirteenth, was no quiet bureaucrat. He reimagined the Church's role in the modern world, after the shock of Napoleon, the years of revolution and industrial transformation which had lost the Church many of her traditional sources of support and methods of evangelising.

However, Leo was not one to despair. He guided the Church into a new role, seeking to guide the nations and peoples on earth not by command but by guidance as to how to make the world closer to the one imagined by Christ. He faced multiple confrontations with political leaders, particularly the Prussian and Austrian emperors, but joked that he had buried five of them. He meant no harm by these words, rather he was making a point: thrones and empires crumble. The Gospel and the Church endure. Leo XIV reflected on the call of St Peter in his first homily as Pope "who do you say that I am?" Our new Holy Father stressed Christ is not a theory, not a moral teacher or a cultural icon. He warned that these mistaken identities were followed by many baptised Catholics, and so they live as if Christ was optional. But Jesus is the Son of the Living God. He changes everything. If we say and believe that, in spite of the challenges we may face, we are called to follow Him.

Fr Alex

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PARISH DIARY

Children's Liturgy of the Word

SJW - 9:00am, term time,

Tea and Coffee

SJW- after 9:00am Mass,
term time
MB - 11 May

Parent/Toddler Group (SJW)

9:30am - 11:30am Tuesdays,
Wednesdays & Thursdays,
term time, upper hall

Creative Writing Group (Scribes in the Wood) (SJW)

10:30am - 12 noon Thursdays

PARISH NOTICES

Priests' Training Fund. This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood and when the annual collection for the Priest Training Fund takes place which pays for the formation of men for the Catholic priesthood and supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You can also donate using the QR code on the envelopes, poster in the porch, or visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/>

SVP Foodbank Collection at St John's Wood takes place this weekend. Please leave non-perishable items on the table in the porch. Thank you for your support.

May - Month of Mary. Why not join with others after weekday Mass and pray the rosary throughout the month of May? It is a time when the people of God express with particular intensity their love for and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Rest in Peace, Heather Dupre.

Requiem Mass is at Our Lady's, St John's Wood, on Monday 12 May at 11:00am, with committal at Golders Green Crematorium at 12:30pm.

UCM Interior Design Workshop

takes place on Monday 12 May in the St John's Wood lower hall from 8:00pm. Kisten Alrawi will talk through the new trends and secrets of great interior design. UCM members enter free. £10 a head for non members. All are welcome.

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be making an appeal next weekend in St John's Wood parish. The sisters care for the elderly poor and welcome them as they would Jesus Christ Himself, serving them with love and respect until death. For more information and to donate : www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s), discerning God's call in your life takes place 23 - 25 May in Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) sisters. For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at: fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit: www.fcjsisters.org or register at: <https://bit.ly/FCJVocationWeekend>

Thank you for the "Red Boxes." In 2024 St John's Wood Parish raised £1,025 through the Red Boxes for donations to *Missio* and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Your support of missionary priests enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Please see the poster in the porch and visit: missio.org.uk to find out more about their work.

Church Cleaning—Volunteers. We desperately require volunteers at St John's Wood for this important ministry. At the moment, cleaning takes place weekly on a different day each week - either Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays. We have a team of cleaners for each day. This means that you will only be required to clean every 5 weeks. If you can help on any of the specified days please let Kathleen in the parish office know. If there are enough volunteers we could also create a Friday team. Thank you so much.

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.

Job Vacancies. For details regarding diocesan job vacancies, visit: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk>