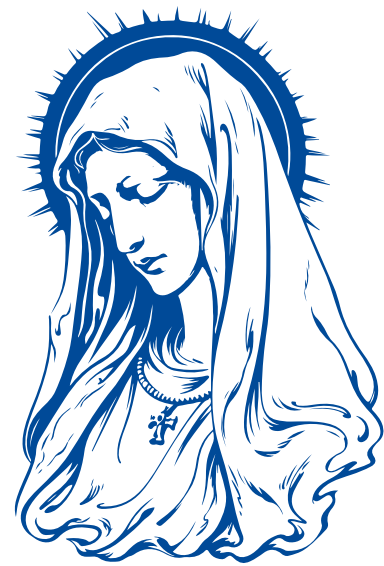


OUR LADY'S,  
ST JOHN'S WOOD &  
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SERVICE TIMES

**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,  
Friday & Saturday 10:00am;  
Thursday 7:00pm

**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 3:00pm - 5.30pm

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**Searching for Intelligent Life**

On 21 August 1924, the United States observed National Radio Silence Day, when the public was encouraged to turn off their radios for short periods to facilitate the search for potential extraterrestrial radio signals from Mars. The logic behind the idea was that since Mars' orbit brought it closer to Earth than at any other time in the preceding century, it might be possible to pick up radio signals that could be coming from the Red Planet.

The experiment yielded no fruit; however, it was one of the first attempts in the search for extraterrestrial intelligent lifeforms, primarily because technology made the attempt possible. Until the advent of radio, whether one believed in life on other planets or not was irrelevant, as there was no way to contact such life, even if alien lifeforms had been sending out signals for centuries.

Such an analogy is perhaps helpful in our understanding of the Eucharist and today's feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is God communicating with us in a way that we can understand and comprehend.

God does not remain distant or unknowable. In the Eucharist, Christ

gives us not a sign or a symbol, but his very Body and Blood, made present by his own words spoken through the priest. We do not rely on feelings or private experience, but on the firm promise of Jesus: "This is my Body." Faith trusts that what he says, he does. It is not our emotion that makes him present, but his power and word.

And just as signals are passed on, so too the Church is entrusted with transmitting the presence of Christ. Our faith is not private or hidden, but made visible. The Eucharistic processions, which we have at Our Lady of the Rosary following the 11am Mass and Our Lady, St John's Wood following the 12noon Mass, are public acts of love and witness. They declare to the world that Christ is truly among us, they send out the radio signal of God's love to the world.

Sadly, many might miss that divine signal from God. Not everyone has their radio, or rather their hearts, turned on to receive God's message of love. However the witness we show on our processions and in everyday life may make others "tune in" for that first time. To open their hearts in faith, to attend to the Mass, to recognise the Lord who comes to us.

*Fr Alex*

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## PARISH DIARY

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

**SJW** - 9:00am, term time,

**MB** - 11:00am, 22 June

### Tea and Coffee

**SJW** - after 9:00am Mass,

term time

**MB** - 13 July

### Parent/Toddler Group (SJW)

9:30am - 11:30am Tuesday,

Wednesday & Thursday,

term time, upper hall

### Creative Writing Group

(Scribes in the Wood) (SJW)

10:30am - 12 noon Thursday

## PARISH NOTICES

### Parish Corpus Christi Processions

through the local streets will take place today after the 11:00am Mass in Marylebone and 12noon Mass in St John's Wood. All are welcome. If you're attending a different Mass please arrive for 11:40am in Marylebone and 12:40pm in St John's Wood.

**Adult Confirmations.** At the 12noon Mass in St John's Wood today three adults and one teenager will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, following on from the 22 teenagers who were confirmed on the feast of Pentecost. Confirmation is necessary for Catholics who want to be godparents or sponsors and, in some countries, is a necessary precondition to marriage. It is also an opportunity to deepen your faith in a 1-to-1 or small group setting. If you are regularly practicing and would like to be confirmed please email the parish office. Similarly, if you are thinking seriously about becoming a Catholic - whether you were baptised in another Christian denomination or have not been baptised at all - we would be delighted to meet with you

**A Retreat entitled** "Unveiled Faces: Healing & Transformation with the Saints" will run from 27 - 29 June 2025 and be led by Fr Emmanuel Mansford, CFR. It will contemplate the healing and transformational work of grace in the ordinary and imperfect lives of the saints. In the light of their example, the retreat will offer an opportunity to reflect on and to seek healing for the wounds in our own lives. For more information and to book visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/unveiled-faces/>

**Ordinations to the Priesthood.** On Saturday, 28 June, Cardinal Vincent Nichols will ordain two men to the priesthood for our Diocese. Please keep both Deacon James Boyle (who

was with us for a short placement a few years ago) and Deacon Sean Power very much in your prayers as they prepare for their ordinations.

### National Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

in Walsingham takes place on Saturday 2 August and will be led by Bishop John Keenan of Paisley diocese, Scotland. Everyone is invited to join in this pilgrimage either in person or via the Shrine livestream at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/> Details of the day and travel arrangements can found found at [www.prolifepilgerimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgerimage.org)

### Catholic Chaplaincy to Universities.

If you are a full-time student (undergraduate or graduate) heading to a university later this year, then why not take a look at <https://www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk/> to identify the Catholic chaplaincy in your place of study? If you are going to one of the universities or colleges in London or in Hatfield, then the Westminster Catholic Chaplaincy is for you. It is based at Newman House, 111 Gower Street, WC1E 6AR. They have Sunday Masses for students and regular events during the week. In many of the universities and colleges they also have campus-based Catholic societies and activities. Go to: [www.universitycatholic.net](http://www.universitycatholic.net) to find out more or see their Instagram page: [@newmanhouselondon](https://www.instagram.com/newmanhouselondon) You will be made most welcome in all these Catholic communities.

**SJW Lost Property.** The lost property cupboard outside the sacristy is full, so please check it to ensure you have not left something behind. In the next few weeks anything not collected will be given to charity/disposed of. There are a lot of umbrellas too - perfect for keeping the sun off your head. There's also a Zimmer frame - was there a miracle?