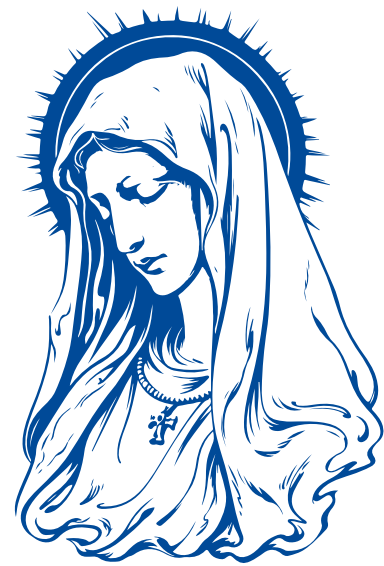


OUR LADY'S,
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SERVICE TIMES

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.

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

+ FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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It's Okay to Laugh

We all laughed at the phrase, "the magic money tree." As if the capital to fund election manifestos could be produced out of thin air. Oh please. Upon reading last week that Fr Alex has been appointed parish priest of Highbury and after a suitably respectful period of wailing and gnashing of teeth, people asked who would be coming in his place. As of Thursday morning I haven't heard a thing. It may be that we are not offered another priest as there are not enough new priests to replace those retiring, falling ill and dying. But we believe that God always provides what is needed.

Today's Gospel about too few labourers for the harvest helps us. We assume it is a call to pray for more vocations. This we must do and after seven years' formation those generous young men will be our priests. Yet the Lord's words are not specific about the work – there are many different roles when it comes to farming and to parish life. For example, we have a pool of mainly retired priests to say a Mass or two when Fr Alex or I are here alone. But we don't have a pool of people to open our churches, set up for the priest, and close the buildings at the appropriate time. Thus, if those very few who do this

regularly have another commitment, it falls to the priest who is here alone to do these jobs in two churches. When this happens, the whole point of getting a supply is lost. Are you able to take on opening up and/or being a sacristy helper and/or closing the church once a week? You could do it with someone else to back you up as unforeseen things arise for us all from time to time. Please, give it some serious prayer and thought. It would be one of the greatest ways to help us maintain the current timetable of our churches being open for prayer and so many liturgies in the short-term.

Another important task is periodically casting an eye on the state of the buildings and ensuring we are compliant with health and safety. This is done simply by liaising with the diocese at set times in the year. This must come more naturally to some of you than it does to me so I would love to hear from you.

Pope St John Paul II said there are all sorts of service to be done and each one of us has a particular task that no-one else can take on. What is yours? Ask God to help you find it, and we can all still laugh even though we have learned that there is no magic priest tree. *Canon Kevin*

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PARISH DIARY

Children's Liturgy of the Word

SJW - 9:00am, term time,
MB - 11:00am, 13 July

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

Little Sisters of the Poor would like to convey their most grateful thanks for the generous response to their recent appeal at Our Lady, St John's Wood. A total of £2,266.45 was raised. The sisters have written, "Your support is very much appreciated. Please be assured of our prayers asking God to bless and reward everyone for the warm welcome received." Thank you.

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, or at: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable *Stella Maris* to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

The SVP Foodbank Collection takes place next weekend. Please leave non-perishable items on the table in the porch. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy at Marylebone

will take place next weekend after which there will be a pause over August and the summer. The classes will resume in September.

Adult Catechesis. 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. In addition, Confirmation is necessary for Catholics who want to be godparents or sponsors and, in some countries, is a necessary precondition to marriage. Whatever you are looking for, we offer the opportunity to deepen your faith in a 1-to-1 or small group setting. Please email one of the priests directly to discuss how they might assist you.

We Believe Festival is a project of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom and St Mary's College, Oscott. It is a festival of Catholic life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, taking place on the beautiful grounds of St Mary's College, Oscott, on 25 - 28 July. For more information visit: <https://www.webeliefefestival.com/festival/programme> or please see the poster in the porch.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate

is holding a celebration for St Faustina's birthday at Aylesford Priory, Kent on Monday 25 August from 10:30am to 4:00pm. The day will include teachings on the message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction, and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Coaches leave from Ealing Broadway and Victoria. For more information contact Millie on 07957 594 646.

Mary's Meals invite you to collect all your foreign currency (and UK coins/notes that are no longer legal tender) no matter how old or obscure. After the summer break, especially if some of you have travelled abroad, we would like you to put any of your foreign coins/notes aside and we will collect them in September in special Mary's Meals envelopes which will be available at the back of church shortly. Currently the charity feeds over 2.6 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education in over 17 countries.. By giving Mary's Meals your foreign currency you can help feed the next hungry child. Because of their low costs they can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year!

Summer Holidays. We wish all the early bird holiday-makers safe journeys and a good rest. Do contact us for help to find local churches and Mass times.