

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,
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

+ TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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'Allo 'Allo!

Michele's catchphrase in 'Allo, 'Allo! was, "Listen very carefully; I shall say zis only once." She'd have to break her resolution here because after months of notice many were surprised to hear last weekend that Fr Alex has moved to Highbury. Please, read the newsletter! So, to paraphrase another comedy sketch, "E's passed on! He is [here] no more! He has ceased to be [here]." But to assure yourselves that he's not remotely in the condition of said parrot, you are invited to his installation as parish priest on Friday 26 September at 7:00pm. And he'll be back here on 19 October, full details of which are overleaf.

With change at the forefront of our minds, I thought I'd use this week's newsletter to assure you that life will continue as normal even though I won't be saying the Masses for the next couple of weeks.

Thus, Bishop Jim Curry will say Mass in Marylebone at 7:00pm for our parish feast on 7 October. School form signing will be as before so just contact Kathleen as detailed on the back page. First Communion and Confirmation forms will be available at Mass in due course so keep coming. Again, one-hour classes will be held at 12 noon every Saturday after Christmas for ten weeks (excluding school holidays) for First

Communion. In the same period, Confirmation classes (eight sessions) will be held on a Monday evening between 6:00pm and 7:30pm. If those times don't suit you, enrol in a neighbouring parish with my blessing. And classes for those many wishing to become Catholics – a testimony to your quiet devotion to our faith – will still be held on an *ad hoc* basis

As for the big issue, the new weekly timetable of Masses and confessions, this is yet to be ratified by the Cardinal. However, Kathleen has diligently booked supply priests to cover all the Masses as they stand now for the coming weeks. And there is a wonderful new team of church openers/closers and sacristans in both our parishes who will be supported by those valiant few who have carried out these ministries in recent years.

It really looks like we have stepped up to the challenge of keeping our parishes going with one resident priest. Yes, there will be teething problems but the Church universal as we know it now started small and took time to find her feet.

Finally, with apologies to Michele, this editorial will repeat itself next week. So I shall say zis twice. Hey ho. But you deserve thank you, and God bless you, twice over. *Canon Kevin*

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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 - 12 October

Parent/Toddler Group - SJW

9:30am - 11:30am Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday,

Creative Writing Group - SJW

10:30am - 12 noon Thursdays

Readers' Training - SJW

4 October 5:00pm - 5:45pm
(for both parishes)

Fr Alex's Leaving Party - SJW

Sunday 19 October following
12noon Mass

PARISH NOTICES

Lucky You. For the next two weeks you will get a welcome break from Canon Kevin. Please make the visiting priests welcome and enjoy some decent homilies and proper theology for a change.

Pastoral Letter from the Cardinal, will be read at all Masses this weekend. It is written to mark the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Westminster, and also of the Restoration of the Hierarchy in England and Wales. Fr Nicholas Schofield has also kindly written a short article on the history of the diocese over these 175 years. Paper copies of both the pastoral letter and article from Fr Schofield can be found at the back of the church.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal on Friday 3 October. Catholics are asked to fast on this day and donate the money saved to CAFOD. Please pick up an envelope at the church entrance and return it when you next come or give online at: <https://cafod.org.uk/> Our readers will speak about CAFOD after all Sunday Masses this weekend. Please also see the poster in the porch which includes a QR code to take parishioners straight to CAFOD's virtual envelope where they can make their donation. Thank you.

Readers' Training on Saturday 4 October from 5:00pm to 5:45pm at Church of Our Lady, St John's Wood. New volunteers from both parishes are welcome as are existing ones to share their experience and tips.

Marylebone Parish Patronal Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is on Tuesday 7 October. It will begin with pontifical sung Mass at 7:00pm celebrated by the Right Reverend James Curry, the newest auxiliary bishop in our diocese, followed by a bring-and-share social in the parish centre. We'll provide drinks.

Jubilee Day for Catechists with Canon Shaun Lennard and the Agency for Evangelisation on Saturday 11 October from 10:00am - 4:00pm at Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden NW10 9AX. More details at: <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/jubilee-days-for-catechists2025/> To book please contact the parish office by Tuesday 30 September.

Saint Christina's a co-educational Catholic Nursery & Prep School in St John's Wood for boys and girls aged 3-11, invite you to an Open Morning on Wednesday, 15 October, from 9:15 am to 11.30 am. To reserve your place, email at office@saintchristinas.org.uk or telephone 020 7722 8784.

Fr Alex will celebrate the 12noon Mass in St John's Wood on Sunday 19 October after which there will be a leaving party in the parish hall. Anyone who would like to contribute to Fr Alex's leaving collection can do so using the baskets available after Mass, or by posting cash or cheques in an envelope clearly marked 'Fr Alex' through the presbytery door. Donations can also be made online again with the reference 'Fr Alex' at: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/stjohnswood/donating-to-the-parish/>

For those in both parishes applying to Catholic Secondary Schools and Sixth Forms, follow this link: <https://catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/admissions> and read the Guidance for Clergy document. If you can meet the criteria for a priest to complete a Certificate of Catholic Practice form, contact Kathleen in the parish office to arrange an appointment. Appointments will be on Mondays 13 and 20 October, Friday 24 October and Monday 27 October only and will take place in the St John's Wood parish office. Appointments for Catholic nursery, infant and junior schools applications will be announced after the half-term break.