

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- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Be Careful What You Wish For

A cartoon shows a genie with a cute dog who looks uncannily like Cosmo. The hound is gazing adoringly at this wonderful creature who has given him two balls. And the genie is saying, "One more wish. Now think really carefully..."

We often approach God as if He is a genie. Indeed, the first reading and the Gospel today speak of God meeting the needs of His people.

But the widow asks for justice, not things. Justice is defined as, "maintenance of what is just or right by the exercise of authority or power; assignment of deserved reward or punishment, due deserts." Therefore we cannot ignore that we appeal to an all-powerful and all-knowing God, the ultimate authority. As Cardinal Newman says, "I will trust Him... He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about." And yes, this can be confusing so he continues, "I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next." That is what it means to be people who have faith in something, Someone, beyond us and this world. We don't always see the "big picture" as God does.

As for a reward or punishment, due deserts, someone once wrote that those who cannot be honest with themselves are "doomed to failure" and will never know happiness. Only

by acknowledging the cause of our situation through our actions – or more often our complacency – can we move on from a state of paralysis and grow through challenging experiences. Hence I truly believe that, "If we learn from our mistakes then I ought to be a genius!"

Justice is further defined as "the quality of being impartial or fair" and so we turn to the judge in the Gospel. He is impartial for he has no favourites and gives the widow not a winning lottery ticket but justice, what he believes she and others need to flourish, what is deserved because of their actions or inactions. Finally, consider her unnamed adversary. Too often we selfishly demand what is convenient and easy for us and end up disappointed because we did not pull together - as in the book of Exodus - to achieve the best outcome for the many of God, not the few, or the one. We can be our own worst enemy.

We will not always get what we think is right for us alone. But if we seek true justice for all, armed with the facts and right reason, then we can "step aside" (as Fr Alex put it in his last homily) and enjoy a greater peace and happiness than a dog with a lifetime's supply of balls. Look at what you've got already and then think really carefully. *Canon Kevin*

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PARISH DIARY

Children's Liturgy of the Word

SJW - 9:00am, term time
MB - 19, 26 October,

Tea and Coffee

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

Parent/Toddler Group - SJW Upper hall

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

Legion of Mary - MB

after 12:30pm Mass, Wednesdays

English Conversation Grp- SJW Upper hall

10:00am - 12noon
Monday 20 October

PARISH NOTICES

CAFOD are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the recent appeal. If you haven't done so already it's not too late to make a donation and hand it in at the parish office. If you wish to Gift-Aid your donation, please use one of the CAFOD green envelopes or you can go online using this link cafod.org.uk/parish or scan the QR code on the poster in the porches. Your donations will make a real difference, helping to support communities facing poverty, crisis, or injustice around the world.

Today, Sunday 19 October, is World Mission Sunday.

By supporting *Missio* – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection to bring God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, please use a *Missio* envelope (available at the back of the churches) or telephone 0207 821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, or set up a direct debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

For those in both parishes applying to Catholic Secondary Schools and Sixth Forms,

Canon Kevin will be available to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice on Monday 20 October, Friday 24 October and Monday 27 October only. Please contact Kathleen in the parish office to arrange an appointment. Appointments for Catholic nursery, infant and junior schools applications will be announced after the half-term break.

Evangelisation Day takes place at Our Lady and St Vincent Parish Centre, Potters Bar, EN6 2AT on Saturday 1 November 11:00am until 4:00pm. There is a new wave of interest in Christianity. Come to this meeting and explore how to help people have a sure and certain hope in Jesus. For more information please email: evangelisation@rcdow.org.uk and see the poster in the porch.

November is the month of the Holy Souls

so from this weekend you can pick up an envelope and sheet as you leave the church on which to write the names of your deceased loved ones. Please return the sheet in the envelope, with any offering you may wish to include, to the presbytery. Contactless or online payments should be made using the reference 'Holy Souls'. The sheets will be placed in our Book of Remembrance which will be in the sanctuary during November. Four Masses each week will be said for those whose names are listed there.

Solemnity of All Saints is moved to 2 November this year and will be celebrated at all Sunday Masses including the Saturday Vigil.

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Monday 3 November with Masses at 10:00am in St John's Wood and 12:30pm in Marylebone.

Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery Kensal Green NW10 5NU will be on Monday 3 November at 11:30.am.

Paid Internships. Westminster Diocese Education Department is now entering the second year of its three year Catholic Leadership Programme. This programme is aimed at increasing the number of Catholic teachers—and future leaders—in our young Catholics. For details please see the poster in the porch.