

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Come Together, Right Now...

One of the many things that brings our two parishes together is that our patronal feasts are only a month part. At Our Lady's in St John's Wood, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary has traditionally been adopted while in Marylebone there is an actual feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Apostolic Nuncio marked the former on 8 September this year and Bishop Jim Curry – the newest auxiliary bishop in our diocese – is looking forward to celebrating Mass in Marylebone at 7:00pm for the feast once known as Our Lady of Victories (his former parish in Kensington) this coming Tuesday, 7 October. I know as many of you as possible will come along to mark that day as you did with the Cardinal in 2023 and Abbot Hugh Allan last year making these such lovely occasions. The music is in the capable hands of Maureen and Joaquim, while Antonia will have our wonderful servers all ready and willing for a quick rehearsal with me at 6:15pm that day. I know too there is a team organised to serve the wonderful food you will bring along to share with your fellow parishioners while I have the drinks in hand, though not literally as it's only 7:30am!

Of course, there are many other things that unite us. At St Joseph's

and St Edward's schools each week I see our younger parishioners so familiar to me from Sunday Mass. At the other end of scale are the 26 housebound parishioners I visit fortnightly who are deep mines of information about the history and faithfulness of the Catholic community in our area over many years. And in the middle are all those amazing people who have helped to keep our churches open, safe, welcoming and providing the sacraments even though we have gone from three priests to just one in less than two years. There is so much for which the Cardinal and his council – and I – are grateful and of which you can be justly proud.

On that last note, as the Cardinal said last week, "Archbishops come and go". Well, so do your priests and there is far more going than coming across our diocese. But the Cardinal would still like you to have a priest you can call "your own" which will require some changes to our timetable. So please come to a meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday 16 October in in the hall at St John's Wood (where there is plenty of parking) when a way that can be managed will be proposed. And if you're really lucky, it might not be "...over me!" God bless you all and I hope to see you then. *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 Upper hall

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

Creative Writing Group - SJW Lower hall

10:30am - 12 noon Thursdays

Parish Meeting (see editorial) - SJW Upper hall

7:30pm
Thursday 16 October

English Conversation Group- SJW Upper hall

10:00am - 12noon
Monday 20 October

PARISH NOTICES

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

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal on Friday 3 October.

You can still return your envelopes by either placing them in the collection or posting them through the parish office door. You can also give online at: <https://cafod.org.uk/> or by scanning the QR code on the poster in the porches. Thank you.

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.

God Is Love is a new event starting for our parishes and taking place in the upper hall at St John's Wood on Wednesdays from 6:30pm - 7:30pm commencing 8 October. Prepare your heart to love and appreciate Sunday Mass more by deepening your knowledge and understanding of the readings, psalms and Gospels. You will strengthen your faith and relationship with Christ, and consequently be better equipped to apply His truth to your life and the lives of others. For further information please contact via email at: godislovelondon@gmail.com or see the poster in the porches

SVP. There will be an information afternoon for anyone who would like more information on the work of the SVP (St. Vincent de Paul Society) on Saturday 11 October at 3:00pm at the Church of Our Lady and St. Vincent de Paul, 337 Harrow Road, London W9 3RB. Please telephone 07944 048 679 for further details.

SVP Foodbank Collection takes place in both parishes next weekend. Please leave non-perishable items on the tables in the porches. Thank you.

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 Mondays 13 and 20 October, Friday 24 October and Monday 27 October only. Please contact Kathleen in the parish office to arrange an appointment.

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/>

English Conversation Group

recommences in the upper hall at St John's Wood on Monday 20 October from 10:00am until 12noon. Enjoy improving your English in a relaxed and friendly group. All are welcome.

French-speaking Teams of Our Lady in London.

Are you a married couple looking to grow in faith, strengthen your love and live the sacrament of matrimony more fully? Then the Teams of Our Lady (an international Catholic movement for couples) is for you. Small groups of 4-5 couples, supported by a priest, meet monthly to share a meal, pray, and reflect on themes of faith and married life. For French-speaking teams in London please email end.londres@gmail.com or visit equipes-notre-dame.fr. For English-speaking teams in the UK: visit teamsqb.org.uk/join