

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

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The Next Station is Crewe

In the classic British musical song "Oh! Mr Porter," a girl gets on the wrong train and has to go all the way to Crewe to get back to Birmingham. Crewe is a busy railway junction where passengers change to reach other destinations. Our parishes feel a little like such a railway junction just at the moment. You might be expecting to see your parish priest at Mass but because I can't be in two places at once or am at a meeting or have a funeral there is a much more exciting visiting priest instead. On that note, please give a warm welcome to the Verona Fathers over the next two weekends – Fr Jude in St John's Wood for Christ the King of the Universe and then Fr Mario in Marylebone for the first Sunday of Advent - and support their work as part of the diocese's obligatory annual missionary appeal. But as the Cardinal has made clear, it is desirable to have the same priest saying Mass in any parish as much as possible. This is because it helps the priest get to know his parishioners better and become familiar with their everyday lives. It also provides a recurring point of contact for spiritual guidance and confession. A regular priest can also help to foster a deeper sense of community and belonging in the parish. All these things are essential

for consistent and effective pastoral care. And hence the timetable changes below which come into effect from Saturday 29 November:

Marylebone

Sunday Mass: 10:45am (Sung)
Weekday Mass: Monday & Wednesday 12:30pm; Friday 6:30pm
Confessions & Adoration: Friday 5:30pm - 6:30pm

St John's Wood

Sunday Mass: 6:00pm (Sat, vigil, sung with the choir), 9:00am (Sung), 12:15pm (Sung with the junior choir) & 6:00pm (Said)

Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 10:00am

Confessions: Saturday 10:30am - 11:00am (with adoration) & 5:15pm - 5:45pm

They mean I will be able to say all the Masses on a regular basis so that we fulfil the Cardinal's wishes outlined above. Mind you, some will see this as awful since you'll rarely be able to escape me. I am so sorry but it's the price of my obedience.

All that remains is to thank you for your sacrifices, and for being so understanding that you kindly give the impression that, on the whole, you're not too dissatisfied with this rather inadequate priest. Bless you.

So from now on, just one train. But be on the right platform at the right time or you'll miss him. *Canon Kevin*

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PARISH DIARY

Children's Liturgy of the Word

SJW - 9:00am, term time

MB - 10:45am, 30 November,
7, 14 & 21 December,

Tea and Coffee

SJW- after 9:00am Mass,
term time

MB - 14 December

Parent/Toddler Group - SJW

Upper hall

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

Legion of Mary - MB

after 12:30pm Mass,
Wednesday

PARISH NOTICES

The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection. Thank you to everyone who donated to this collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. If you haven't had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online through the Diocesan website – look out for the 'QR Code' on the envelopes and poster. Please do consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their old age, or at a time of illness. This fund is a priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say 'Thank you' to the priests who have served us. May God bless you all.

Mission Appeal. This weekend we welcome at Our Lady's, St John's Wood, Fr Jude Burgers of the Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers) who will be speaking at all Masses about the work of the congregation and how we can support them. Next weekend Fr Mario Cerda will make an appeal at Our Lady of the Rosary, Marylebone.

Preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2026. Application forms for both sacraments are available to collect from Sr Brigid or the visiting priest after Mass. Confirmation candidates must collect the forms themselves. Please post completed forms through the rectory door at either parish by 12 noon on Tuesday 9 December 2025.

For those in both parishes applying to Catholic nursery, infant and junior schools, Canon Kevin will be available to sign the certificate of Catholic practice on Monday 8, Friday 12, Monday 15 December and Tuesday 6 January. Please contact the parish office to arrange an appointment.

Children's Liturgy at Marylebone resumes Sunday 30 November and runs weekly through Advent. Children wishing to join the 5 December Carol Service, please see Fiorenza after the 11:00am Mass.

Join the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Schola for their annual performances of Handel's great choral masterpiece, *Messiah*, on Tuesday 2 December at 7:30 pm in Our Lady of Victories Church, Kensington High Street, London. The choir will be accompanied by leading period instrument ensemble St James' Baroque. Continuing a tradition stems from Handel's own performances of this work at the Foundling Hospital, all the solos will be performed by the boys in the choir. Tickets are available from <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/93396>

Carol Service at Marylebone will take place on Friday 5 December at 7:00pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Please bring festive treats to share.

Baptism Preparation Class at Our Lady's, 11:30am on Saturday 6 December. Please contact Canon Kevin directly to register.

UCM Afternoon Vintage Tea takes place in the Upper Hall in St John's Wood on Saturday 6 December at 2:00pm. Tickets cost £10 per head and will be available after all Masses. If anyone can donate a prize for the raffle this would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the parish office.

If you are sick or in hospital, please make it known to the ward staff that you are a Catholic and that you want to see a priest so that arrangements can be made for a Catholic Chaplain to visit you. Please let Canon Kevin know if you are housebound, even temporarily, so we can arrange to visit you.