

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

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+ THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA  
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**These Walls Can Talk**

The default Gospel for funerals used to be the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12). Now it is Jesus saying that He goes to prepare a place for us in heaven (John 14:1-6). Trends, eh?

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, a church dedicated to the Most Holy Saviour and Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It is also the cathedral (seat) of the Pope, and known as the "mother and head of all churches in the city and the world."

This feast calls us to reflect on the meaning of sacred space — not only the physical beauty of a church building — but that the Church herself is the living temple of God's presence in the world. And the building reminds us of the unity of the whole Church, gathered around the successor of Peter, and the enduring presence of Christ in the Eucharist who builds His Church upon faith and love.

The readings also reveal that God's dwelling is not confined to bricks and mortar. Ezekiel's vision of water flowing from the temple symbolizes life, renewal, and the Spirit that makes all things grow. St. Paul deepens this saying, "you are God's building...God's temple," reminding us that holiness is also found in the sanctified lives of believers. And

when Jesus cleanses the temple, declaring, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up," He points to His own Body as the new and eternal temple of God's glory.

Today is also Remembrance Sunday when we honour those who gave their lives for the sake of peace and freedom. It is a day steeped in silent gratitude, a day of prayer for an enduring peace between nations. Coming together, the true significance of the Lateran Basilica and Remembrance Sunday call us to see the Church and her members as living memorials of Christ's peace in which memory, sacrifice, and hope meet. Just as soldiers laid down their lives for others, Christ's self-offering on the Cross becomes the cornerstone of our faith and the model for all our service.

As we remember the fallen, we also remember that our calling is to be builders of peace. The spiritual "temple" we are called to raise is one made of living stones — human hearts shaped by mercy, justice, and love. In this way, the feast and remembrance coming together call us to be witnesses of reconciliation in a world still longing for the peace of Christ which, in those Gospel passages, we are called to live out in the Beatitudes and then enjoy in the Kingdom of God. *Canon Kevin*

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## PARISH DIARY

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

**SJW** - 9:00am, term time

**MB** - 11:00am, 9, 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, Wednesdays

### English Conversation Grp- SJW

Upper hall 10:00am - 12noon  
Monday 17 November

## PARISH NOTICES

**SVP Foodbank Collection** takes place in both parishes this weekend. Please leave non-perishable items on the tables in the porches. Thank you for your continued support.

**Preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2026.** Application forms for both sacraments are available to collect from Canon Kevin or Sr Brigid 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.

**Rest in Peace, Bridget Josephine Derrig.** Reception into Our Lady's on Monday 10 November at 5:00pm. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 11 November at 11:00am with burial at Kensal Green Cemetery at 12:30pm.

**Rest in Peace, Menai Lynn Jones** Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Thursday 13 November at 1:00pm.

**The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection** is next week. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. You will find donation envelopes at the back of the church today. You can make a one-off donation or you can set up a regular donation and become a patron by completing section four on the envelope form. You can also donate online at: [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - or by scanning the QR Code on the envelopes or poster in the porch. Thank you so much for your support.

**Come and Sing.** Singers are invited to a workshop and vigil Mass for Christ the King on Saturday 22 November, performing Palestrina (in

his 500th anniversary year) and plainsong in the church of Our Lady's wonderful acoustic. Email at: [ComeAndSing@LGChoir.org.uk](mailto:ComeAndSing@LGChoir.org.uk). All are welcome.

### New Mass Times from 29 November 2025:

#### 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 & 5:15pm - 5:45pm

Adoration: Saturday 10.30am-11.00am.

#### Marylebone

Sunday Mass: 10:45am (Sung)

Weekday Mass: Monday & Wednesday 12:30pm; Friday 6:30pm

Confessions: Friday 5:30pm - 6:30pm

**Baptismal Preparation.** The next course preparing parents for the baptism of their child will be held on Saturday, 6 December at 11:30am in the St John's Wood parish office. Please contact the parish office to book a place.

**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.

**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 Kathleen in the parish office to arrange an appointment.