

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

+ THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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33 Billion Years and Counting

It's been a funny couple of weeks with the readings of the ordinary Sundays of the year replaced by those of All Saints and the dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Last week's ordinary Gospel, like today's, was about the end times, something none of us really likes to think about. However, as the title of this piece suggests, the estimated end of the universe as we know it is quite a long way off unless God decides to end it sooner. So how do the calamities in the Gospel affect us in our slightly shorter lifespan?

Obviously, there are wars, earthquakes, typhoons, tropical storms, earthquakes, etc. and we all play our part in supporting those agencies who bring relief to the suffering. But in our temperate climate and the relative peace and freedom we enjoy here, we are still buffeted by the things of this world. Specifically, we are knocked off-course from following Christ's Way by temptation and sin through our own arrogant self-reliance or idleness as Paul warns the Thessalonians against.

To obey Christ's call to endure against those things that try to destroy our bodies and souls, so beautifully constructed by God, St John Chrysostom gives us good advice: "Paint the house of your

souls and adorn it with the beaten gold of good works. And for walls and stones embellish it with faith and generosity. And for its roof, place prayer on the top."

Like any house, that of our souls being prepared for us in heaven needs regular examining through the sacrament of confession. Repairs are effected through our penance, making it up with people we have offended, and a firm resolve to avoid sin in the future just as we would have heard Zaccheus do two weeks ago in the Gospel. But no-one can completely do this by themselves. Thus we commend ourselves, especially after death, to the prayers of those we leave behind on earth and the saints in heaven. As Pope Benedict XVI said, we and the saints pray for those good people being perfected in love. So write the names of your deceased loved ones on one of the sheets at the back of the church, pop it in an envelope with your offering, and return it to us. Then, as St John Henry Newman says, "Masses on the earth and prayers in heaven" will aid those souls at the throne of judgement of the Most High and their rooms in the Father's house will be made firm and stand forever. Now that's a very good use of the time left to us. *Canon Kevin*

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PARISH DIARY

Children's Liturgy of the Word

SJW - 9:00am, term time
MB - 11:00am, 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

Carol Service - MB

Friday, 5 December at 7:00pm followed by refreshments in the parish hall, please bring festive treats to share

PARISH NOTICES

World Day of the Poor. Pope Leo XIV has declared Sunday 16 November 2025 to be the ninth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of, "You are my hope." In his message, the Holy Father urges us to recognise those experiencing poverty as "witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalisation." Please visit the Vatican website to read the Holy Father's full message: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/poor/documents/20250613-messaggio-giornata-poveri.html>

The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection takes place this weekend. Please take a donation envelope as you leave the church today or scan the QR code on the poster in the porch to give online. If you feel you would like to give to the fund on a more regular basis, please consider joining our patron's programme and do pray for our clergy in active ministry, retired or ill. Thank you.

Preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2026. Application forms 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, Shirley Mowbray Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Monday 17 November at 2:00pm.

Come and Sing. Singers are invited to a workshop and vigil Mass for Christ the King on Saturday 22 November at 3:00pm, performing Palestrina (in his 500th anniversary year) and plainsong in Our Lady's. All are welcome. Please email at: ComeAndSing@LGChoir.org.uk.

Mission Appeal. Next 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 how we can support their congregation's work.

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

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.

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

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.