

OUR LADY'S,  
ST JOHN'S WOOD &  
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY,  
MARYLEBONE

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SERVICE TIMES

**St John's Wood**

Sunday 21 December  
6:00pm (Sat, Sung Latin),  
9:00am (Sung), 12:15pm (Sung) &  
6:00pm  
Monday 22 December &  
Tuesday 23 December  
10:00am  
Wednesday 24 December  
Christmas Eve  
6:00pm (Christmas Vigil,  
Sung with Carols & Nativity Play)  
12 Midnight (Sung with Choir)  
Thursday 25 December  
Christmas Day  
9:00am (Said),  
12:15pm (Sung with Carols)  
Saturday 27 December  
10:00am

**Marylebone**

Sunday 21 December  
10:45am (Sung)  
Monday 22 December  
12:30pm  
Wednesday 24 December  
Christmas Eve  
8:00pm (Christmas Vigil,  
Sung with Carols)  
Thursday 25 December  
Christmas Day  
10:45am (Sung with Carols)  
Friday 26 December  
10:00am

*For Confession times  
and the rest of Christmastide  
please see the separate leaflet*

+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
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**Do You See What He Sees?**

I heard on the radio that many people are unable to access an NHS dentist. When you look at Rubens' painting of the adoring shepherds, you'll probably focus on the lady who seems to have no teeth. But look at the shepherd in red. Despite the beautiful baby which would make anyone go, "Ooh!" and "Aah!", he is looking away. The artist's intention was to suggest that this man was recalling the song of the angels: that the child is not just cute, but the Saviour, Christ the Lord, God with us.



The Christmas Mass at dawn tells how, after visiting the stable, the shepherds praised God and went home telling everyone about their Saviour's birth.

So when we visit the crib, let's not just see a baby, but bask in the glory of God who draws near and touches our lives. Then share that with others. But put your teeth in first. And with mine firmly in, I wish you and your loved ones a most happy and holy Christmas. God bless you all. *Canon Kevin*

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## PARISH DIARY

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

**SJW** - 9:00am, term time  
**MB** - 10:45am TBC

### Tea and Coffee

**SJW**- after 9:00am Mass,  
term time  
**MB** - 8 February

### Parent/Toddler Group - SJW Upper hall

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

### Legion of Mary - MB

after 12:30pm Mass,  
Wednesdays

## PARISH NOTICES

### An Advent & Christmastide Leaflet

with the times of all Masses and confessions for these seasons is available to take home with you today. Please give them out to people who might be thinking of coming to our parishes.

### Children's Nativity Play Rehearsal

for the 6:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve in St John's Wood takes place at 6:00pm on Monday 22 December.

### Altar Servers

will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen in Marylebone at 10:00am Mass on 26 December. Further dates for this there, and in St John's Wood, will be set in 2026.

### Christmas Offering envelopes

at the back of the church are for your personal gift to your clergy and parish. Do use them as their contents are not taxed by the diocese.

### Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

If you have not already done so, please sign up to read or help with Communion. Servers should sign up too, but check with their parents first. The lists are outside the sacristy in St John's Wood and inside the sacristy in Marylebone.

### Crib Offerings

will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society to support local children and families facing severe hardship. Envelopes are available which allow your donations to be gift aided, or donate online at: [www.cathchild.org.uk/donate](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/donate) The cribs will remain in the churches until Candlemas (the Presentation of the Lord), 2 February 2026.

### Closing of the Jubilee Year Mass

on 28 December at 12 noon, in Westminster Cathedral celebrated by Cardinal Nichols. All are welcome.

**For those seeking a certificate of Catholic practice for schools**, please email the parish office to request an appointment on 6 January only.

### Solemnity of the Epiphany Masses (Holy Day of Obligation), Tuesday

**6 January.** Masses in Marylebone at 6:30pm (Vigil, Monday) and 12:30pm, and in St John's Wood at 10:00am and 7:30pm.

### Marriage Preparation

residential weekend course, 9-11 January 2026. For more information please visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation>

### Radio Maria England.

On Saturday 10 January 2026 at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, following the 1 6:00pm Mass celebrated by Fr Toby Lees, OP (Director of Radio Maria), you are invited to the parish centre where Radio Maria will record a radio drama of a few short plays performed by members of the Catholic Association of Performing Arts which includes Sophie Clarke and Meg Mead). For more details, visit <https://radiomariaengland.uk/> or ring 0300 3021251 or scan the QR code on the poster in the porches.

### Visio Divina: Praying with Art

with Fr Patrick van der Vorst is on Thursday 15 January, 7:30pm - 9:00pm. and part of the 'Continuing the Journey' series for new Catholics to feed and deepen their relationship with Christ. Fr Patrick will guide us in using the medium of art to pray. Booking in advance is essential via [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk)

### Dive Deeper: The Patriarchs

takes place on the following Mondays online from 6:30pm - 8:00pm on 19 January: "Genesis and the legend of Abraham"; 26 January: "The Tower of Babel"; 9 February: "Abraham and Isaac: Promise Fulfilled?" To register your interest please email [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk). Please also see the poster in the porches.

### Job Vacancies.

For details regarding diocesan job vacancies, please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk>.