

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, Vigil),  
9:00am,  
12:15pm,  
6:00pm

**Weekday Mass**

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
10:00am

**Confessions**

Saturday  
5:15pm - 5:45pm

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**Marylebone**

**Sunday Mass**

10:45am (Sung)

**Weekday Mass**

Monday & Wednesday 12:30pm  
Friday 6:30pm

**Confessions & Adoration**

Friday 5:30pm - 6:20pm

+ FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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**What We Leave Behind**

The Gospel for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Monday is the one I have chosen for my funeral. On this day – the Presentation, not that of my funeral – the Church pauses. Nestled quietly between Christmas and Lent, this feast can feel like an epilogue to the Nativity as we take down our cribs. Yet what unfolds in the temple that day reaches far beyond infancy. In the Presentation, the Church is given a preview of the Eucharistic mystery at the heart of our faith. Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple in obedience to the Law, offering Him to the Father. This may seem like a simple act of devotion. But Simeon, guided by the Holy Spirit, reveals what is truly taking place: the child is “a light for revelation to the gentiles and glory for your people Israel.” The Light of the World is being offered, received, and proclaimed and this is what happens at every Mass. The Presentation is, in many ways, the first offering of Christ. He is carried into the temple by Mary, just as He will one day be lifted up on the cross and at the altar by the priest in every Mass. In these moments, Jesus is given completely to the Father for the salvation of the world. The Eucharist does not repeat this offering, but makes it present to

us sacramentally. What Simeon and the priest hold in their arms, we receive into our hands and hearts. And lit candles on this day remind us that Christ is the True Light who enters the darkness of the world. In the Eucharist, that same light comes to us—not as a symbol, but as a real and living presence. Just as the aged Simeon recognised the Messiah with eyes of faith, we too are invited to recognise Christ under the appearances of bread and wine. There is also a challenge to us when Simeon speaks of contradiction and sacrifice, and tells Mary that a sword will pierce her heart. Eucharistic faith is never merely comforting; it draws us into that same self-giving love of Christ. When we receive His Body we are called to become what we receive—offered lives, poured out in service and mercy. The Presentation teaches us to approach the Eucharist with reverence, wonder, and readiness. Like Simeon and Anna, we come attentive and hopeful. Like Mary, we offer Christ and ourselves to the Father. And like the candles blessed on this day, we are sent out to carry His light into the world. These are among the gifts of the Mass and Christ's Priesthood to the world and make up the greatest legacy I could ever hope to leave. *Canon Kevin*

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## PARISH DIARY

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

**SJW** - 9:00am, term time  
**MB** - 10:45am, 1 & 15 February

### 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

**A Special Mass of Thanksgiving** will be celebrated in gratitude for the Cardinal's ministry of sixteen years and more as Archbishop of Westminster on Thursday 5 February at 5:30pm in Westminster Cathedral. All are warmly welcome to attend as we give thanks to Cardinal Vincent Nichols for his faithful service.

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

**World Day of the Sick.** On Saturday 8 February the annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes will take place in Westminster Cathedral at 2:00pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and the anointing of the sick will be offered during the service. This is a ticket-only event and tickets can be requested by emailing the parish office at [stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk) no later than today, Sunday 1 February, stating your name, the number of tickets required and for which category you are booking:

1. Wheelchair users who require anointing,
  2. Walking sick who require anointing
  3. Assisting the sick, but not requiring anointing yourself.
- Thank you.

**The Installation of His Grace the Most Reverend Richard Moth as Archbishop of Westminster** will take place on Saturday 14 February in Westminster Cathedral. As all the priests in the diocese will be attending, there will not be Mass at 10:00am in St John's Wood nor confessions and exposition between 10:30am and 11:00am on Saturday 14 February. The evening confessions and Mass will take place as normal. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause.

**Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 17 – 24 July.** Registration for this pilgrimage is now open at <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/registration-form/> or via the pilgrimage office on 0207 798 9173. If you would like to sponsor or fundraise for an assisted pilgrim, member of the medical team, or a young volunteer, then please also contact the pilgrimage office for further details.

### Cleaning St John's Wood Church.

Thank you so much to the volunteer who has recently come forward to help with cleaning the church following our appeal. We are still very short of volunteers, particularly for **Saturday evenings**. At present, cleaning takes place weekly, but on a different day each week: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays. We have a team of cleaners assigned to each day, which means you will only be required to help once every five weeks. If you are able to assist with this important ministry, please contact Kathleen in the parish office.

**Planned Giving Envelopes** for the new tax year will commence on 12 April 2026. If you have a set of envelopes and no longer use them or would like to have a set of planned giving envelopes for the new tax year, please let Asha in the parish office know. However, standing orders are the easiest way to contribute to the church. Both planned giving envelopes and standing orders will allow your contributions to be gift-aided. This means that the parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra. Please contact Asha, the bookkeeper, if you have any questions regarding planning your giving to our parishes. And please remember to register **each** of your credit or debit cards for gift-aid on the contactless machines.