

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 &
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 & Adoration

Friday 5:30pm - 6:20pm

+ SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Mission (Not) Impossible

Given how cold it has been, few of us would want to be St John the Baptist unless camel skin is as warm as thermal underwear and locusts and wild honey as warming as a hearty soup. Also it's fairly improbable that we'll be able to point Jesus out walking through our streets.. But Pope Leo said recently, "The best way to serve the Church is to strive to be saints," so let's try.. To begin this task, note that when John the Baptist points to Jesus and declares, "Behold, the Lamb of God," he is not merely identifying who Jesus is; he is revealing what God is doing. The Lamb stands before the world as the one who takes away sin, restores relationship with God, and inaugurates a new people formed by the Holy Spirit. John testifies that the Spirit descended and remained upon Jesus, marking Him as the Chosen One, the Son of God. This same Spirit has also descended upon us through Baptism and Confirmation and remains with us. So, how often do people speak about what God is doing for and in us? Do they know? Bear in mind too that Saint Paul reminds the Corinthians—and us—that this anointing is not reserved for a select few since he writes to a community struggling with division and identity, "to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy." He does not begin by correcting their faults but by naming a truth. They are saints just as our Holy Father has called us to be. They, we, are graced. Before they are fractured by rivalry or weakened by comparison, they and we are already claimed by God. This echoes the words spoken by God to His servant Isaiah, "You are my servant...through whom I show my glory." The servant is not only restored but sent as "a light to the nations, that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." What begins with being chosen always leads to being sent. God's call is never simply for our own sake, but for the sake of the world. In Christ, we are that servant people. United to the Lamb of God, we share in His mission. The Holy Spirit who revealed Jesus to John the Baptist now reveals Christ through us—through our words, our witness, and our love. We are not spectators of salvation; we are participants in it. We are sanctified, called and anointed. We belong to Christ. We are sent to say, "Behold the Lamb of God", and to become saints in Him. May we live out that calling so that others point to us as saints in the making, having heard and seen how we speak and act whatever we're wearing or eating. *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

Peace Sunday takes place today, and parishes are encouraged to reflect on the message of Pope Leo: "Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace." Resources for children and young people are available on the *Pax Christi* website: paxchristi.org.uk. The Bishops' Conference has also produced a statement on this theme, "Called to be Peacemakers:" <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/called-to-bepeacemakers>

White Flower Appeal 2026. The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual collection this weekend at both parishes. SPUC exists to transform culture so that abortion is not only abolished but becomes truly unthinkable. The Society is actively leading the fight in courts, classrooms and our culture to achieve this mission. Through these efforts they will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. This year's appeal postcards (available from the back of the church) allow supporters to join the fightback campaign against the current threats in Parliament to expand abortion and allow assisted suicide. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC at this critical time.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18 - 25 January, which this year has the theme "One Body, One Spirit". To mark this Week of Prayer, all are invited to join an ecumenical walking pilgrimage on 23 January from Westminster Cathedral to St Paul's Cathedral. The walk will finish at St Paul's for Evensong, sung by the Choir of Westminster Cathedral. For more information please email ecumenism@rcdow.org.uk or see the poster in the porches. Further resources can be found here: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity/>.

In Conversation with... Please join our parishioner and award-winning author, Kenechi Udogu, for an enlightening evening in conversation with contemporary artist Bokani as they discuss Kenechi's latest book, *Augmented*, on Saturday 24 January, 7:00pm, at Arrupe Hall, London Jesuit Centre, Mount Street, London. Free tickets can be booked online at: <https://tinyurl.com/mxrnw2ft>

Baptismal Preparation Class will be held at Our Lady's at 11:30am on Saturday 31 January. Please contact the parish office to book a place.

Young Adults' Discernment Retreat in Aylesford Priory, Kent (men & women, ages 18-30) from 6-8 February at the ancient home of the Carmelites. This weekend offers space to step away from daily busyness for prayer, reflection, and community, in partnership with the Religious of the Assumption and the Carmelite Friars. Cost is £200. For more information or to register, please email vocations@assumpta-eu.org, or see the poster in the porches.

Vocation Discernment Retreat in Rome (women only, ages 18-30) from 27 February - 1 March. A discernment retreat with the Religious of the Assumption, offering time for prayer, reflection, and spiritual accompaniment in the heart of the Church. Cost is £100 plus travel. For more information or to register, email vocations@assumpta-eu.org, or see the poster in the porches.

Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year will be from 17 - 24 July. Registration details will be published soon but to express an interest please visit the website at: <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/>

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