

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

+ THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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My World?

When I say "Good morning" to some people walking in the park they ignore me. But it's not rudeness or even good sense. They are listening to music on ear 'phones. Add sunglasses to the equation and they not only filter out the distractions of the world around them but are totally separated from the lives of the people they pass and who they are in relation to others. We all are good at filtering out the light and the sounds of the real world, but it can block out what is actually happening around us and create a different world, a world of our own making. We filter life, instead of getting to the heart of the matter; instead of living the life of right relationship that God calls us to, that of being loving, forgiving, compassionate people. We live with filters that hide the light of Christ, and filter out the sound of God's Word which calls for a more just, loving, and merciful world. Our lives are filled with all kinds of filters that create a vast chasm between us, a culture of 'us versus them', instead of the truth that it really is just 'us', all of us and God. Hence, we can relate to what Zebulun and Naphtali and the region around the Galilee were like at the time of Isaiah and of Jesus. People didn't really matter there - only money mattered. Making money from your profession, not the relationship with the person you were working with to help you make that money, mattered. Certain people were somebodies and others nobodies which is also Paul's warning to the Corinthians. And Matthew tells how those who are not the best in Galilean society witness all of Christ's glorious light and sound and then leave everything to follow Him. So many people, just like today, treated others as things and not like the sacred, holy gifts of God created for us to cherish. Our often necessary filters can also block out the light of Christ and keep us from hearing the true message of the Word of God. When this happens, like those in the Scriptures today, we lose the ability to know what real light, total light reveals: the Good News of God's undying love and of Christ calling all people to discipleship. It is freedom from those alienating filters that Jesus calls us to so he can open each one of us to share His life and let the reign of His majestic Word and glorious light shine in our world. So by all means, filter out distractions, but not those for our good and that could bring God's goodness to the world. *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

English Conversation Group- SJW

Upper hall 10:00am - 12noon
Monday 26 December

PARISH NOTICES

Sunday of the Word of God takes place today. This year's theme is: "Let the word of Christ dwell among you." (Colossians 3:16). Please use these resources to celebrate this special day focused on the central importance of the Bible in our liturgies and in our lifelong faith: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/sunday-of-the-word-of-god-resources/>

World Leprosy Day 2026. The John Bradburne Memorial Society (JBMS) is calling on individuals, parishes, and communities to support its mission on World Leprosy Day, observed today Sunday 25 January. This annual day of awareness shines a spotlight on the ongoing challenges faced by people affected by leprosy, a neglected tropical disease that continues to impact thousands worldwide. You can find out more and support their work here: <https://www.johnbradburne.com/> Please also see the poster in the porches.

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.

A Day With Mary is taking place at St Mary Magdalen, Athenaeum Road, N20 on Saturday 31 January from 10:00am until 5:30pm. For further information please visit the website at: <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or see the poster in the porches.

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.

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 Anointing of the Sick will be offered during the service. This is a ticket-only event. Tickets can be requested by emailing the Parish Office at stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk no later than Sunday, 1 February stating your name, the number of tickets required and which category you are booking for:

1. Wheelchair users who require anointing,
 2. Walking sick who require anointing or
 3. Assisting the sick, who do not require anointing.
- Thank you.

Catholic Networking Dinner Event

Catholic professionals are warmly invited to a distinguished networking and fellowship dinner at the East India Club on Monday 9 February starting at 6:30pm. The guest of honour, the Rt Rev James Curry, auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Westminster, will share reflections on service in civic and ecclesiastical life. Hosted by the London Charterhouse Catenians, the event includes a three-course meal, wine, coffee, and mints. Cost is £80. Please email: dining@catenians.org.uk to reserve your place.

The Good Counsel Black Tie Ball will take place at 6:00pm on St Valentine's Day, Saturday 14 February, in Kensington, London, with a live band and a silent auction. London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball is raising money to help save lives and change lives. Tickets cost £135 each, or a table of ten for £1,300. For bookings and enquiries email: GCNBall@gmail.com or telephone 07795205117. Please also see the poster in the porches.