

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 10:00am
Wednesday 10:00am & 7:30pm
Saturday 10:00am

Stations of the Cross

Saturday 9:30am

Adoration

Saturday 10.30am - 11.00am

Confessions

Saturday 10:30am - 11:00am,
5:15pm - 5:45pm

Marylebone

Sunday Mass

10:45am (Sung)

Weekday Mass

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

Stations of the Cross

Friday 5:00pm

Confessions & Adoration

Friday 5:30pm - 6:20pm

+ SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Nah, Mate. I Don't Go South of the River

Pope Francis joked that his fellow cardinals had gone "to the ends of the earth" to find a new Bishop of Rome. Archbishop Richard Moth, our new "boss" in Westminster, was originally a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark. Southwark seems to be the ends of the earth to some taxi drivers who won't go across the bridges over the Thames. But having been born in Zambia, Archbishop Richard isn't remotely phased by this little crossing. As general secretary of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales – whose offices are based in Victoria – from 1984, and then an auxiliary bishop in our diocese from 1992 to 2000, Cardinal Nichols was familiar with our diocese and well-known by us before returning as our chief shepherd in 2009.

But Archbishop Moth doesn't have this history with us. For some this is a concern as we all like our lives to be predictable. But for many, it is an exciting prospect. Whatever one's feelings, look to the Book of Sirach in today's readings: "great is the wisdom of the Lord." And it is the Holy Spirit that has guided Pope Leo to give us this new shepherd. In addition, as with all bishops who are successors of the apostles, they embody Christ's words in the Gospel to fulfil the Law, not to change it.

And for 16 years, Archbishop Richard Moth has tirelessly upheld the truths of Christ and his Church. This is evident in his pastoral plan for his former diocese's parishes to become ever-clearer beacons of light, guiding people to Christ as society becomes more secular.

On a personal note, I first spoke to Cardinal Nichols in 1991 about my own sense of vocation. He ordained me as a priest eight years later and has been my Ordinary and a massive part of my journey for 16 of the 26 years I have served this diocese. But I know our new head pastor a little too as he was chaplain to 217 General Hospital which later became amalgamated with 256 Field Hospital, an Army unit with which I served for several years. He was then the Bishop of the Forces from 2009 - 2015 before being translated to Arundel and Brighton. Whatever we know of Archbishop Richard, let us pray that as head of our diocese he may be of service to those over whom he presides by word and example, and come to eternal life together with the flock entrusted to his care. Unknown waters lie ahead, so let us follow him faithfully, thanking God that with immense trust in God and great love for us, our new shepherd has crossed the river. *Canon Kevin*

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PARISH DIARY

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Tea and Coffee

SJW- after 9:00am Mass,
term time
MB - 15 March

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

Ash Wednesday (18 February) marks the start of Lent. Masses will be at 10:00am and 7:30pm in St John's Wood and at 12:30pm in Marylebone. Perhaps, as well as giving things up during Lent, we might try to do something extra like a little spiritual reading each day, coming to a weekday Mass, or praying the Stations of the Cross with others at the times shown or privately whenever our churches are open. Or you could offer your time to help in the running of our parishes and their ministries? Just a thought...

Spiritans' Mission Appeal will take place at both parishes next weekend. Founded in 1703, the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) are a Roman Catholic religious congregation inspired by Luke 4:18 to serve the poor, promote justice and peace, and care for creation. Today, over 3,000 Spiritans minister in more than 60 countries, serving in parishes, schools, hospitals, prisons, and refugee communities where the need is greatest. As Pope Francis reminds us, we serve "in simplicity, respecting peoples and cultures," and reaching the most abandoned with fraternity and prayer. Please give generously to keep this mission alive. Thank you.

English Conversation group next takes place on Monday 23 February at 10:00am in the upper hall at St John's Wood. Everyone is welcome to join and enjoy improving their English in a relaxed and friendly group. For more information please contact Lois on 07761 590 240.

The Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 23 May at 2:30pm. Archbishop Moth invites couples celebrating a 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and over 60) Catholic wedding anniversary in 2026. Email: stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk by Thursday 16 April to register.

Altar Servers. Thank you very much to all our altar servers who carry out this important ministry of service by helping the priest more worthily celebrate Mass. From time to time, we need to be able to contact our servers regarding training and serving at special parish liturgies. I therefore ask that all altar servers at both parishes update the consent form in the sacristy. If you are 18 or over, you may complete the form yourself; those under 18 must have the form completed and signed by a parent or guardian. We also welcome anyone who has received First Holy Communion and feels they would like to serve in this important ministry to add their details to the form. Thank you very much to those who have already signed the consent form and God bless you all.

Junior Choir. We are looking for new young singers to join our junior choir at Our Lady's, St John's Wood. Those who have heard the choir over the past five years will know how wonderfully they sing each Sunday during term time at the 12:15pm Mass. Please get in touch with Martina to find out how to join. Martina will be available after the 9:00am or 12:15pm Mass or email: martinasmyth@rcdow.org.uk.

Repository. We are looking for volunteers to staff the repository at Our Lady, St John's Wood on Saturdays and Sundays, before and after the 6:00pm evening Mass. If you can assist, please email Kathleen in the parish office at: stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk.

If you are sick or in hospital, please make it known to the ward staff that you are a Catholic and that you want to see a priest so that arrangements can be made for a Catholic Chaplain to visit you. Please let Canon Kevin know if you are housebound, even temporarily, so we can arrange to visit you.