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

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

Confessions & Adoration
Friday 5:30pm - 6:20pm

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Hello. I Must Be Going.

Welcome back from whatever you managed as a holiday during July and August, whether in exotic but probably cooler climes, with family and friends or, like me, used the quieter weeks to clear the backlog on your desk and plan for the coming months. But be not despondent about the return to school, college and so on – there is much to which you can look forward.

First, for those "early birds" who read this online before Sunday, a reminder that whatever you do in both our parishes, you are invited to a "thank you" party from 1200 on Saturday 5 September in the hall at Our Lady's, St John's Wood. We will provide food and drinks, but if you would like to bring a plate of something, it would be gratefully received. Don't worry if you haven't replied yet – just come along.

Second, both our parishes' patronal feasts fall within the next five weeks – St John's Wood on 8 September and Marylebone on 7 October. More about the latter later, but this Tuesday the Right Reverend Alan Hopes, former Bishop of East Anglia and Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, will celebrate a sung Mass at Our Lady's at 1930, with drinks afterwards. An added incentive to come is that my home is in his former diocese. Towards the end of my sabbatical in 2019, he petitioned to the Cardinal for me to be lent to him *fide donum*. I think *desperationis donum* might have been more accurate but that's another story. Obviously, His Eminence said "No", but you might tell Bishop Alan how much you wish he had tried harder. Just think what you'd have been spared.

There is also considerable work planned. Marylebone needs new hall boilers, exterior work to the church, specifically pointing and repair of the gutters, plus upgrades to the rented flat and presbytery to secure our financial stability. At St John's Wood, the hall needs a new kitchen and redecoration after daily use for seven years, while the presbytery requires much the same after five seminarians and two priests moving in, living here and moving out. Plans are also developing for a Lady Chapel and to make the church interior look less tired. Exciting times!

And now, to explain the title above: I shall be taking a short break after Tuesday. Parishioners to open and close the churches for supply priests are booked in as best we can. But please remember that they have busy lives and many of those priests are over 75. I am sure everyone can rely on your understanding. So enjoy the holiday from me and may God bless you all.

Canon Kevin

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PARISH DIARY

Children's Liturgy of the Word
SJW - 9:00am, term time

Tea and Coffee
SJW- after 9:00am Mass, term time
MB - 13 September

Parent/Toddler Group - SJW Upper hall
9:30am - 11:30am Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, term time
(Recommences 15 September)

Legion of Mary - MB
after 12:30pm Mass, Wednesdays

Parish Notices

Volunteer Thank You. A most sincere thank you to everyone who joined us for our Volunteer Party this weekend. It was a truly wonderful opportunity to celebrate and thank all those who give so generously of their time and talents. Everything we do as a parish is made possible by the dedication of our volunteers. Your commitment and service are truly appreciated. Thank you so much for all that you do.

Journeying with Saints and Scholars. On Tuesday 8 September, Mary's Meals invites you to join its first 'Walk for Hope' Pilgrimage in London. Starting at Westminster Cathedral and ending near St Paul's Cathedral, this one-day pilgrimage will include times of reflection led by Fr Stephen Trafford of St Francis in Maidstone, along with visits to places of faith and scholarly interest. For more information please visit: https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope or please see the poster/flyers in the porches.

50 Faces of the Holy Land. You are warmly invited to experience the powerful photographic exhibition 50 Faces of the Holy Land, by Marcin Mazur, at St Dominic's – The Rosary Shrine, London NW5 4LB, from Friday 4 September until Sunday 13 September. Featuring 50 portraits of Israeli and Palestinian people from different faith communities, the exhibition offers a moving glimpse into the lives, faith and resilience of those who call the Holy Land home. At a time of great uncertainty, come and encounter the people behind the headlines and remember them in prayer. Please see the poster in the porches for more information.

Opposing Assisted Suicide. Ahead of the Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) on Friday 11 September, the Communications Directorate of the Bishops' Conference has produced a poster to encourage Catholics to urgently write to their MPs. The poster is displayed in the porches and has a QR code, that is linked to the Bishops' Conference website: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/ which includes guidance on writing to your MP.

The SVP Foodbank Collection takes place next weekend. Please leave non-perishable items on the table in the porches. Thank you.

Mass on Monday 14 September at 12:30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, Marylebone has unfortunately been cancelled, as we have been unable to arrange the necessary volunteer support to open the church, prepare for Mass and close the church afterwards while Canon Kevin is on annual leave. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Confirmation, whatever your age. Preparation for this sacrament is offered here to those in year nine or above. Catechesis for teenagers will begin in January on a Saturday afternoon. If this doesn't suit your child's existing commitments, you would be welcome to ask a neighbouring parish if you might join their classes. For various reasons, you may be way beyond year nine and not have been confirmed. This sacrament is necessary for you to be a godparent, a sponsor and to marry in the Church in many countries in the world and preparation cannot be done within a few months of you needing to be confirmed. Equally, if you are a regular Mass-goer and have not been fully initiated into the Church, why not complete the process begun at Baptism and receive the fulness of the gifts of the holy Spirit. Just have a word with Canon Kevin after Mass and we will work out a programme to suit a group or individuals.