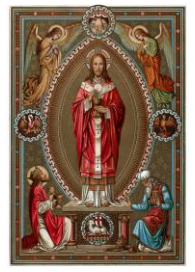




Catholic Church of Our Lady

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27th August 2017

21st Sun in Ordinary Time

Mass Times:

Sunday

6pm (Saturday)
10am and 12noon

Weekday

Mon-Fri: 10am
Thurs: 7pm
Sat: 10am

This Sundays Readings

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First Reading:

Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 137:1-3,6,8

Second Reading:

Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 16:13-20

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament

After the Saturday 10am Mass

Rosary

After weekday Mass

Confessions

Sat 10.30-11am,
5.15-5.45 pm
Or any day by appointment

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office
to Register
Preparation obligatory

Marriage

See Parish Priest
Six months' notice required
Preparation obligatory



A WORD FROM FR JEFF

Turning Our Hearts to God

"If we turn from self towards God, our understanding and our will become nobler and readier to embrace all that is good: if we never rise above the slough of our own miseries we do ourselves a great disservice." (St Teresa of Avila, Interior Castle)

This is truth spoken to the heart. The will is a powerful force against the good when it focuses on our own miseries. We cease to will and move towards the good when pride buries humility. We start justifying resentments and often deny their presence and remain caged as a prisoner of the self. St John Paul II reminded us of this in his writings on Love and Responsibility.

As I read somewhere else about this quote from the Interior Castle, I was reminded that "But with prayer and self knowledge, we gain perspective. We are able to really "walk" with God, to open our eyes to His graces in our lives and how we respond to them. To better make decisions. To be joyful and to greater give ourselves as gifts for others. To live our lives as a prayer."

Hearts have to be touched by God to get here. The demanding of justice and scoffing at mercy for others and yet presumptuously expecting mercy from God feeds pride and crushes humility to where you can quickly descend from love to hatred. That is a place of great danger! Again Saint JP II shows us this as well.

"We shall never succeed in knowing ourselves unless we seek to know God: let us think of his greatness and then come back to our own baseness; by looking at his purity we shall see our foulness; by meditating upon his humility, we shall see how far we are from being humble." (St. Teresa of Avila, Interior Castle)

"If we are faithful in always directing our soul toward the divine light, we will become luminous in turn, as flowers take on a resemblance to the sun."

— Robert Cardinal Sarah, God or Nothing

Mass Times – Next week-end, Sat 2/Sun 3 Sept, Mass times will be back to Sat 6pm, Sun 9am, 1030am, 12noon and 6pm.

Parish Mission 9-12 September will focus on Eucharistic Adoration. Make sure to put it in your calendar and come!!! See poster and details in the back of the church.

Catechists Wanted for Confirmation and First Holy Communion - If you are interested and available please contact one of the priests.

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor is in hospital and very frail. Cardinal Vincent has invited us all to pray for him.

Parish Office Hours

Mon - Fri: 10:30 - 13:30
stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk

Going into Hospital?

Please make sure you tell the hospital staff that you are Roman Catholic and your details can be passed on to the chaplaincy.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for August

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

Marriage Corner

By nature, the person is oriented to self-perfection, to a greater fullness of existence. However, by betrothed love, persons can totally give themselves to another. They can step out of their "I," surrender their "I," and in so doing, their "I" becomes enriched. Jesus' words "would lose - shall find" go beyond the personalities norm, showing that persons have unique laws of development. (St John Paul II)

Journey of Faith (RCIA) If you or someone you know would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic or to be received into the Catholic faith or simply to catch up one or more of the sacraments, please have a word with Fr Jeff or Fr Lorenzo or take a form from the back of the church.

Housebounds – If you know any Catholic in the parish who is unable to come to Mass but would like a visit, please let one of the priests know.

Job – If you or someone you know are looking for a job, you may consider working for the Diocese of Westminster, in the central offices or in one of the parishes. Have a look at <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2017, please contact one of the priests.

SATURDAY 26 th August Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest	10.00 10.30	John & Alba (Thanksgiving) Sacrament of Reconciliation
--- 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VIGIL	--- 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Linda Ints
SUNDAY 27 th August 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00 12.00	Baby Matthew RIP & grieving parents People of the Parish
MONDAY 28 th August St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor	08.00 Q 10.00	Fr Allen Ints
TUESDAY 29 th August The Passion of St John the Baptist	08.00 Q 10.00	Vanessa Obi Thanksgiving
WEDNESDAY 30 th August Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward, Martyrs	08.00 Q 10.00	Catherine Harwood RIP (Birthday Remembrance)
THURSDAY 31 st August St Aidan, Bishop	08.00 Q 10.00 19.00	Peter Okoro & Family Ints Owen Lynch RIP Ann
FRIDAY 1 st September Feria	10.00	Sr Margarita Birthday Intns
SATURDAY 2 nd September Saturday Memoria of Our Lady	10.00 10.30	Patricia RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation
--- 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME VIGIL	--- 17.00 18.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation Ellen Mary "Cis" Wade RIP
SUNDAY 3 rd September 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 10.30 12.00 18.00	People of the Parish Noris de Bracho RIP Caroline Nathan RIP Phyllis Beary RIP