



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5 September 2021

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## What Do You Get For the Woman Who Has Everything?

I actually finished a whole book (with words and everything) this summer which is quite rare for a parish priest. It quoted St. Maximilian Kolbe whose feast falls on the day before the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul, into Heaven: "Never be afraid of loving Mary too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did." No doubt God showed His love for His mother in many of the ways we do. Most significantly, the Father preserved her from Original Sin by applying the graces of His Son's sacrifice on the cross to her before she was born. We call this prevenient grace. In other words, the redemptive sacrifice at which we are present at each Mass—and which offers salvation to us and all those who have died and are yet to be born—was applied to Mary at the moment of her conception. This is possible because the Sacred Body and Blood which redeemed the world were taken up into the timelessness of Heaven at Christ's Ascension and thus can be applied by God to anyone at any time. That is why the Mass is a prayer of thanksgiving: we don't sacrifice Christ again, but are brought to Calvary and give praise and honour and thanks to God for what He achieved for all through His Son. And because we are not doing the "work" of the Mass, because it is already done, we can offer the Mass for a particular intention. It's like having a workman in your house to do a particular job—we say to him, "And while you're here, would you...?"—because the main job is fully under control. We do the same with the prayer of the Mass, offering it for our own or another's intention, or for the eternal rest of a loved one, because the work of our redemption is under control. So, two points. Firstly, what do you get for Our Lady, who has everything, on her birthday, our parish feast? A Mass, of course, and there will be an extra sung one at 7:30pm on 8 September followed by drinks in the hall. Secondly, when you're thinking about what to do to celebrate good news or offer help or remember an anniversary, ask us to say a Mass. Your offering for this is not a fee but by tradition is enough to keep a priest for a day. Even today these stipends pay our salaries: after all, the collection taken right after my terrible sermons would be too low! Offer a Mass then, for any intention, as It really is the best gift you could get for Our Lady or anyone you love. *Fr Kevin*

## Mass Times

### Sunday

6:00pm (Saturday)  
9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon,  
6:00pm

### Weekdays

Monday, Tuesday: 10:00am  
Wednesday: 10:00am, 7:30pm  
Thursday: 7:00pm  
Friday & Saturday: 10:00am

## Rosary

After weekday Mass

## Exposition & Confessions

Saturday 10:30am—11:00am

## Confessions

Saturday 5:15pm—5:45pm

## Music

Morales - *Missa Decidle al caballero*

Josquin - *Laudate pueri Dominum*

133 All Ye who Seek a Comfort  
Sure

212 Dear Lord and Father of  
Mankind

126 O Thou, Who at Thy Eucharist  
Didst Pray

## Sunday Readings, page 129

Isaiah 35:4-7

Psalms 145:7-10 R. v 1

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

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### Keeping Ourselves Going

1. Please use the contactless *CollecTins* at the doors or the offertory baskets or you can give via [www.olsjw.org.uk](http://www.olsjw.org.uk) and/or set up a standing order.
2. Please scan the QR code with the *NHS COVID-19* App as you enter or leave the church or use the contact forms at the end of the benches and place one per household or bubble in the collection.

**Cleaning Rota.** We are desperate for more volunteers to clean the church in the evenings on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday every 5 or 6 weeks. If you can help, please contact Claudia in the office. Her details are overleaf.

**Junior Choir.** If you are interested in finding out more about our plans for the junior choir and were unable to attend last Sunday's meeting, please contact Martin Toyer via his email overleaf.

**Parents' and Toddlers' Group and Over 50's** will resume on Tuesday 7 September 2021, but not at the same time, obviously.

**Eucharistic Octave.** The International Eucharistic Congress is due to take place in September in Budapest. With travel restrictions as they are there will be a Eucharistic Octave in London organised by several of the London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord starting from 11 September. For full details of events please visit [www.catholiclondon.org](http://www.catholiclondon.org) or see poster the in the church porch.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage Mass** will be celebrated by Bishop John Sherrington at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 11 September 2021 at 2:30pm and all are welcome.

**SVP Foodbank Collection** takes place next weekend. Please drop off your donations in the Parish Hall after Saturday evening and Sunday Masses next week. Thank you for your support.

**Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)** next meeting will take place on Monday 20 September 2021 at 8:00pm in the Parish Hall.

**Annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers** will be on Saturday 2 October 2021 and celebrated by Bishop Nicholas Hudson. More details will follow.

**Rediscover Your Marriage.** *Retrouvaille* are holding a virtual weekend from 21-24 October, offering the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. For more information about *Retrouvaille* or to register for the programme call 07887 296983, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk).

**"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission"**. A two-year 'synodal' process is taking place in the Catholic Church from September 2021 that culminates in the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. It is an invitation for us, as Catholics, to 'walk together', and for every member of the Church to speak, and the obligation to allow those charged with the work of discernment the freedom to do so. For the first time, the Synod Office in Rome has produced a comprehensive process which encompasses the stated aim of the Holy Father that the Church in today's world should have a vision of missionary communion orientated to evangelisation. For more details please visit [For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://cbcew.org.uk)

**Parish Website** [www.olsjw.org.uk](http://www.olsjw.org.uk) and **Our Lady's RC Church, St John's Wood Facebook page** are updated regularly. Mass is live-streamed at 10:30am on Sundays on both sites at which you can pray *An Act of Spiritual Communion*: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Day	Location	Time	Group
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Upper Hall	9:30am-11:30am	Parents & Toddlers
Tuesday	Upper Hall	1:00pm-4:30pm	Over 50's