



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ 1st Sunday of Lent, Year C - 6 March 2022

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Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving: the Ways of Jesus Are Our Ways

Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ, Lent has been gifted to us. Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Gospel this Sunday, teaches us of the three temptations which Jesus submitted to at the hands of the devil for forty days and forty nights. These three victories of Christ are the defeat of the 'father of lies' (Jn 8:44), who had previously beguiled Adam and Eve, as the serpent, in the Garden of Eden (Gn 3:1-7): where Adam and Eve succumbed to food from which they had been forbidden, Jesus refuses to change stone into a loaf - Jesus fasted; where Adam and Eve yielded to the temptation to possess, "a delight to the eyes", the forbidden fruit, Jesus renounces worldly possessions, He gave away what He could have taken - Jesus gives an example of almsgiving, placing love of God and others above over accumulation; where Adam and Eve saw themselves as entitled to God's own knowledge, such presumptuous pride, Jesus acts with loving obedience and deference to His Father, to be Son of the Father is to be one in sacrificial love - prayer is the heart of sacrificial love. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving are the three remedies which Jesus practised to defeat the devil. And we, each Lent, are asked to practise the very same disciplines to open our hearts and minds to the transforming grace of Christ. In His power they make us holy. Oh Joy! Pope Francis on Ash Wednesday asked us especially to pray and fast for Ukraine. These two great disciplines, taught by Jesus Himself, are royal and supreme ways of bringing God's power to a fallen world and can heal our souls, too. His Eminence, Cardinal Vincent, for his Lenten Appeal asks us to consider almsgiving to Caritas Westminster, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year; service to those in need has always been, and continues to be, at the heart of everything Caritas offers. The Mass is the fulfillment of all three Lenten practices: we observe the hour-long Eucharistic fast before reception of Holy Communion; the offerings, stipends, we give to the Church for Masses to be said, assist Her holy mission in bringing spiritual food and bodily food to those in need; and the prayer of Jesus is blazoned upon our souls at every holy sacrifice of the Mass. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving: these holy, royal, priestly ways are the ways in which Jesus defeated the devil for all humanity. Let us truly practice them in His love. *Fr Ben*

Mass Times

Sunday

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

Weekdays

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:
10:00am
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 for Sunday

Guerrero - *Missa Ecce Sacerdos*
White - *Miserere Mei*
235 Lead us heavenly father,
lead us
50 Forty days and forty nights
227 Jesu, Lover of my soul

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Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 90:1-2, 10-15 R. v 15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

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CAFOD Family Fast Day Lent Appeal Family Fast Day is next Friday 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously. We remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world, especially as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. You can donate in church by using a CAFOD envelope, the QR code on the poster in the porch or by visiting cafod.org.uk/lent.

Stations of the Cross during Lent take place every Thursday at 6:00pm before evening Mass.

'A Mother's Heart'. This short and beautiful book, written by one of our parishioners, invites all mums to see how their heart is a privileged place to discover God's Love. This intimate relationship with the Lord becomes a light for living out His love in their family. Available for £12.00 from the church shop or <https://amazon.co.uk/dp/B09GZFG33Q>.

Confirmation Programme continues on Sunday 6 March 2022 from 4:00—5:30pm in the parish hall.

First Holy Communion Programme continues on Saturday 12 March 2022 from 12:00—1:00pm in the parish hall.

Collection for Ukraine If you would like to donate, please see the list of items on the noticeboard in the porch or copies are available from the back of the Church. Please drop off donations in the parish hall next Sunday 13 March 2022 between 9:00am and 1:00pm. Donations will be sent on via the Ukrainian Social Club in London.

#HelpUkraine Emergency Appeal. Organised by The Ukrainian Catholic Church in the UK and Ukrainian Cultural organizations. For details of how to donate please see poster in the porch.

The SVP Foodbank Collection takes place next weekend. Please place your donations on the table in the porch after all Masses.

Covid Regulations. Please continue to wear a mask in church to protect yourselves and others and to sanitize your hands on entry and exit. And also follow our parish website www.olsjw.org.uk and Our Lady's RC Church, St John's Wood Facebook page which are updated regularly.

Tea and coffee in the parish hall after 9:00am Mass today so please join us.

CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge Challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk.

Next UCM Meeting will take place on Monday 14 March 2022 at 8:00pm in the parish hall.

Our Lady's Men's Group starts on 15 March as an informal opportunity for men of our parish to meet once a month for fraternity and discussion on Tuesdays at 7:30pm—10:00pm in the Rectory. Please bring food or drink to share. Contact ourladysmensgroup@gmail.com for more details. We will also explore various Catholic topics through the relaxed reading of a chosen book.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14 May 2022 at 3:00pm. The Cardinal is inviting all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you would like to attend please email Claudia with: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or 'phone nr) by **Sunday 20 March 2022**.

Offerings. The contactless *CollectTins* can now collect *GiftAid* on all your donations if you register a particular card on the tin itself or scan the QR code on the poster next to them and fill in the form at your leisure. Please take a few moments to do this as we can collect the *GiftAid* on all you have given with that card since April 2021. Standing orders are the easiest way to give regularly and can be set up via www.olsjw.org.uk.

Day	Location	Time	Group
Monday	Upper & Lower Hall	10:00am-12:00 noon	English Class
Tuesday, Wednesday,	Upper Hall	9:30am-11:30am	Parents & Toddlers
Tuesday	Upper Hall	1:00pm-4:30pm	Over 50's