



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C - 13 March 2022

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Old Father Hubbard

Last Sunday a mum came up to me in tears to say her child's long-term mystery illness had been diagnosed and a treatment regimen planned. Thus her tears were of joy and she wanted to offer a Mass in thanksgiving for this wonderful act of God. A few weeks ago a lady, saddened she could not be with her goddaughter for her birthday due to travel restrictions, was delighted to offer a Mass for that young girl's intentions which united them in Christ across hundreds of miles. Whenever I say, "This Mass is offered for..." I think of the person and their loved ones in their joy or grief. I think of them again after saying, "Let us pray" before the opening prayer. They come to mind during the Eucharistic Prayer in the Real Presence of Christ after the consecration—either in the prayers for the living or for the dead—because the Lord who is beyond time and space brings all who ever were and are and will be together. And I think of them too as I receive Holy Communion, spiritually uniting them to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, so full of love for all humanity in every time and every place. Now while I would have said a Mass of thanksgiving for that dear mother and her child at any time, we are able to say it at a public Mass today because you have given us hardly any Mass intentions. This provokes two questions, one spiritual and the other practical. Firstly, the spiritual— is there nothing at all for which the 800 of you reading this wish to thank God? For example, giving God thanks for the gift of life on a birthday, or being grateful your child was offered a place in a school recently, or wishing to thank key workers for getting us through the pandemic. And is there nothing that any parishioner can think of for which they might ask God, such as the triumphant entry into Heaven of a loved one or peace and justice in Ukraine? What prayer could be better than the Mass? As the Cardinal said in his recent letter, the "*highest* form of prayer is the celebration of the Eucharist. It is here, above all other places, that the Lord wishes to fill us with his gifts, so that we, in turn, can offer those gifts to others." And practically, priests are not employees—by law, they are paid only from what is offered for Masses. So fewer Mass offerings means a "pay pot" here sufficient to support only one priest and ultimately fewer Masses. Well, that cupboard is bare. Over to you then. *Fr Kevin.*

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

Ingegneri - *Missa Susanne un
giour*
Kerle - *Media vita*
225 Immortal, Invisible
55 My God I love thee, not
because
71 There is a green hill far away

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Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm 26:1, 7-9, 13-14 R. v 1
Philippians 3:20-4:1
Luke 9:28-36

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Collection for Ukraine. Please drop off donations in the parish hall this Sunday between 9:00am and 1:00pm. PLEASE, NO CLOTHES. Thank you.

Ukrainian Appeal/Caritas. At the moment the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral are overwhelmed with collections. They will let us know where there are gaps in due course and what further practical help we can offer. In the meantime, we can best help by donating via cheques payable to *AUGB LTD - Central Appeal Fund* and either giving them to Fr Kevin who will hand them in on his regular visits to the Cathedral or by posting them to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London Chancery Office, 21-22 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ. Thank you.

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day Lent Appeal. Please return your donation envelopes this weekend. Alternatively, use the QR code on the poster in the porch or visit cafod.org.uk/lent to donate.

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

Confirmation Programme continues on Sunday 13 March from 4:00pm—5:30pm in the parish hall.

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

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 from 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.

First Holy Communion Programme continues on Saturday 19 March from 12:00 noon—1:00pm in the parish hall.

Green Doctors provide free, impartial energy advice and support to households in several London boroughs, visit <https://london.greendoctors.org.uk/>.

Rest in Peace: Ronald Alfonso Beszczynski. Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Wednesday 6 April 2022 at 11:30am followed by committal at Mill Hill Cemetery.

'A Mother's Heart'. This short and beautiful book, a nice gift for Mother's Day, was written by one of our parishioners and 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>.

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

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 home. We can then 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.

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.

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 number) by **Sunday 27 March 2022**.

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