



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ Third Sunday of Easter - 1 May 2022

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Being a Priest is So Boring?

Next weekend you will hear Seminarian Robert talk about his vocation on Good Shepherd Sunday, the day on which we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and contribute to the *Priests' Training Fund* which has supported him over the past four years and will now see him officially become a candidate for ordination in our Diocese. On that note, people often ask me why I gave up being a vet and joined the priesthood given all the things that I have done. However, the reality is that I was only ever a vet: all those amazing experiences I talk about only came after I was ordained. For example, I first served at our Cathedral which involved ordinary parish work plus funerals of bishops, cardinals and heads of state, the dawn of the new millennium, and so much more. There too I was asked to take on the role of officiating chaplain to Wellington Barracks at Buckingham Palace which led to a course at Sandhurst and chaplaincy in the Army with various tours throughout the world. Two other parish placements gave me the privilege of being a hospital chaplain—hence my well-thumbed, oil-stained and tatty book for visiting the sick. North Harrow was my first posting as a parish priest and there I became the chaplain to the Catholic boys at Harrow School where a quarter of the 800 on the role are “Romans”, the best school experience I've ever had.

All these things and countless others belong entirely to my life as a priest. Hence I understand why Saint John Paul II once said, “When the spirit of adventure and great love dies, there will be no more priests and no more nuns.” It is so true, without even mentioning the privilege of being invited into people’s lives at some of their most joyous and tragic moments, that it has been a great adventure.

Whatever you give next week will ensure that Robert and 18 others who feel called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd are so formed as it did the four men who were ordained to the priesthood last year to serve as our priests including Deacon William. So please take home a special envelope, read the information, and bring it back next week with your donation. Or you can use the QR code in the porch to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

My rich life as a priest came about because I always say “Yes” to my bishop. But first men have to say, “Yes” to God. Pray for that. *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

- 85 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem
- 72 When I survey the wondrous cross
- 120 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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- Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
- Psalms 29:2, 4-6, 11-13, R. v 2
- Apocalypse 5:11-14
- John 21:1-14

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First Holy Communion. Please keep in your prayers the first group of children who are receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend.

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

Mass for Migrants at Westminster Cathedral, to celebrate the feast of St Joseph the Worker, takes place on Monday 2 May 2022 with Mass at 2:30pm and a banner procession from 2:00pm.

Rest in Peace: Mrs Rosa Maria Da Ressurreiçao Bastos Lopez. Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Thursday 5 May 2022 at 11:30am followed by committal at West London Crematorium.

First Holy Communion Rehearsal on 5 May at 6:00pm in the Church (for Saturday 7 May at 12:00 noon).

Confirmation Rehearsal on Thursday 5 May at 7:30pm in the Church.

Confirmation. We pray for, and congratulate, the 10 young parishioners who will have the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred on them this Friday by The Right Reverend Nicholas Hudson.

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

May Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX on Sunday 8 May 2022 at 3:00pm. Preacher, Most Rev Kenneth Nowakowski; Eparch of the Holy Family of London (Ukrainian Catholic Church). Come and join the praying of the Rosary in asking the prayers of the Black Madonna of Willesden for the protection of London, and for peace and restoration in Ukraine. For more information see the poster in the porch.

SVP Mass of the Anointing will take place at Our Lady on Saturday 14 May 2022 at 2:00pm followed by Afternoon tea in the hall. All are welcome. If you require assistance getting to Mass please contact Sue McGuinness on 07944 048679 or David Hogarth on 020 7586 5153.

Offerings. Standing orders are the easiest way to give regularly and can be set up via www.olsjw.org.uk. To *GiftAid* using the *CollectTins* register your usual card on the machine or scan the QR code and register your card at home. You can still make Easter Offerings using the special envelopes provided. Bless you for your generosity.

Modern Media. Do follow our parish website www.olsjw.org.uk and Our Lady's RC Church, St John's Wood *Facebook* page which are updated regularly. And please remember to wear a facemask inside the church and to sanitize your hands on entry and exit.

Westminster Diocese Bishops' Synodal Pathway Report. This report captures well the many voices we have heard across the Diocese during the Synodal Pathway. In this way, it has been written by parishioners young and old, priests and deacons and religious, school and university students, and committed faithful. The story is theirs. <https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/westminster-diocese-bishops-synod-report/>.

Warden & Clerk Vacancy, St Scholastica's Retreat. The Trustees are seeking to appoint a Warden & Clerk to the Trustees for this almshouse charity that provides sheltered housing for Catholics in financial need aged 60 or over. Competitive salary, pension and accommodation onsite in Princes Risborough, Bucks. Closing date: Monday 9 May. For more details and how to apply visit www.stscholasticas.co.uk/warden-clerk-vacancy.

Parish Administrator Vacancy—Our Lady of the Rosary, Marylebone. The successful applicant will ideally be an Administrator or Bookkeeper with substantial experience in office organisation. Hours of work: 15 hours per week (10.30am-3.30pm Tue, Thu, Fri), £13 per hour (neg), Closing date: 6 June 2022. For more info please visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/>.

Day	Location	Time	Group
Monday	Upper & Lower Hall	10:00am-12:00 noon	English Class (except 2 May)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Upper Hall	9:30am-11:30am	Parents & Toddlers
Tuesday	Upper Hall	1:00pm-4:30pm	Over 50's