



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ Fourth Sunday of Easter - 8 May 2022

Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust: Registered Charity Number 233699

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 58 men studying at Allen Hall, 17 of whom are from our own Diocese, and two more men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. So we have a total of 19 men in formation for the diocese of Westminster. The typical length of time it takes to form a man for the priesthood is usually around six years, however, Pope Francis has added a propaedeutic year (a preparation year before formal entry into seminary) making it a seven year process. During this time the daily life of a seminarian is centred around the four pillars of formation: Spiritual, Intellectual, Human and Pastoral development.

Last year four men who studied at Allen hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests, one of whom was Fr William who was a deacon here at St. John's Wood. This coming June, the diocese will be ordaining another four men to the priesthood who I can assure you are keen and eager to get out there into the parishes and do the Lord's work. Added to that, the diocese will be ordaining a further four men to the diaconate, three of whom have had the guiding hand of Fr Lorenzo supporting them along their way. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. The Church takes very seriously the formation of her priests, and resists the call to turn the process into a factory line of tick box exercises where you are handed a degree at the end of it. Instead, the length of time it takes to form a priest reflects the reality that a man during his time in seminary is to discern, grow, and mature into his life as a priest. This requires a good deal of support not only from the formation staff but from the people of God as well. Your gifts ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Your generosity is greatly and warmly received by all of us training in Allen Hall Seminary. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you don't have a donation envelope, plenty are available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Seminarian Robert

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

Missa Regina Caeli a 5 (Palestrina)
Ego sum panis vivus (Lassus)
Tulerunt dominum meu (Maillard)
209 Christ is made the sure
foundation
200 All my hope on God is
founded
265 The King of love my shepherd
is

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Acts 13:14, 43-52
Psalm 99:1-3, 5, R. v 3
Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17
John 10:27-30

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

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

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

Rest in Peace: Mr Moonem Nouri Yacoub Obayda. Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Thursday 12 May 2022 at 10:00am followed by a private committal at Golders Green Crematorium.

Counting. Our team of counters is so desperately short of members that they are having to do it every week and even then they are struggling to get the minimum number required by the auditors. Might you and a couple of friends be willing to give a few hours every few weeks to assist them, please? Full training will be given along with unlimited tea, coffee and cake. Without new volunteers both Fr Kevin and Fr Ben will have to do it together which means an entire morning or afternoon each week when no priest will be available. Many thanks for your generosity, as always.

The Mark 10 Mission—Children's Liturgy Two new liturgies to celebrate Jesus as "The Good Shepherd" are available online at <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>.

Grants to help pay off energy debts People who are in debt to their energy supplier might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. More details on this link – plus links to several advice providers <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

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.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee. On Sunday 5 June the 12:00 noon Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for Her Majesty's 70 years on the throne. Afterwards there will be a free hog roast in the church grounds and a bouncy castle for children. For catering purposes, please indicate on the lists at the back of the church if you intend to come for the party (please write down the number of people) and on the other list if you are happy to bring some side dishes or desserts, by Sunday 15 May. And whatever you are doing that weekend, pray for good weather.

Red Box 2021 In 2022, our community of Our Lady raised £1,839.37 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. The missionaries, and communities they serve are grateful for your prayers and generous donations. The founder of APF/Missio, Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified on 22 May this year. This remarkable lay woman's life was marked by intense suffering and great trust in God. For more information see <https://missio.org.uk/>.

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School Applications are now being accepted for girls currently in year 5 to sit the entrance tests for year 7 entry to St Michael's in September 2023, visit <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/admissions/admissions-2023-24/>. Parents should ensure that they read the Admissions Policy prior to making an application and provide the **original** Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by their Parish Priest by the closing date of 4:00pm on Tuesday 5 July 2022.

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.

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