



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ Fifth Sunday of Easter - 15 May 2022

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In His Power, Alone, is Victory

At this time, in the Church's liturgical year, we are basking in the time (kairos) between the Resurrection and Pentecost; before, too, the Ascension, on the fortieth day after the Resurrection. Jesus is revealing Himself to those whom He had chosen beforehand (Acts 10:41). Men and women are being prepared to witness to the Lord; this is a time of great wonder and growth.

Time in Jesus Christ is never merely simple chronology, sequential time - *chronos* - from one moment to another; no, because Jesus is eternity in flesh, when we receive His Spirit and eat and drink His Body and Blood in faith we are being recreated for the time - *kairos* - which has no beginning or end. In Eastern Catholic liturgies the Deacon exclaims to the Priest, "It is time - *kairos* - for the Lord to act" (Καὶρὸς τοῦ ποιῆσαι τῷ Κυρίῳ), indicating that the time of the liturgy is a meeting with eternity. Grappling with an understanding of, even experiencing in some way God's 'non-time' is an essential reality of all prayer.

A question arises as to how we can respond more fully to the risen Lord in our daily lives, particularly at this time before the Ascension, when He is amongst us and not yet ascended to the Father. This should always be our relentless and deepest desire, how can we say yes to the risen Lord at all times?

The readings for this Sunday help. Jesus gives us a new commandment, "love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another" (Jn 13:34). Just prior to this passage Jesus has washed the feet of His disciples, an act which points to His ultimate service to humanity: His dying for each of us on the cross to take away our just punishment for sin. Jesus also says that His disciples should do the same for each other. So to love as He loves is to be truly willing to lay down our lives for each other. Paul and Barnabus say, in today's reading from Acts, "we all have to experience many hardships before we enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). What Jesus underwent to bring us into participation with Divine Life revealed that suffering, that evil is not the last word. As Christians we have received the Divine Life at Baptism; we are given the graces, the power to stand up against all that is evil, including, if necessary, the gift of our lives. As we seek to follow Jesus at all times, may we seek His Light in challenges. *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

Missa Ave Maris Stella (Morales)

Regina caeli letare

(Manchicourt)

225 Immortal invisible

242 Love divine, all loves
excelling

81 Now the green blade riseth

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Acts 14:21-27

Psalm 14:8-13, R. cf v 1

Apocalypse 21:1-5

John 13:31-35

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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 **today**.

Returning to Sunday Mass The Bishops of England and Wales invite all Catholics to rejoice in the greatest privilege: the Sunday celebration of Mass. From Sunday 5 June 2022, the Feast of Pentecost, what is referred to as the Sunday Obligation will be restored. Obviously this does not apply to those who are ill or who have a serious reason. A copy of the Bishops' statement is available at the back of the Church or see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>.

Permanent Diaconate—'Come & See'—21 May 2022 The Permanent Deacon is a man who serves the Church through ministry of Word, Altar and Charity, under the direction of the Bishop and Priest. For men who may be interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate, there is a 'Come & See' Morning on Saturday 21 May, 10:00am—12noon at Church of The Guardian Angels, 377 Mile End Road, E3 4QS. Contact Deacon Adrian Cullen adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or 07961 594725, see <https://rcdow.org.uk/vocations/permanent-diaconate/>.

Rest in Peace: Mrs Pushpa Rubina Chohan. Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 11:30am followed by committal at Kensal Green Cemetery.

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.

A Concert for Ukraine At Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH on Thursday 26 May 2022 at 7:00pm. Guest of Honour: Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Tickets £50, see www.farmstreet.org.uk/events or poster in the porch.

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.

Tea and coffee today in the parish hall after 9:00am Mass.

Priest Training Fund You can still return your envelopes. Thank you.

Foodbank The SVP would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations and ongoing support. Next collection on 11/12 June.

Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries—Volunteer required for our Parish Each parish benefits from having a dedicated volunteer to take care of the Red Boxes. Local Secretaries look after the Red Box members in their parish, ensuring that boxes are emptied and organising the distribution of the free quarterly magazine, *Mission Today*. You won't be on your own, volunteers have the full support of the Missio team who will support you at every stage and answer all queries. More information at mission.org.uk. If you are interested please speak with Fr Kevin.

Offerings. Standing orders are the easiest way to give regularly and can be set up via www.olsjw.org.uk. To *GiftAid* using the *CollecTins* 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.

| Day | Location | Time | Group |
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| 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 |