



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ Seventh Sunday of Easter - 29 May 2022

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My time here at Our Lady St John's Wood is coming to an end and although I won't be officially leaving until the 10th of June I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell and thank you. The reason seminarians like me are sent to parishes for an extended period of time is to expose us to the rhythm of parish life. It is during this time we are asked to seriously discern our calling to the life of a parish priest; for upon our return the path to ordination lies ahead! My experience in this parish has without doubt affirmed and confirmed my vocation to the priesthood and I am leaving here with a great joy in my heart, and for that I sincerely thank all of you. When I think over the last nine months and ask myself what it was that I experienced here that helped me to confirm my vocation I instantly think of the incredible conversations I had with so many people regarding the faith. The love for Our Lord Jesus in this parish is real, the gift of faith is alive and the hunger to know and love him is palpable. Furthermore, I witnessed time and time again 'faith in action' through your enormous generosity not just towards charities but with the selfless sacrifice of your own personal time as well. Witnessing all of this from my perspective is truly inspiring. I must say a particular thank you to the choirs, I don't think I've ever been so spoiled with such musical beauty in my entire life, you make this parish a liturgical gem of the diocese! To all the people that work here and who have taught me how to keep a parish running, thank you for all the hours and commitment you put in, your example and teachings will be invaluable to me. To Sr. Brigid thank you for getting me involved with 'the young ones' it was great fun and thank you for being a shining example of Mercy to me. Finally then, to Fr Kevin and Fr Ben my time with you here has been a true blessing and I thank the Lord that he placed me here, I couldn't ask for better priests to emulate and learn from. May you all be assured of my prayers, keep me in yours and keep praying for vocations! *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 Ascendo ad Patrem
(Palestrina)

Ascendit Deus (Philips)

Ascendens Christus in altum
(Victoria)

261 Rejoice the Lord is King

87 Hail the day that sees him
rise

141 Crown him with many
crowns

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Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 96:1-2, 6-7, 9, R. vv 1, 9

Apocalypse 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

John 17:20-26

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A Day with Mary will take place on Saturday 4 June 2022 at St Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, London W2 from 10:00am—5:30pm. This is a day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. For more information please see poster in the porch or for full DWM information & link to DWMs on YouTube (full HD) visit www adaywithmary.org.

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. For the bishops' full statement see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/spring-plenary-2022-resolution-returning-to-mass-at-pentecost/>.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration on Sunday 5 June. The signing-up sheet for the party was to give the caterers an idea of numbers so that they could bring an appropriately sized pig which they have now prepared. There will be wine and soft drinks provided but if you prefer to bring your own, please do. If we run out, suitcases will be provided to get some more. Please note that half of the car park will be closed on the day and the bouncy castle will be in the priests' garden. Children should be accompanied by an adult at all times in this space for Safeguarding reasons. And please don't bring food into the garden unless you're prepared to pay the vet's bill for Milo!

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Since its start in May 2016, 172 countries have joined in praying 'Come Holy Spirit'. During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will: Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ, pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus, pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our Witness. For resources and information please see <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>.

Our Lady's Men's Group's next meeting is on Tuesday 7 June 2022 from 7:30pm—10:00pm in the Presbytery. Please bring some food and drink to share. Contact ourladysmensgroup@gmail.com.

Rest in Peace: Robert John Davies. Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 11:00am followed by committal at East Finchley Cemetery.

Ukrainian Appeal has raised £1300 so far. For information on how to make a donation please see our homepage at www.olsjw.org.uk.

Young Adults Retreat—"See All Things New'. The Jesuits invite young adults in their 20's and 30's to join them to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola. There are two retreats: online from 27 July to 1 August 2022 or residential at St Beuno's from 28 July to 1 August 2022. For more information visit [See All Things New Retreat](#).

Kew Gardens' Food Forever is an interesting series of talks, exhibitions and events on the future of food at the famous botanical gardens until 18 September 2022. Sustainable food is a current campaign theme for both *Caritas* Westminster and *CAFOD*, <https://www.kew.org/kew-gardens/whats-on-food-forever>.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Lent Appeal £652.60 was raised. Thank you for your support.

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.

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. God bless you for your generosity.

Day	Location	Time	Group
Sunday	Upper Hall	After 9:00am Mass	Tea and Coffee (except 5/6)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Upper Hall	9:30am-11:30am	Parents & Toddlers (except half term)
Tuesday	Upper Hall	1:00pm-4:30pm	Over 50's