



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ Corpus et Sanguis Christi - 19 June 2022

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A Small Acorn

In 1908, when a Eucharistic Congress held in Britain was so well-attended that the Prime Minister asked Cardinal Bourne to cancel the Blessed Sacrament Procession for fear of public disorder, his decision was greeted with hisses by an Albert Hall packed with Catholics. This Sunday, straight after the 12:00 noon Mass, we will have just such a procession. But as it will only go around the grounds of the church and along a bit of Lodge Road we won't need authorisation. This year, a small acorn; next year, a mighty oak perhaps?

The procession will be led by the servers, followed by the junior choir and then our First Holy Communion children ahead of the Blessed Sacrament with the rest of the congregation following on behind. And our First Holy Communion children will strew rose petals before the Lord so I ask all of you to deadhead your blooms and place the fruits of your horticultural labours in the bucket in the porch before Sunday. We will begin by singing Soul of My Saviour (129), then pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, sing Sweet Sacrament Divine (130) as we come back into the church and conclude with Benediction. Of course, it seems daunting to make a public show of our faith in the almost unfathomable mystery of Christ truly present in the form of bread and wine. Yet it is this very mystery, the most extraordinary gift of God to us, which makes our faith unique. So take confidence in numbers. And take to heart also the words of Cardinal Bourne, whose procession was banned: "We are engaged in a great and public Act of Faith, proclaiming aloud to our world our unswerving belief in the Central Mystery of our religion, the fact that Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, ever offers Himself as a Sacrifice on the Altar of our Churches, and unceasingly dwells in our tabernacles. The Sacrifice of the Mass, the Real Presence—these are the facts which the [procession] proclaims."

Please join in this great act of Catholic witness to and proclaim what is at the heart of Catholicism and what unites us with all the different rites in our Church—including the Ukrainians, the Syro-Malabars, etc. — being celebrated at *Corpus Christi*, Covent Garden this week for the London Eucharistic Octave. And above all, do it for Him, for Christ, a small act of love in return for His infinite love in the Eucharist. *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

Lassus - *Missa Sidus ex
claro*
Manchicourt - *Ego sum panis
vivus*
112 Alleluia sing to Jesus
129 Soul of my saviour
122 O Bread of heaven,
beneath this veil

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Genesis 14:18-20
Psalm 109:1-4 R. v 4
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 6:51-52

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Tea and Coffee Please join us after 9:00am Mass for tea and coffee in the parish hall. We are looking for more volunteers—please contact Claudia at stjohnswood@rcdow.org.uk if you can help every 3 or 4 weeks.

Next UCM Meeting on Monday 20 June 2022 at 8:00pm in the Parish hall.

This Sunday, 'Day for Life 2022', in a message sent to Bishop John Sherrington and the Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, Pope Francis has offered his support and prayers for those celebrating 'Day for Life' this Sunday. Taking the theme 'Caring for the Older Person', 'Day for Life' offers the opportunity to uphold the dignity of human life in all its forms from conception to natural death. Rt Rev John Sherrington's, the bishop for Life Issues, message is *"We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families, in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations"*. For more information visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/df122/>.

Justice & Peace—Refugee Week takes place next week. The next *Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum* will be exploring our Catholic response to migration, alongside all other sectors of society. You are warmly invited to join us at St Aloysius Church Hall, Euston, on Saturday 17 September 2022, 10:00am—1:00pm, whether you are already involved in accompanying refugees, have personal experience of migration or are newly concerned and wanting to do more. Visit: [Register for 'To Accompany Refugees' - 17th September 2022, 10am-1pm](#).

The Spiritans' Mission Appeal. Next weekend The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) will be making an appeal at our parish. If you would like to donate, please make cheques payable to 'The Spiritans' or you can do so via bank transfer, sort code 01-03-46, a/c nr 83279806. For information on The Spiritans please visit www.spiritans.co.uk.

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

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.

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 where you can read our bishops' letter on the reintroduction of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays. For the sake of others, please continue to wear a facemask in church and to sanitize your hands.

The next SVP Foodbank Collection takes place the weekend of 9/10 July.

Society of Saint Gregory (SSG) - Summer School, 3 to 6 August 2022—at Belsey Bridge Conference Centre (CCT), Ditchingham, Norfolk NR35 2DZ, on the theme 'Talking, Listening, Responding: the Call to be a Synodal Church'. A residential school exploring and considering ways of responding to the Pope's recent call. For further details, and booking, visit: <https://www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2022/>.

Will You take the First Step? CAFOD's gap year programme, 'Step into the Gap' is a great opportunity for young adults aged 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meet new people. This is a chance to reflect on your role in global society while spending a year inspiring others to act for the poor and most marginalised. It is UK-based in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary school with accommodation, travel and stipend included. For more information and on how to apply for September 2022 go to cafod.org.uk/gapyear.

Day	Location	Time	Group
Sunday	Upper Hall	After 9:00am Mass	Tea and Coffee
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Upper Hall	9:30am-11:30am	Parents & Toddlers
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