



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ Pentecost Sunday - 5 June 2022

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## Thy Choicest Gifts

A lot of national anthems don't mention God at all. Ours does. Those that do often ask God to bless their country. Ours doesn't. It asks God to save the Queen. It is a prayer for a person much like we would offer for anyone we love. And one of the things that prayer asks is that God might pour out His choicest gifts on our monarch. Of course, the choicest gift of God is His grace, which helps its recipient avoid evil, do good, and grow in holiness. And what better gift could God give? Yes, people have mixed feelings about the monarchy as an institution, but it is clear that the Queen is a woman of deep Christian faith and of holiness. This has sustained her over the last 70 years through good times and bad. Indeed, speaking of the darkness of the last two years—which she shared fully with us—she said, “It was then that the Light of Christ really shone out...and no one is ever beyond its reach.” I wish I had spoken so eloquently of my Faith during the pandemic. Thus, please join in the prayer below at the end of every Mass this weekend: for as our Queen says, “I have been—and remain—very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for His steadfast love”.

V. O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.

**R. And hear us on the day we call upon you.**

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

**R. And let my cry come before you.**

V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

Almighty God, we pray, that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

May God bless you and your loved ones, and may God save and reward Her Majesty. And from us all, God bless you, Ma'am. *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

Palestrina— *Missa In festis  
Apostolorum*  
Philips— *Loquebantur variis  
linguis*  
de Monte— *Advenit ignis  
divinus*  
92 Come Down, O  
Love Divine  
93 Breathe on Me  
93 Come, Holy Ghost

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Acts 2:1-11  
Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 cf v 30  
Romans 8:8-17  
John 14:15-16. 23-26

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**Our Lady's Men's Group** 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](mailto:ourladysmensgroup@gmail.com)

**Eucharistic Octave** at The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, *Corpus Christi*, Maiden Lane in Covent Garden from 11—19 June 2022. This has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*. Full details can be found at [www.catholiclondon.org](http://www.catholiclondon.org) or see the poster in the porch.

**Westminster Youth Ministry** will be hosting a 'True Presence Night' on Sunday 12 June 2022 at 7:00pm, alongside the *Vigil Project*, at Five Precious Wounds, Brentfield Road NW10 8ER, nearest tube Harlesden or Stonebridge Park. The *Vigil Project* are a team of worshippers from the USA who dream to 'keep giving the Church more... more music for every moment of our Catholic journey'. The evening includes worship, fellowship and reflection with moments of stillness & worship and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There will also be refreshments. For more information and for bookings please visit <https://www.thevigilproject.com/truepresence> and/or see the poster in the porch.

**Catholic History Walks**, on Monday 13 June 2022 at 6:00pm, from St George's Cathedral, Southwark, London SE1 7HY (nearest tube: Waterloo or Lambeth North). This route goes along to the Thames taking in the stories of Augustus Welby Pugin, St John Henry Newman, the old Bethlehem Asylum, and more. Then on Wednesday 22 June, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm, starting from St Margaret's Church, TW1 1RL (nearest railway station: St Margaret's), the walk will be along the Twickenham bank of the river to discover the stories of exiled French royalty, poet Alexander Pope, and more. Walks take about an hour and a half, but you can leave at any time. Suggested donation £5.00. No need to book, just turn up.

**Rest in Peace: Daniel David Reardon.** Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Friday 17 June 2022 at 11:30am followed by committal at Kensal Green Cemetery.

**Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** led by Cardinal Nichols from 22–29 July 2022. Booking forms available from the church porch.

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

**Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries'** volunteer needed to take care of the donation boxes known, by their colour, as Red Boxes. Local volunteers or 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 as volunteers have the full support of the *Missio* team who will support you at every stage and answer all queries. More information at <https://missio.org.uk> or speak with Fr Kevin.

**Modern Media.** Do follow our parish website [www.olsjw.org.uk](http://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.

**Offerings.** Standing orders are the easiest way to give regularly and can be set up via [www.olsjw.org.uk](http://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.

| Day                          | Location   | Time           | Group                       |
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| Sunday                       | Upper Hall | From 9:00am    | Jubilee Party food drop-off |
| Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday | Upper Hall | 9:30am-11:30am | Parents & Toddlers          |
| Tuesday                      | Upper Hall | 1:00pm-4:30pm  | Over 50's                   |