



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ The Most Holy Trinity - 12 June 2022

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Who They are, They Long to Share with Us

That opening line from the first reading this Sunday, Trinity Sunday, declares, "the Wisdom of God cries aloud". (Does it not remind us of Moses' declaration, "was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other?" (Deut 4:32)?). This joyous proclamation of the Lord's Wisdom teaches us of the infinite splendour that is God, and of Their longing to share this with us.

Wisdom teaches us that there was never a time when Wisdom was not, "from everlasting I was firmly set"; later in the reading we are taught how all the universe was brought into creation through the knowledge and masterful execution of Wisdom. Wisdom is portrayed as a master craftsman, knowledgeable and venerable, but also with a childlike joy Who is at play in the presence of the Lord and in the presence of humankind, delighting to be with us.

At the beginning of Saint John's Gospel, we read how the very Word, the Wisdom of God, became flesh: Jesus, "full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14). From Isaiah we read, "for unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Is 9:6). These texts teach us of the eternal bond between Father and Son, that the Son is both eternal Wisdom and as playful as a human baby.

The Spirit hovers over creation at the dawn of time (Gen 1:2). In the Prophet Ezekiel (Ezek 36,37) we read how the Spirit effects bodily resurrection and will put a new heart and a new spirit within us, causing us to be a new creation, to be transformed by "grace and truth". The Holy Spirit is the divine Person Who pours into us the very life of God, only possible through Christ (Rm 5:1, 5).

When praying in the mystery of Who God is, we encounter three Persons. The Father, Who expresses Himself perfectly in his Word, the Son. The Son, Who assumes flesh, Jesus, Who comes to share His life with the Father for us, by offering Himself as the perfect sin offering. And the Holy Spirit, Who recreates us as children of the Father in the Risen Jesus, in His Body the Church: "He is the head of the body, the church" (Col 1:18). To live for the Trinity is a pilgrimage of transformation, sharing in their very communion, love, and joy. *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

Guerrero - *Missa Dormendo
un giorno*
Gallus - *Benedicta sit*
Gabrieli - *A-Te Deum Patrem
ingenitum*
235 Lead us heavenly father,
lead us
96 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God
Almighty
217 Firmly I believe and truly

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Proverbs 8:22-31
Psalm 8:4-9, R. v 2
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

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12:00 noon Mass next Sunday—Corpus Christi

Our First Holy Communion children will be present at this Mass which will be followed by a procession. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral

is seeking to recruit a part-time Co-ordinator to administer the charity, assist in recruiting new members and in organising events. The appointment, based in Westminster Cathedral Clergy House, is for 20 hours per week at a salary in the region of £14,500 per annum. The appointment is for 12 months, closing date 19 June 2022. For further details please see <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-look-for-an-organising-secretary/>.

Eucharistic Octave at The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, *Corpus Christi*, Maiden Lane in Covent Garden until 19 June 2022. Organised by several London parishes to celebrate our Eucharistic Lord in the lead up to the Solemnity of *Corpus Christi*. For full details see poster in the porch or www.catholiclondon.org.

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

Justice & Peace—Refugee Week takes place from 20—26 June 2022. At the request of Bishops Paul McAleenan and Nicholas Hudson, the next Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum will be exploring our Catholic response to migration, alongside all other sectors of society. This will be our first in-person Forum since the pandemic and we warmly invite you 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](#).

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.

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

Sacred Heart of Jesus. June is the Church's annual month of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For a booklet which may of interest, or help, for devotional use, please visit <http://sacredheartofjesus.london/>.

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.

National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Annual Conference—Theme 'Hope! A verb with its sleeves rolled up'. At The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire from 22—24 July 2022, <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/>, booking forms available at the back of the church.

Priest Training Fund £1,019.12 was raised. Thank you for your support.

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. There are two options: 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](#).

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
Tuesday	Upper Hall	1:00pm-4:30pm	Over 50's