



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17 July 2022

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But the Lord Looks on the Heart

The title for these words comes from 1 Sam 16:7. It refers to the time when the Prophet Samuel is sent by the Lord to anoint David, who, not the obvious choice, is out in the fields tending to the sheep. But the Lord looks into the heart of all His beloved children. The Lord has created our hearts to be the source for holy and loving service. Saint Paul to the Philippians writes, "whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you" (Phil 4:8-9). The Lord, in His Spirit, gives us now all the graces we need for our hearts to begin the necessary pilgrimage to holiness.

The readings and prayers for this Sunday teach us of the one central truth of the Christian faith: that the grace of the Lord calls and sustains us in the journey to possess an undivided heart, a heart healed and recreated in His grace, and so perfected for the eternal worship of the Trinity in heaven.

In the Gospel, for this Sunday, Jesus cries out, "Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one", this teaches that all her acts of service must flow from a heart which is saturated by the love of God, a love which is God's gift to us. The Collect for the Mass speaks of the hope, faith and charity which are poured into the hearts of all Christians, that we may always foster them more fervently in our lives. Abraham, in contrast, to Martha, serves the Lord, here shown as the Trinity, with loving service. Despite the heat of the day, and with the assistance of others, Abraham offers his finest to the Lord. Once all is ready, he retires to the shade of a tree to be near the Trinity in wonder; this echoes Mary's desire to sit at the foot of the Lord, listening with an open heart and lost in contemplation of the one eternal Beauty, revealed in Jesus. The Prayer over the Offerings mentions Abel, whose offerings and his very self were received by the Lord with favour because his heart was devoted to the Lord, undivided. Dear friends in Christ, may we consecrate our hearts to Him Who is eternal Life. *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

Lobo - *Missa Prudentes Virgines*
Byrd - *Domine tu jurasti*
199 All hail the power of Jesus's
name
46 O worship the Lord in the
beauty of holiness
265 The King of love my
shepherd is

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Genesis 18:1-10
Psalm 14:2-5 R. v 1
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

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Next Sunday is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 'We cannot speak about family without talking about the importance of the elderly among us' *Pope Francis*. For a range of resources and ideas to affirm, celebrate and remember, please visit: <http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/resources-for-the-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-2022/>. For further inspiration and ideas see: <https://thepopevideo.org/>.

Over 50's Club last session on Tuesday 19 July 2022 before the Summer break.

Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life On Saturday 6 August 2022 from 12:00 noon, Bishop Philip Egan will be leading a pilgrimage to Walsingham praying for the cause of life. For more details contact 01858 571242 or visit www.prolifepilgrimage.org.

Junior Choir Recruitment We are currently recruiting for new members to sing in the Junior Choir at the 12noon mass. Children aged 5-14 are most welcome, particularly those who have just made their First Holy Communion. Please email the Director of the Junior Choir, Martina martinasmyth@rcdow.org.uk.

New Ministers of the Word and Linen Rotas available at www.olsjw.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 *CollectTins* register your usual card on the machine or scan the QR code and register your card at home.

Kew Gardens Outing to the Food Forever Festival with Caritas Food Collective, Westminster Justice & Peace, and CAFOD—9 August 2022 Come and join us to see the famous botanical gardens and explore Kew's exhibition on the future of sustainable food. We meet for an introduction by Victoria Gate at 11:00am and again at 4:00pm for a time of sharing and closing prayer. If you want to join please email Niki at Caritas Food Collective cfc@rcdow.org.uk. For tickets and concessions: <https://www.kew.org/kew-gardens/whats-on/food-forever>.

Tea and Coffee Please join us after 9:00am Mass for our last get together before the Summer break.

The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) would like to offer their sincere thanks and gratitude for your kind generosity in response to their Appeal, £930.02 was raised.

March for Life The annual March for Life takes place on Saturday 3 September 2022. Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate Mass at 11:00am at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. *LifeFest22* Festival takes place from 10:30am—1:30pm at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW. The March starts at 2:00pm and concludes at 4:30pm. Please see: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>.

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022 The relic will be at Westminster Cathedral from 11:00am on Saturday 3 September 2022 to 9:30am on Monday 5 September 2022. For other venues please see <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/> or <https://stbernadette.org.uk/>.

Parents & Toddlers Group will resume on Wednesday 7 September 2022.

'A Day with Mary' at Our Lady will be held on Saturday 10 September 2022 from 9:30am—5:15pm. Please join us for a day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. Full details and poster to follow.

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.

Day	Location	Time	Group
Sunday	Upper Hall	After 9:00am Mass	Tea and Coffee
Tuesday	Upper Hall	1:00pm-4:30pm	Over 50's