



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, ST JOHN'S WOOD



+ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24 July 2022 & Summer 2022

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Holiday Reading

I recently heard the Catholic author Joanna Bogle speak about how she smuggled Bibles across the Iron Curtain during the Cold War. I only ever carried books by Tom Clancy and Alexander McCall Smith abroad in the summer, although you might think they too should be banned. But holidays are a good time for, among other things, reading and reflecting on our lives. Thus I offer this small tome to take... There are many people involved in the life of our parish in lots of different ways, but in four areas your fellow parishioners could do with some extra pairs of hands and so I appeal to your generosity. Since you're reading this, it is most likely that you've been to Mass. Therefore, you will know that we are blessed with truly wonderful readers, old and young and every age in between. But the number is quite small. Might you have the gifts needed to proclaim God's Word? In addition, you may have noticed that we have a limited number of altar servers. This state of affairs is a total mystery to me and something I have never encountered before. Yes, the ones we have are excellent but with more we could have acolytes and the cross carried at each Mass and so on. So if you've made your First Holy Communion, no matter how long ago, think about this ministry which was once beautifully described as "being Christ's page at the altar". The third area is also something you will notice at Mass—the church around you is always dusted and swept, the benches are polished and the brass and silver are gleaming. And no, we don't have little elves that come out in the night to do this but again, the pool of our dedicated cleaners—who have been doing this since reopening after the pandemic—is diminishing. It takes about an hour on a rota one evening every five weeks: so little to ask but so much to give. Finally, the thing you won't see is the cash-counting. We have just one brilliant team but holidays and sickness sometimes make that group too small to meet audit procedures. Counting can be done any weekday so could you give a couple of hours once every few weeks with your friends after Mass, the school run or of an evening, please? These may not be the most glamorous ministries but they are vital. So do keep this newsletter, maybe as a bookmark, and think about these works. But above all, have a truly happy and blessed summer. *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

Morales - *Missa Quem dicunt homines*
Lassus - *Lauda mater Ecclesia a 5*
Victoria - *Gaude Maria Virgo*
249 O God our help in ages past
121 Lord enthroned in heav'nly splendour
122 O Bread of heaven, beneath this veil

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Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 137:1-3, 6-8 R. v 3
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

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Today 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/>.

Rest in Peace: Annie Gunning.

Requiem Mass at Our Lady's on Tuesday 2 August 2022 at 1:45pm followed by committal at West London Crematorium.

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>.

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.

The SVP would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. Next collection on 13/14 August 2022.

Next Newsletter available 3/4 September 2022.

Tea and Coffee after 9:00am Mass in the parish hall will recommence on Sunday 4 September 2022. We desperately require more volunteers to assist in this important ministry, if you can help please contact Claudia in the office.

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.

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/>.

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 visit: <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>.

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

'A Day with Mary' at Our Lady will take place 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 on poster in the porch.

New Ministers of the Word and Linen Rotas available at www.olsjw.org.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham—Saturday 24 September 2022 If you are interested in joining this pilgrimage which will depart from Our Lady at 6:00am, please add your name and contact telephone number and/or email address to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church by Tuesday 2 August 2022. Payment of £5.00 per pilgrim to Parish Office, either cash or cheque payable to "WRCDD St John's Wood" plus additional charge for coach to be advised.