

The Week Ahead

Mon 9th	feria	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Tues 10th	feria	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Wed 11th	S Benedict	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Thur 12th	feria	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Fri 13th	of the Precious Blood	7.15am, 12.30pm, 6.00pm
Sat 14th	S Camillus	10.00am 6.00pm [Vigil Mass]
Sun 15th	Fifteenth Sunday of the Year	8.30am 9.30am [Extraordinary Form]

10.30am (Solemn Latin) Missa brevis *Berkeley*
Beatus vir *Mozart*; Ibant apostoli *Guerrero*
Organ: Choral Jongen
12.00, 4.00pm, 7.00pm

It is a great sadness that the **Carmelite Missionary Sisters** are closing their house on Gloucester Place. Although not in the parish, the sisters are usually to be found at one of the daily Masses at Saint James's and their presence will be much missed – the older members of the house are returning to Spain while others of the community will go to continue their work in other countries. Our prayers and affection go with them.

Holy Hour and Benediction

Saturday 4.45pm-5.45pm

Confessions

Weekdays 12.00-1.00pm

Saturday
10.30am-Noon
5.00-5.45pm

In addition to saying “farewell” to the Carmelite Sisters, **Richard Berkley-Matthews** will be moving out of London in the near future. We wish him well and thank him for all his hard work for Saint James' over many years. Richard's leaving points up the need for more servers, especially at the 8.30am Sunday Mass, and others to volunteer as readers.

Parishioners knowing of elderly, sick or housebound persons who would like to be visited at home by the **Legion of Mary** should contact the parish secretary on 020 7935 0943 for information and assistance. The Legion of Mary is a parish based Catholic society that assists the church in outreach work.

Last weekend's collection for “**Peter's Pence**”? – the annual opportunity for Catholics all over the world to support the Pope's personal ministry - raised **£1010**. A warm “**thank you**” to those who contributed.

Last weekend's giving £3,659-00
(includes envelopes but not bankers orders, etc)

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St James's Roman Catholic Church, Spanish Place
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Fourteenth Sunday of the Year



8th July 2018

TODAY'S LITURGY

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Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; St Mark 6:1-6

Psalm Response: **Our eyes are on the Lord
till he show us his mercy.**

10.30am Missa Papae Marcelli *Palestrina*
Salve Regina a 5 (1583) *Victoria*
Organ: Chorale No.2 Franck

*Everyone is invited to join us in the Social Centre
for tea / coffee after the 9.30am & 10.30am Masses.*

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The Rector writes

Around this time of the year a remarkable passage occurs in the Office of Readings which priests (and many others) pray day by day. Pope Paul VI guided the Church through the difficult years immediately after the Second Vatican Council. His style was rather understated and at times anguished but in a homily he preached during a pastoral visit to Manila in 1970 he became lyrical in his praise of Jesus Christ. Paul VI's words not only underline the significance and responsibility of the Petrine Office – as the successor of Saint Peter the primary function of the Pope is to recognise and proclaim Jesus as the Son of God – but challenge each one of us to find a personal idiom in witnessing to the same act of faith.

“Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!’ I am sent by Christ himself to do this. I am an apostle, I am a witness. The more distant the goal, the more difficult my mission, the more pressing is the love that urges me to it. I must bear witness to his name: Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He reveals the invisible God; he is the first-born of all creation, the foundation of everything created. He is the teacher of mankind and its redeemer. He was born, he died, and he rose again for us”

“He is the centre of history and of the world: he is the one who knows us and loves us; he is the companion and friend of our life. He is the man of sorrows and of hope. It is he who will come and who one day will be our judge and – we hope – the everlasting fullness of our existence, our happiness. I could never finish speaking about him: he is the light and the truth; indeed he is the way, the truth and the life”.

“He is the bread and the spring of living water to satisfy our hunger and thirst. He is our shepherd, our guide, our model, our comfort, our brother. Like us, and more than us, he has been made little, poor, humiliated; he has been a worker; he has known misfortune and been patient. For our sake he spoke, worked miracles and founded a new kingdom where the poor are happy, where peace is the principle for living together, where the pure of heart and those who mourn are raised up and comforted, where those who hunger and thirst for justice have their fill, where sinners can be forgiven, where all are brothers and sisters”.

“Jesus Christ: you have heard him spoken of; indeed the greater part of you is already his: you are Christians. So to you Christians I

repeat his name, to everyone I proclaim him: Jesus Christ is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega; he is the king of the new world; he is the secret of history; he is the key to our destiny. He is the mediator, the bridge, between heaven and earth. He is more perfectly than anyone else the Son of Man, because he is the Son of God, eternal and infinite. He is the Son of Mary, blessed among all women, his mother according to the flesh, and our mother through the sharing in the Spirit of his mystical body. Jesus Christ is our constant preaching; it is his name that we proclaim to the end of the earth and throughout all ages”.

Paul VI's words remind us that the sole reasons for the existence of the Church is to reveal Jesus Christ and that must be the measure of everything we do. In all the good and necessary endeavours we undertake together we must never lose sight of the essence of the message that the Son of Mary is the Son of God who has come to establish his Father's kingdom on earth through which eternal life is offered to us all.

Christopher Colven

*Our feast of title – SAINTE JAMES' DAY
– is on Wednesday 25th July.*

**The celebrant at the Solemn Mass at 7pm will be
the Apostolic Nuncio
(the Pope's personal representative
to the United Kingdom) Archbishop Edward Adams
and the preacher Father John Warnaby,
an “old boy” of the parish who was ordained
to the priesthood just a year ago.**

*We hope to welcome the Spanish Ambassador and many
friends to what is always a glorious festival – please put the
date and time in your diary and encourage others to join you
to see our parish at its liturgical finest!*

The **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** had their annual Charity Bike Ride on a recent Sunday. Members of SVP will be on hand over this weekend to collect the money promised in sponsorship. We hope that they will have raised a lot of much needed money for their work among the homeless.