

The **Social Centre** is best accessed via Blandford Street - *the stairs lead directly to the Accessible toilet - where there are also baby changing facilities* - and the corridor on which other cloakrooms are located.

Children should always be accompanied

PARISH REPOSITORY
(located in the Memorial Chapel)

Weekdays 11.00 - 12.30
Saturday 15.45 - 16.45
Sunday 09.45 - 10.30
11.30 - 13.00 & 15.00 - 16.00



SVP Fundraiser Live Charity Jazz Event

The Crypt - Saturday 21st November
7pm until 10pm

Tickets (£55) available on Eventbrite
Further details: WhatsApp 07814510991

Raffles - Light snacks - Auctions - 1 complimentary

St. James's Young Adults Group (Ages 18-35)

Looking to grow your faith

and connect with people your own age?

Join our vibrant young adults community!

Whether you are into faith talks, social events or just making new friends, there is a place for you here.



If you can help the parish by making a donation or by a commitment to regular giving, it would be greatly appreciated. More information from the parish office or use the details set out below:-

HSBC 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY
Sort code: 40-05-20 Acc no: 91094394

We have '**one-off**' Gift Aid envelopes at various locations in church for cash offerings at Sunday Mass. **Please complete all sections** before ticking 'This' or 'all subsequent'

Donations of any amount, for specific categories, using Contactless or Chip and PIN can be made AT FOUR LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CHURCH, or by using the QR code.



We lack contact details for a number of generous donors whose gifts come directly to our bank account. If **GIFT AID** was a possibility for these individuals could they please contact the Parish Office to discuss and/or request the necessary form. **GIFT AID** allows us to claim 25% from HMRC and costs the donor **NOTHING** (other than their signature). If you are a UK taxpayer please ask for a form; we can also backdate a claim by up to 4 years (if we have sufficient evidence).

St James's Roman Catholic Church

- Spanish Place - 22 George Street, W1U 3QY



Live-streamed on **YouTube**, Readings available on **Universalis**, Foreign language sheets available at the back of the church.

LATIN responses for the Solemn Mass
73/4 in the green Mass Book

TODAY'S LITURGY

[Mass Book page 184]

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

'Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.'

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

1 John 3:1-3

'We shall see God as he is.'

Matthew 5:1-12a

'Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

The Week Ahead

Sunday Year A Weekday Cycle II
Masses at 12.30pm and 6.00pm

M 2nd ALL SOULS [also at 11am]
T 3rd feria
W 4th St Charles Borromeo
T 5th feria
F 6th feria
S 7th BVM on Saturday 10am

Vigil Mass of Sunday 6pm

8th November 2026
Remembrance Sunday
XXXIInd Sunday

8am and 9am [1962]
10.30am [Solemn Latin]
12pm, 4pm & 7pm

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The Rector writes

As we enter a new month, we have a **first Friday** to plan for: it is hoped to expose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration between the lunchtime Mass and the evening Mass on **Friday 6 November**. As usual, we would invite you to sign your name against one of the timed slots on the list at the back of the church, if you can guarantee your presence. We can only proceed with adoration if we know that the sacrament will never be left unattended.

November is, of course, the month when we pray especially for the repose of the souls of our departed loved ones. Many have already taken the opportunity to submit lists of names to be prayed for during November, using the envelopes available at the back of the church. The envelopes are still available. The names will be placed in a box on the altar at every Mass during November, and Mass will be offered for those whose names appear on the “*November dead list*” each day during the month.

This Sunday, a **second collection** will be taken after each Mass in support of the parish **SVP, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**. Much good work is done among the needy and the homeless of the area by this charity, so this a good practical way of helping those in need that we see around us. At each Mass, a member of the SVP has been asked to deliver a short address about the work of the Society. See elsewhere on the newsletter for details of a jazz evening that the SVP is planning to hold during November in the Social Centre.

Next Sunday is kept as “*Remembrance Sunday*”, as it is the Sunday closest to the date of the Armistice when the First World War came to an end. We pray especially for the fallen, for those who gave their lives during the world wars of the twentieth century and in subsequent conflicts. Many people choose to wear a poppy at this time, a sign of their support for members of the Armed Forces today, and a sign that they have made a donation in support of the work of the Royal British Legion. Our bishops encourage us to offer one **Requiem Mass** for the fallen on Remembrance Sunday, and in our case it will be the **10.30 Mass**.

This Sunday, the regular cycle of Sundays yields to the **Solemnity of All Saints**, when we give thanks and praise for the hundreds and thousands who gaze upon the face of God in heaven, many of whom are quite unknown to us. This feast was instituted in Rome late in the first millennium, and has since spread to the universal church. In this country it is kept as a HolyDay of Obligation, but as it falls on a Sunday, the obligation coincides with that of the Sunday. The saints in heaven are very much part of the Church, traditionally known as the “*Church Triumphant*”, in contrast to the more visible “*Church Militant*” - those of us who remain on earth.

The following day, **Monday 2 November**, will be the occasion for us to commemorate **All Souls**, the departed who are undergoing purification in

Purgatory before they are ready to gaze directly upon the face of God. We can support them with our prayer, and we are confident that we in turn will be supported by the prayers of those who remain behind after our death. In this final month of the Church’s year, we have the opportunity to pray especially for the faithful departed. We pray for them in the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass, but we pray for them particularly at this time. The souls of the faithful departed constitute the “*Church Suffering*”, the third of the categories making up the Church.

Wednesday of the coming week is the day when we commemorate **Saint Charles Borromeo** in the liturgy. He was a sixteenth-century nobleman who served as Secretary of State to his uncle, Pope Pius IV, and subsequently as resident Archbishop of Milan. A great intellectual and a great reformer, he demanded a high standard of pastoral dedication from his clergy in Milan, which was not always well received. A letter from him to the Rector of the English College, dated June 1580, is one of the treasures of the Archive there. The saintly Cardinal had received some of the alumni of the College on their journey back to England, where they knew they would face the risk of martyrdom. In his letter he encouraged further such visits.

Increasingly, we receive news of people in the area who have been **housebound** and unable to come to church for some time. By the time we find out, it is often too late to be of assistance. If anyone you know is in this situation and would like to receive a visit, or sacraments, then by all means let us know. Similarly if there are people who have recently moved into the area, and would like their homes to be blessed, they should not hesitate to let us know.

There is always room to volunteer to be of service in the parish. It is a sign of the health of our community that this should be so. No one need be shy. We would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude and appreciation to all those who offer their services, whether as readers, collectors, altar servers, welcomers, suppliers of refreshments, or indeed any other form of service. A parish is a complex organism with many varied needs. Our thanks go to all those who help us to service the needs of our people, as we journey together towards our heavenly homeland.

Philip Whitmore

Church opens at 8am on weekdays and 9am on Saturdays.

Confession between 12 noon and 1pm on weekdays.

A priest is available from 4.45pm - 5.30pm on Saturdays.

A special welcome to our visitors. Refreshments are served in the Social Centre (in the crypt) after the 9.00am and 10.30am Masses. Do please join us if you have the time.
