

The Church is open from 8am on weekdays  
and 9am on Saturdays.

Confession between 12 noon and 1pm on weekdays.  
On Saturday a priest is available from 4.45pm - 5.30pm

Young Adults Group in the parish invites 18 - 35  
year olds to grow in their faith, share and testify the  
joy of being young Catholics. *Join our vibrant young  
community today and be part of our activities.*



### Parish Pilgrimage to Rome 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October



Visits to the four major basilicas, each of which will have a  
Holy Door for Jubilee pilgrims, as well as the two English  
seminaries, the Vatican, the Catacombs and the English  
College summer residence on Lake Albano, and much more  
besides. The cost is likely to be £1,595 per person (sharing a  
bedroom) or £1,895 per person (single, with limited  
availability). **Those interested, or wanting further  
information, contact the parish office.**

Reminder: The crypt is best accessed  
via the staircase on the Blandford Street  
side of the church, leading directly to  
the Disabled toilet, where there are baby  
changing facilities, and the corridor on  
which the other cloakrooms are located.

### 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

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**  
**WRCDT St James Spanish Place**

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  
STATIONS WITHIN THE CHURCH, online at [Give a  
Little](#) or by using the QR code.



Please **DO NOT** give money to those begging on the steps or at the gates,  
as we have established charities who operate here four nights a week. We  
ask all parishioners - **and visitors** - to keep a close eye on their belongings.  
**DO NOT** leave bags unattended when approaching the altar - it really  
does only take a moment for someone to spot an opportunity.

## St James's Roman Catholic Church

- Spanish Place - 22 George Street, W1U 3QY



## SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

1st June 2025

Live-streamed on [YouTube](#)  
Readings available on [Universalis](#)  
*Foreign language sheets available at the  
back of the church*

Responses for the Solemn Latin Mass  
pages 77/8 in the Parish Mass Book

### *The Week Ahead*

Sunday Year C Weekday Cycle I  
Mass at 12.30pm and 6.00pm

**M** 2<sup>nd</sup> *Easter feria*  
**T** 3<sup>rd</sup> St Charles Lwanga and Companions  
**W** 4<sup>th</sup> *Easter feria*  
**T** 5<sup>th</sup> St Boniface  
**F** 6<sup>th</sup> *Easter feria*  
**S** 7<sup>th</sup> *Easter feria* 10am  
Vigil Mass of Sunday 6pm

8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## PENTECOST

8am and 9am

10.30am [*Solemn Latin*]  
12pm, 4pm & 7pm

### TODAY'S LITURGY

[*Parish Mass Book* page 275]

#### Acts 7:55-60

*'I can see the Son of Man  
standing at the right hand of God'*

**The Lord is king, most  
high above all the earth.**

#### Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,20

*'Come, Lord Jesus!'*

#### John 17:20-26

*'May they become perfectly one.'*

The Reverend Monsignor Philip Whitmore (*Rector*)  
The Reverend John Njorteah

The Reverend Mark Elliott-Smith (*in residence, Ordinariate*)

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## The Rector writes . . . . .

We await the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church and we pray for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit's gifts upon us all. This period of nine days is the origin of the tradition of praying novenas, as the Apostles were praying fervently for that intention during the nine-day period between the Ascension and the first Pentecost. Their prayers were answered abundantly.

This weekend, we begin the month of June, which is traditionally **dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. The feast itself falls on 27 June this year. It is kept on the Friday a week or so after the feast of Corpus Christi, so it is a moveable feast, determined by the date of Easter. A *"late"* Easter, such as we had this year, means a *"late"* feast of the Sacred Heart. Originally established in 1675 in France, in response to the rationalism of the times, it became a universal feast in the mid 19th century.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is closely linked to the **First Friday devotion**, both associated with Saint Margaret Mary Alacocque. This coming Friday is the first Friday of June, so there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between the lunchtime and the evening Mass**. Those who can make a commitment to be present for a part of that time are invited to enter their names onto the list at the back of the church. It is essential to ensure that the exposed sacrament is never left unattended.

Later this month, on **Sunday 22 June**, we celebrate the feast of **Corpus Christi** itself, when the Blessed Sacrament will be carried through the streets of London, beginning at Warwick Street Church and finishing with Benediction at Saint James's, shortly after 5pm. A morning procession will proceed from the Blessed Sacrament shrine at Maiden Lane to Warwick Street. An entire *"Eucharistic Octave"* is planned at Maiden Lane, details of which can be found on the flyers at the back of the church. There will be no shortage of opportunities for devotion to the Blessed Sacrament in this month of June.

That will be an action-packed weekend, because it also coincides with the **Marylebone Music Festival**, when our **10.30am Sunday Mass** will be celebrated in **Manchester Square** as part of the festival. Many people ask why we move out of our beautiful church into the less beautiful surroundings of the marquee in the square. For an answer, one need only look at the size of the congregation attending this event, often more than double the regular 10.30am congregation. The late Pope Francis invited us to move out of our churches to where people are and to bring the Gospel to them. That is what we plan to do on the morning of Corpus Christi Sunday.

During the coming week, we have one of two commemorations of martyrs. First, we have the Ugandan Martyrs, **Saint Charles Lwanga and his companions**, on Tuesday. These were men and women from the late nineteenth century who resisted the king's sexual advances and his pressure to renounce their newly discovered Christian faith, for which they were brutally put to death. As so often, though, their heroic witness has inspired countless others and, to quote Pope Paul VI in his homily at their 1964 canonization, *"These African martyrs add a*

*new page to that list of victorious men and women that we call the martyrology ... worthy to take its place alongside those wonderful stories of ancient Africa, which we who live today thought we should never see repeated."*

Then on Thursday we celebrate one of our great English missionary bishops and martyrs, Saint Boniface. Born in Devon in about the year 680, he began life as a monk, but sensed all along that his true vocation was to spread the Gospel as a missionary. His labours in the Low Countries and in Germany were recognized by the Popes of the time, and he was given authority to preach there and to establish monasteries and bishoprics. He is particularly associated with the see of Mainz, where he became archbishop, and with the monastery of Fulda, where he was buried, but it was in the Low Countries that as an old man he bore witness to Christ with his blood.

Another more recent Englishman who suffered martyrdom in Africa was John Bradburne, *"Strange Vagabond of God"*, as his biography is entitled. Born in 1921, he ended his days in 1979 in Zimbabwe, where he worked with a leper colony. We have been asked to publicize an event taking place at Westminster Cathedral, where the Servant of God was once sacristan, to promote his cause for canonization. A poster at the back of the church gives further details of this memorial Mass and the ensuing talks, planned for the afternoon of Saturday 13 September.

This weekend sees the annual collection for the Catholic Communications Network. Indeed, **Sunday 1 June is World Communications Day**. The annual Message for this day was prepared before the death of Pope Francis, and it takes as its theme a passage from the first letter of St Peter, *"Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts."* Further details can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd/>.

At the end of this month, on **Sunday 29 June, the annual SVP bike ride** takes place, one of the major fund-raising activities of our parish association, which says this: *"The ride will start at St James's Church at 9am. We will head southwest, broadly following the Thames and Wey cycle lanes to Wisley Gardens for a total of approximately 50 miles, with participants returning to London by train. Riders are welcome to do the full ride or finish earlier. There will be stops for refreshments and a picnic at the end."* Riders, sponsors and supporters are warmly invited to support this fine initiative.

**Philip Whitmore**

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**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.

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Essential work is taking place from Monday to repair/replace some of the wood block flooring at the back of the church. Please be observant of the cordoned off area. Doors on the left of the porch will be the only access from George Street. Blandford St will operate as normal.

We hope to have all completed within the week.