

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



Looking to grow your faith
and connect with people your 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.

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 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

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome 20th to 25th 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.

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

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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.

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.



**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**

St James's Roman Catholic Church

- Spanish Place - 22 George Street, W1U 3QY



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

15th 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 73/4 in the [red]
Parish Mass Book

TODAY'S LITURGY

[Parish Mass Book page 81]

Proverbs 8:23-31

*Before the beginning of the earth,
Wisdom was brought forth.*

**O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name
through all the earth!**

Romans 5:1-5

*To God through Christ in the love
which is poured out through the Spirit.*

John 16:12-15

*'All that the Father has is mine,
the Spirit will take what is mine
and declare it to you.'*

The Week Ahead

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

M 16th feria

T 17th feria

W 18th feria

T 19th feria

F 20th St Alban

S 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga 10am
Vigil Mass of Sunday 6pm

22nd June 2025

CORPUS CHRISTI

8am and 9am

10.30am Solemn Latin
[in Manchester Square]

12pm, 4pm & 7pm

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

This weekend we celebrate **Trinity Sunday**, when we pay honour to our triune God. The doctrine is not the easiest to understand or explain, but we maintain firmly that there is one God, even though we recognize three persons in that one God, namely the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Last weekend, at Pentecost, we celebrated the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles; this weekend we celebrate both the inner life of God, who for all eternity has been a union of three divine persons, as well as the salvation achieved through the sending of the Son and the Spirit into the world.

We would not know about the three divine persons were it not for the revelation received by the Church and conveyed in the New Testament. Natural reason points to the existence of God, but cannot tell us very much about him. As the Catechism tells us, “his inmost being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel’s faith before the incarnation of God’s Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit.”

Saint Augustine gave us much of our theology of the Blessed Trinity. He, of course, is the patron of our new Pope, Leo XIV, himself a member of the Augustinian Order. Interested Catholics may wish to sign up for a residential course at the Augustinian convent Boarbank Hall in Cumbria, from 26 July to 2 August, described as “*Time out for working Catholics - Combine holiday, retreat and a chance to discover the background of Pope Leo XIV.*” For more information see: <https://boarbankhall.org.uk/thinking-faith-26th-july-2nd-august-2025/>

This weekend there is a **collection after all Masses** in support of the **Day for Life fund**, about which more information can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life-fund/>. Each year, the money donated by the faithful on the Day for Life is dispersed to worthy organisations to assist them in undertaking specific projects related to life issues. The bill currently before Parliament on the introduction of assisted suicide is a reminder to us all of the need to maintain a high profile in putting forward our Catholic understanding of the dignity of all human life and the need to protect it from attack.

Next weekend we celebrate the **feast of Corpus Christi**, and the **10.30am Mass** on that day, being part of the Marylebone Music Festival, is to take place in **Manchester Square**. The children’s liturgy that day is due to take place at the 10.30am Mass and not at 4pm. Weather permitting, it will be held on the grass area away from the marquee. Should it rain, then the children’s liturgy will not take place. We should also mention that dogs are not permitted in Manchester Square, so parishioners who usually bring their dog to Mass will be unable to do so at next Sunday’s 10.30am Mass.

Then in the afternoon, the **annual Corpus Christi procession** from **Warwick Street to Spanish Place** is due to take place, arriving at St James’s Church at around **5pm for Benediction**. This is always a particularly joyful event, and we do encourage participation.

The procession forms the conclusion of a Eucharistic Octave held at the nearby parish of Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, which is the diocesan shrine of the Blessed Sacrament. There are flyers available at the back of the church advertising the events of the Octave. Do support them if you can.

On Wednesday of this week, we have another **Wigmore Hall concert** taking place in **St James’s Church**, when **The Sixteen**, under the direction of Harry Christophers, will perform more music by Palestrina, focussing on the Last Supper and the Breaking of Bread. More information can be found at <https://www.wigmore-hall.org.uk/whats-on/202506181930e>. Please note that tickets are available from the Wigmore Hall only.

We are delighted to see how well supported our newly-formed Young Adults Group is proving to be. Some who are no longer in the first flush of youth have been known to ask whether we have anything to offer them. If you are in this category, you may be interested in the following:

‘London Catholic Social Group is a group for Catholic adults over 35 to meet for regular social and networking events in friendly and relaxed settings with the aim of making new friends, enjoying new experiences or just to socialise. Regular events include walks, meals, karaoke evenings, outings, galleries and an annual Christmas meal. Contact us on Facebook – ‘London Catholic Social Group’, E: - londonswcatholicsocial@gmail.com or Brendan Baker on WhatsApp 07425549408’.

On the final weekend in June, when we celebrate the **feast of Saints Peter and Paul**, our parish SVP will be organising its **annual bike ride**. Further details are available elsewhere on the newsletter.

Looking a little further ahead, we have our parish **patronal feast of Saint James** next month, on **Friday 25 July**. The evening Mass that day will be celebrated at **7pm** by Bishop Michael Campbell, himself an Augustinian belonging to the same order as Pope Leo, while the Ordinary of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, Bishop David Waller, is to preach. Do please come if you can, as this is arguably the most important date in the parish’s year. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many gifts we receive through belonging to the parish of Saint James.

Philip Whitmore

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.

Sunday 29 June, the annual SVP bike ride - one of the major fund-raising activities of our parish association. The ride will start at St James’s Church at 9am. Riders are welcome to do the full ride or finish earlier. There will be stops for refreshments and a picnic at the end.

More info 07814510991 (text/WhatsApp)