

The **Social Centre** is best accessed via Blandford Street, the stairs leading directly to the Accessible toilet, where there are **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

THE CAMINO TO SANTIAGO - REDISCOVERING ITS SONGS

Learning sessions will be on Sunday 4th October (4-6pm Farm Street), Wednesday 14th October (7-9pm Spanish Place). The pilgrimage ceremony will be 11am-1pm on Saturday 17th October. [To sing in the final session you should have attended at least one of the learning sessions] All materials needed will be supplied, and light refreshments will be served at each session. There will be a fee of **£10 per person for participation**, payable online in advance. The sessions will be led by Rafael Montero, founder of El Parnaso Hispano. No prior musical experience is needed, the sessions are open to all. Early expressions of interest may be made by email to Lucy Williams (lucycw01@yahoo.co.uk - Spanish Place).

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.



Room Sought: Quiet professional/St James parishioner seeks room for 6-12 months. Trainee pilot, regular hours. Known to Parish Priest; references available. Contact 07432 474060.

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



Donations of any amount, for specific categories, using Contactless or Chip and PIN can be made **AT LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CHURCH**, online at [Give a Little](#) or by using the QR code.



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.

We lack contact details for a number of generous donors whose gifts come directly in 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 backdate claims by up to 4 years (if we have sufficient evidence).

St James's Roman Catholic Church

- Spanish Place - 22 George Street, W1U 3QY

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time
2nd August 2026



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 111]

Isaiah 55:1-3

'Come and eat.'

You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Romans 8:35, 37-39

'Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ.'

Matthew 14:13-21

'They all ate and were satisfied.'

The Week Ahead

Sunday Year A Weekday Cycle II

Masses at 12.30pm and 6.00pm

M 3rd feria

T 4th St John Vianney

W 5th feria

T 6th TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

F 7th feria

S 8th St Dominic 10am

Vigil Mass of Sunday 6pm
9th August 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY

8am and 9am [1962]

10.30am [Solemn Latin]

12pm, 4pm & 7pm

Monsignor Philip Whitmore (Rector)

Father Domenico Lando

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

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The Rector writes

Summer is not simply “*icumen in*”, as the famous English 13th-century round so clearly states, it has very much arrived. Many of our families have gone away and some visitors have arrived. If you are among the visitors, welcome to London, and apologies if we struggle to maintain some of our regular services. And many thanks to those who manage to keep regular services going throughout the month of August. To those who are away, assuming they take the opportunity to view these words online, travel safely and we look forward to seeing you back here in September.

As Friday of this week is the **first Friday of the month**, we hope to expose the **Blessed Sacrament for adoration** between the lunchtime and evening Masses, but we can only do so if we have a sufficient number of “watchers” present, as it would not be appropriate for the Sacrament to be left unattended in the church. So please sign your name against one of the timed slots on the list if you can, bearing in mind that we may be obliged to cancel altogether if insufficient numbers come forward.

Many parents will be thinking of **school applications** at this time. Catholic schools often ask for a **certificate of Catholic practise**, and if you need us to supply something of this kind, then evidence of practise is needed. You can provide this if you ask the priest to sign the forms available at the back of the church on three successive Sundays, to confirm your attendance at Mass. The name, date of birth, and full postal address of your child is needed for the certificate. This information can be supplied on the reverse of the form.

We have been asked to draw your attention to the availability of scholarships for entry to **St Anthony’s Catholic prep school** in Hampstead (<https://www.stanthonysprep.org.uk>).

It is encouraging to see how many enquiries we have received about **RCIA** for next year. The forms with which to enrol for RCIA as well as for **First Holy Communion** preparation for children and **Confirmation** preparation for teenagers will be available at the back of the church in September, as well as on the website, and they need to be submitted by the first weekend in October.

It is a source of sadness that we still do not have our Hunter organ eight months after it was due to be returned to us. We hope very much that the work of restoration will be completed soon. In the meantime, it is good to be able to report that the **Dance School** which formerly occupied the space below the **Lady Chapel** has now ended its lease and it is hoped that the room will become the new **Choir Room**, giving direct access to the gallery.

It can also give access to a room below the sanctuary that many parishioners may not know, but it is hoped that this room can in future serve as an **Archive** and/or a display area for some of the fine items in the possession of the church which have not hitherto been accessible to the public. A major refurbishment of

the area below the church is planned, of which the ideas mentioned above are but a small part. Improved toilet facilities as well as an increased number of meeting spaces will all be part of the plan, but it may take some time to bring all this to fruition. As the saying goes, one has to start somewhere.

Tuesday of the coming week is the day when we remember the **Curé d’Ars, Saint John Vianney**, the patron saint of the parish clergy. This nineteenth-century French pastor was a model of sanctity and devotion to his pastoral duties, which drew people to his small country church from far and wide. When **Pope Benedict XVI** declared a year of the priesthood back in 2009, Saint John Vianney’s well-known saying, “*The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus*” was proposed as a theme. It was said of him that, on arrival in Ars, he had to ask directions from a small boy. Having reached his destination, he said to the boy, “*Thank you. You have shown me the way to the parish church. Now I will show you the way to heaven.*”

Thursday of the coming week is a great feast, the feast of the **Transfiguration**. Our Lord’s three closest disciples, including our own Saint James, accompanied him up Mount Tabor, where he appeared before them in all his glory. Moses and Elijah were seen alongside him, a clear indicator that in his person, he was the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets. This glimpse of his glory was granted to the Apostles to help them make sense of the horrors of the Passion, so soon to follow. It was on this great feast in 1978 that **Pope St Paul VI** died at Castel Gandolfo.

Finally, Saturday is the **feast of Saint Dominic**, founder of the Order of Preachers that bears his name. We pray especially for our friends at the **Rosary Shrine in nearby Haverstock Hill** on this feast of their holy founder. The Dominicans are particularly associated with the rosary, and indeed with scholarship generally. It is a great honour for them and for us that a former English Master of the Order is now a Cardinal, namely **Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe**. We hope he will be able to visit us here one day.

In the meantime, Fr Domenico, whose feast-day falls next Saturday, and I wish you every blessing for the summer months.

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.

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.
