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### ROOM / ACCOMMODATION WANTED WITH A FAMILY

Quiet and polite young professional man, attending St James Spanish Place and known to the Parish Priest, is seeking a room to let for 6 months to a year from 1st of May 2026. Training to be a pilot, with regular hours, able to pay £600 per month. Character references available.

Please call Ousi on 07432 474060. Thank you.

### 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

**Reminder:** The crypt is best accessed via the Blandford Street staircase, which leads directly to the Accessible toilet, where there are baby changing facilities, and to the corridor on which the other cloakrooms are located.

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 Sort code: 40-05-20 Acc no: 91094394**  
**WRCDD 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  
**THREE STATIONS WITHIN THE CHURCH,**  
online at [Give a Little](#) or by using the QR code.



**GIFT AID** enables the Parish to claim from HMRC an additional 25% of a donor's gift (offertory, candles, mass intentions) and costs you **NOTHING** (apart from your signature). If you are a UK taxpayer please ask for a form - if we are able to identify your earlier gifts we can backdate the claim for up to 4 years.

# St James's Roman Catholic Church

**- Spanish Place - 22 George Street, W1U 3QY**



## THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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

The LATIN responses for the Solemn Mass pages 77/78 in the Parish Mass Book.

### TODAY'S LITURGY - page 258

**Acts 2:14, 22-23**

*'It was not possible for him to be held by death.'*

**O Lord, you will show me the path of life.**

**1 Peter 1:17-21**

*'You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish.'*

**Luke 24:13-35**

*'He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.'*

### The Week Ahead

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

**M 20<sup>th</sup>** Easter Feria  
**T 21<sup>st</sup>** Easter Feria  
**W 22<sup>nd</sup>** Easter Feria  
**T 23<sup>rd</sup>** **SAINT GEORGE**  
**F 24<sup>th</sup>** Saints Erkenwald and Mellitus  
**S 25<sup>th</sup>** SAINT MARK 10am

Vigil Mass of Sunday 6pm

**26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**  
**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**  
**FOURTH of EASTER**

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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**Church opens at 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**

## The Rector writes . . . . .

While this Sunday is the **Third Sunday of Easter**, next Sunday, the Fourth, is Good Shepherd Sunday. We will pray especially for Vocations to the priesthood on that day, when we will have our annual collection for the Priest Training Fund. James Surry, the seminarian who has been assisting us on Sundays during the year, will speak in support of the Appeal at some of the Sunday Masses. James will be back full-time in the parish in late June and early July, so we look forward to having him with us at that time. According to the Diocesan Yearbook, our diocese currently has 18 seminarians in formation for the priesthood, and we heard from the Archbishop during the Chrism Mass that a further 3 have been selected for next year. The training of priests inevitably costs money and so next weekend's collection should be seen as an important investment in the future of the diocese.

At present the Holy Father is on an Apostolic Visit to Algeria, Cameroon, Angola and Equatorial Guinea. One of his first visits was to the archeological site of Hippo, where his patron Saint Augustine was bishop. He is due to return home to Rome on Thursday. We pray for his health and well-being and we pray that the Church in those countries will reap great fruits from the visit of Peter's successor.

We have already reached the second half of April, so our thoughts are beginning to turn to the month of May, which, as we are reminded by Gerard Manley Hopkins in his poem "*May Magnificat*", is Mary's month. Our principal way of marking this at Saint James's is through the daily recitation of the rosary in the Lady Chapel after the weekday evening Mass. We are constantly on the lookout for new people to lead this devotion. Anyone interested in doing so should contact Mark Carter at [spanishplacelegion@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:spanishplacelegion@rcdow.org.uk) or they should leave a message with the parish office.

We are particularly grateful to the **Legion of Mary** for their quiet, unsung work behind the scenes, caring for the spiritual needs of those they visit and helping to wash and iron the church's altar linen. Their work complements the tireless work of Andrew Watson, our volunteer sacristan, for whom they stand in when he takes a well-earned day off.

Early in May, the Schola Cantorum of the London Oratory School, directed by Charles Cole, is to give a concert at Holy Trinity, Sloane Square, of Sacred Treasures of the Renaissance. Further details can be found at <https://www.londonoratoryschola.com/concertsandevents>. Some of our own parishioners attend the Oratory School and sing in the Schola Cantorum.

During the coming week we will be celebrating the **solemnity of Saint George, patron of England**. A middle Eastern martyr from the pre-Christian Roman Empire, he is best known for his legendary exploit in killing a dragon that was terrorizing the population. The story probably owes its origin to Rev 12:7-12, where a similar exploit is attributed to Saint Michael the Archangel. An image of Saint George is included on the Bentley altarpiece of our church, in view of Saint George's role as patron of England, a title he has held since the time of the

Crusades, particularly since King Edward III entrusted the Order of the Garter to his patronage. The patron saints of all four constituent nations of the United Kingdom are celebrated in the liturgy, but only Saint George is marked by a solemnity in England, for which the previous evening Mass serves as a Vigil Mass. Saturday of this week sees the **feast of Saint Mark**, one of the four Evangelists and a disciple of Saint Peter. The Evangelist Saint Mark is revered particularly at Alexandria in Egypt, where he is credited with founding the local Christian Church and is venerated as its first bishop. So many congratulations, prayers and good wishes to any Georges and Marks among our worshippers.

Meanwhile, Tuesday 21 April is the first anniversary of the death of the late Pope Francis. So much has happened that it seems as if more than a year has passed since his death, but it was on Easter Monday of last year that our first Latin American pontiff was called to the Father's house. We are grateful to him especially for emphasising God's great mercy, particularly through the Jubilee of Mercy that he proclaimed for the year 2016. The same day, Tuesday 21 April, is the centenary of the birth of the late Queen Elizabeth in nearby Bruton Street, the longest-reigning monarch in our history. We commend her soul to God's infinite mercy, and we thank God for the fine example she set of steadfast service and her strong sense of duty throughout a period of great social change. Tuesday is also the birthday of the City of Rome, so it is a day with many associations for us.

The **children's liturgy** is due to begin again this Sunday, after the Easter break. Anyone who would like to volunteer to act as a catechist for this group is invited to contact the parish office. Materials are available, so the role is mainly one of leading the children through their own age-appropriate celebration of the Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass.

A particular word of thanks to all our catechists, who have worked so hard to prepare the children for their **First Holy Communion on 9 May**, not to mention the slightly older group who are preparing to be confirmed by Michael Campbell, Bishop Emeritus of Lancaster, at the 4pm Mass on Sunday 10 May. The gifts of the Holy Spirit will be poured out abundantly at Saint James's as the Easter season advances.

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.**



**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.