**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.

## The Children's Liturgy takes place at the 4pm Mass and will run now until 13th December.

### PARISH REPOSITORY
*(located in the Memorial Chapel)*

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

*Requests for "special orders" can be made via email to* Spanishplace repository@rcdow.org.uk

### 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.*

**Retreat Day, led by Fr Domenico,** on Saturday **5 December.**

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:-

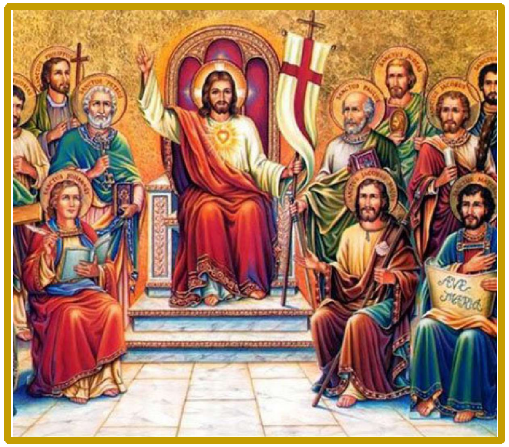
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We have **'one-off' Gift Aid envelopes** at various locations in church for cash offerings at Sunday Mass. ***Please complete all sections*** before ticking **'This'** or **'all subsequent'**

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



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
**22nd November 2026**

*Foreign language sheets are 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 158]**

**Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**
*`As for you, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.'*

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**1 Corinthians 15:20-2, 28.6**
*`Christ delivers the kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all.'*

**Matthew 25:31-46**
*`He will sit on his glorious throne and he will separate people one from another.'*

## *The Week Ahead*
**Sunday Year A Weekday Cycle II**
**Masses at 12.30pm and 6.00pm**

**M 23rd** *feria*
**T 24th** Vietnamese martyrs
**W 25th** *feria*
**T 26th** *feria*
**F 27th** *feria*
**S 28th** BVM on Saturday **10am**

**Vigil Mass of Sunday 6pm**

**29th November 2026**
**ADVENT SUNDAY**

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


Monsignor Philip Whitmore *(Rector)*
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# The Rector writes . . . . . .

Thank you very much for your support of last weekend's collection for the **sick and retired priests** of the diocese, which raised **£1443.20**. Some of you discovered that there was no option to contribute to the fund via the contactless machines. This is because we were instructed not to include an option there, as donations made in that way cannot accrue Gift Aid, or at least if they did, the parish would benefit, as those donations are made to the parish in the first instance, and only later are they forwarded by the parish to the charity concerned.

The Church's year is drawing to a close. **This Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King,** the final Sunday of the current year. The celebration of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI just over a century ago. It is a reminder to us that earthly powers are always subject to the supreme sovereignty of Christ, our King and Redeemer, who teaches, sanctifies and governs his people, the assembly of the redeemed. Those three tasks or munera, of teaching, santifying and governing, are the principal tasks of bishops, who represent Christ on earth, and in these tasks, priests and the lay faithful participate. So we all need to reflect prayerfully on the ways in which our shepherds teach, sanctify and govern us, as well as the ways in which we in our turn teach, sanctify and govern others. This is what is meant when we refer to Christ as prophet, priest and king. The anointing with chrism that takes place during baptism is a sign that the baptised person is conformed to Christ and has a share in these three tasks.

At the end of the Church's year, our focus is very much on the end of time and on the final judgement. When we begin a new Church year, as we shall do next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, the initial focus dovetails neatly with that from the end of the previous year, as we focus on the coming of Christ into our world. Early in Advent, the focus will be on his Second Coming at the end of time, when he will judge the living and the dead. Later in Advent, the focus switches to preparation for the first coming at Christmas. Because we are about to enter a new church year, we will be using different *"parish Mass books",* which will include the readings for Year B in the three-year cycle of Sunday readings.

**This Sunday is also kept as Youth Sunday,** and by a happy coincidence, it is the moment to remind everyone that **next Sunday,** the last Sunday of the current month, the **young adults will be present at the midday Mass.** Our **young adults** will be holding a **retreat day, led by Fr Domenico,** on Saturday **5 December.** Those interested are invited to register in the usual way. As Christmas approaches, and the diary fills up with Carol Services, this will be the final event for the parish's Young Adults group in the year 2026. Many thanks to Lucy Williams and to Father Domenico for all that the group has organized over the past year. We look forward to many more events in 2027.

As our thoughts turn to Christmas, aided in no small measure by the many lights that have appeared on our streets and on local buildings, we will be preparing for the coming of our Saviour into this world with a number of Carol Services. Please note the date of the **parish Carol Service,** which will be held on **Wednesday 16 December.** The flyers, with details of Christmas services, will be ready soon. There are always some parishioners who travel to other places for the feasts, especially if there are family members elsewhere, so to mark the moment when we reassemble as a parish, Saint James's usually holds an **Epiphany Carol Service** as well, which this year will take place on the afternoon of **Saturday 9 January.** So there's another date to note.

Many of you have seen the posters advertising a concert to be held at Saint James's Church on the evening of **Friday 4 December,** when the **Orion Orchestra** and Choir will be perfoming Handel's ever-popular oratorio, Messiah. Tickets can be booked through Eventbrite, to which the QR code on the posters directs those interested. Both parish Masses on that day will be held in the Lady Chapel, and because of the rehearsal for the concert, it will not be possible to expose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration that afternoon, even though it is the First Friday of the month. In January, the first Friday falls on New Year's Day itself, which is of course a Bank Holiday, but if there is sufficient interest, it may be possible to arrange exposition on the afternoon of the following Friday, 8 January.

To come back to this week, we have one memorial coming up, on **Tuesday** 24 November, when we celebrate the **117 martyrs of Vietnam,** who gave their lives for Christ during the 19th century. Most were native Vietnamese, though some were French and some were Spanish. They were canonized by Pope St John Paul II in 1988, and added to the universal calendar the following year. Because it is quite a recent feast, the celebration of **Saint Andrew Dung-Lac** (a native Vietnamese priest) and his companions is not found in all the liturgical books. Prayers and good wishes especially for anyone who comes from that country - as we know, the blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians. We pray that it may be so in Vietnam, as in so many other places.

**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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