

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 Social Centre is best accessed via Blandford Street - the stairs lead directly to the Accessible toilet - where there are also 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



SVP Fundraiser Live Charity Jazz Event

The Crypt - Saturday 21st November
7pm until 10pm

Tickets (£55) available on Eventbrite
Further details: WhatsApp 07814510991

Raffles - Light snacks - Auctions - 1 complimentary drink

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.



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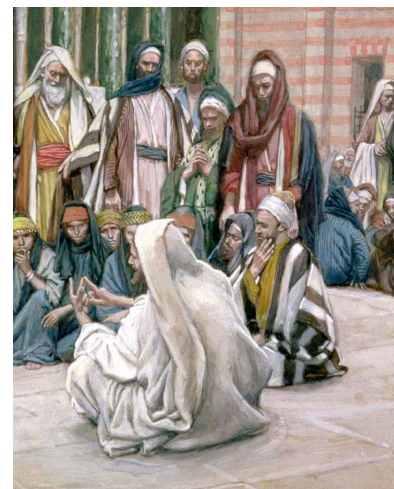
We have 'one-off' Gift Aid envelopes at various locations in church for cash offerings at Sunday Mass. Please complete all sections before ticking 'This' or 'all subsequent'

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



TODAY'S LITURGY
[Mass Book page 146]

Exodus 22:21-27

'If you mistreat any widow or fatherless child, my wrath will burn against you.'

**I love you,
LORD, my strength.**

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

'You turned away from idols to serve God and to wait for his Son.'

Matthew 22:34-40

'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.'

**Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
25th October 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

The Week Ahead

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

M 26th feria
T 27th feria
W 28th SAINTS SIMON and JUDE
T 29th Blessed Martyrs of Douai
F 30th feria
S 31st BVM on Saturday 10am

Vigil Mass of Sunday 6pm

**1st November 2026
ALL SAINTS**

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

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The Rector writes

Do remember that the clocks go back this weekend, so don't turn up for Mass an hour early!

As I expect most of you know, Halloween will be celebrated by many next Saturday. What doesn't seem to have registered in the popular imagination is that according to the meaning of the word, it is the eve of All Saints, otherwise known as All Hallows. Next Sunday, **1 November, is the great feast of All Saints**, which is the significant date for us. November is the month of the dead, and the day after All Saints, Monday **2 November, is the feast of All Souls**, when we pray especially for the faithful departed, as we continue to do throughout the month. But November begins and ends with a glorious feast - All Saints on the first day, and Saint Andrew on the last.

Throughout the month of **November**, Mass will be offered each day for the souls of your departed loved ones. If you would like them to be remembered, please submit to the Parish Office a list of their names using the forms and envelopes available at the back of the church from this weekend - the lists will be put into a box which will be placed on the altar at every Mass throughout November, and one Mass each day will be offered for those whose names appear on the "**November dead lists**".

As we read in the Second Book of Maccabees, it is a "*holy and pious thought*" to make atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin. This is one of the big differences between the Catholic understanding and the Protestant understanding of prayer for the dead. Whereas the Catholic belief is that praying for the dead genuinely helps them on their way into the presence of God, the Protestant understanding, classically, would be that no amount of praying will make any difference - the way they have lived their lives determines what awaits them in the next life. The Catholic funeral liturgy is filled with hope for this very reason.

There is also to be a **collection after all Masses next weekend** in support of the parish's **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP)**. Much good work is done among the needy of the area by the SVP, but inevitably there are costs involved. The Society is named after the same Saint Vincent who is the patron of our primary school, because it was established by the Daughters of Charity, founded by Saint Vincent, who were active in the parish from 1868 to 2005. Later in November, the SVP is to hold a jazz evening in the Social Centre (see elsewhere on the newsletter for details), which is another fund-raising opportunity. I do commend this organization to your generosity. **Last weekend's collection raised £1648.68 for Missio**, so thank you all for that.

As schools are marking half-term, the **children's liturgy is taking a break now, but will be back in operation on Sunday 8 November**. There was a good response to the appeal for catechists, so many thanks to those who came forward.

Thanks also to the catechists who are working with the group of adults seeking baptism and/or confirmation. It is a great sign of hope that so many are coming forward wanting to engage more deeply with the sacramental life of the Church. As many of you will be aware, the Mass count has recently taken place, and it indicates an increase in Mass attendance with respect to recent years. The figure is now 957. Clearly the Holy Spirit is at work. The Lord be praised!

The coming week includes the feast of two of the twelve Apostles - **Simon and Jude**, whose feast falls on **Wednesday 28 October**. They often appear at the end of the list of Apostles. Each of them has a more famous namesake among the Twelve - Simon Peter and Judas Iscariot - whereas the pair we are celebrating in the coming week are known as Simon the Zealot and Jude Thaddeus. It is probably on account of the frequent confusion between this Jude and Judas Iscariot that Saint Jude has become the patron saint of lost causes. The statue of Saint Jude at the back of Saint James's Church is popular with many of our worshippers, who clearly have a devotion to him. One saying is attributed to him in Saint John's Gospel (14:22) and one of the shorter letters in the New Testament, consisting of just 25 verses, is also attributed to him.

The following day is the diocesan celebration of the martyrs of the English College at Douai, the direct ancestor of our diocesan seminary at Allen Hall. The English College at Douai was founded in 1568, as it was no longer possible for young men to train for the priesthood in England. Many of them were arrested on their return to these shores, imprisoned and eventually martyred, because the Catholic faith was outlawed at that time. One of the best-known of the **Douai martyrs** was **Saint John Southworth**, whose mortal remains are enshrined at Westminster Cathedral. Happily, the Catholic community in this country now enjoys freedom of worship.

We have been asked to draw to your attention an event taking place at Saint Patrick's, Soho Square, on the evening of **Wednesday 28 October**, organized by the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. **Mass will be celebrated at Saint Patrick's at 6.30pm in honour of Our Lady, Queen of Palestine**, and a dialogue will take place afterwards between Bishop James Curry and a parish priest from the West Bank, Father Bashar Fawadleh. We continue to pray for peace in that troubled land, and indeed in all places of conflict, of which there seem to be so many at this time.

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.
