

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 the corridor on which the other cloakrooms are located.



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.

A Day With Mary is taking place at **Westminster Cathedral** on **Saturday 8 November 2025** (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/rsvp@wordsbyjacqui.com>.

The Tyburn Martyrs. Come & hear about the lives of the martyrs in a talk given by an expert and Benedictine oblate on Thursday 20 November, 6:00pm in the crypt at Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde Park Place, London W2 2LJ. vp@wordsbyjacqui.com. The talk is free, but donations to support the nuns and their work would be welcomed on the day.

Taizé Pilgrimage for Young Adults (aged 18-35) in Paris with the Assumption group from **28 Dec 2025 to 1 Jan 2026**. The Taizé European Meeting is a "Pilgrimage of trust on Earth" gathering thousands of young people for prayer, reflection, and community. Cost: €110 + travel. Register by 15th November, for more information visit www.assumpta-eu.org/taize-pilgrimage. Email rebecca@assumpta-eu.org

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
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.



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 a 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 up to 4 years).

St James's Roman Catholic Church

- Spanish Place - 22 George Street, W1U 3QY



ALL SAINTS 2nd November 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 73/74 in the [red] Parish Mass Book

The Week Ahead

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

M 3rd ALL SOULS [also at 11am]
T 4th St Charles Borromeo
W 5th feria
T 6th feria
F 7th feria
S 8th BVM on Saturday 10am
Vigil Mass of Sunday 6pm

9th November 2025

**DEDICATION OF
THE LATERAN BASILICA**
8am and 9am
10.30am Solemn Latin [Requiem for the fallen] 12pm, 4pm & 7pm

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Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

'Behold a great multitude that no one could number; from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.'

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

1 John 3:1-3

'We shall see God as he is.'

Matthew 5:1-12a

'Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

The Reverend Monsignor Philip Whitmore (*Rector*)
The Reverend John Njorteah
The Reverend Mark Elliott-Smith (*in residence, Ordinariate*)

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The Church opens 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

November has arrived, the month when we particularly remember our deceased loved ones. The names already handed in will be placed on the altar at every Mass celebrated in November, and one Mass will be offered each day for those named. There is still time to add more, so please don't be shy.

In this country, when a HolyDay of Obligation falls on a Saturday or a Monday it is generally transferred to the Sunday. **All Saints is a HolyDay of Obligation**, but as 1 November this year is a Saturday, **the feast is celebrated on Sunday 2 November** instead. All Souls will therefore follow on Monday 3 November. Celebrations according to the 1962 Missal are planned for 1 and 3 November at 11am. The Choir is to sing at the 6pm Mass on 3 November.

It is beginning to get rather cold, and parishioners would be well advised to bring warm coats to church during November, because there will be times when the heating cannot be switched on because of the work being carried out on the boilers. Once December comes, though, the heating should be working well, so we hope for a warm glow as Christmas approaches. At some point in December we hope too that our refurbished organ will reappear in church, although a versatile electronic instrument is already available, to tide us over in case the return of the organ is delayed.

It has taken a great deal of time and money to reach this point and we are most grateful to all who have supported the **Parish Appeal** in order to help us defray the spiralling costs of these two major projects. Donors who supported the **"Growing in Faith"** initiative about ten years ago are likely to be asked soon if they consent to their gifts being re-allocated to the heating project instead of the earlier proposal.

Projects of this kind help focus the mind on health and safety requirements, and in order to comply fully with these, we will need at some point to designate "fire wardens". Should it ever become necessary to evacuate the church at short notice, announcements will need to be made about which exit routes to take. During Mass, the priest celebrant is likely to make these announcements, unless he is a visitor, in which case we are advised to have lay fire wardens primed to address the congregation. So don't be surprised if you receive an invitation in the coming weeks to assume this role.

Saint John Henry Newman was declared a Doctor of the Church on Saturday 1 November, which in Rome is the feast of All Saints. At the same ceremony, coming as it did towards the conclusion of the Jubilee for Education, he was named a co-patron of education alongside Saint Thomas Aquinas. We are proud of the international recognition accorded to our local saint and we pray that his writings and his teachings will inspire many with a great love for the Lord and his Church.

Friday of this coming week, 7 November, is a first Friday, and we plan to arrange Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between the lunchtime and evening Masses. Do please consider signing your name against one of the timed slots on

the list at the back of the church if you are able to make a commitment to be present, as we need to ensure that the Sacrament is never left unattended. Please note that it will not be possible to arrange Exposition on the first Friday in December as the Orion Orchestra will be rehearsing in the church for that evening's performance of Handel's Messiah. Those who would have wished to attend Exposition on that day will have an opportunity earlier in the week, as the Young Adults group is planning a period of Exposition after the evening Mass on Wednesday 3 December.

On **Saturday 8 November at 7.30pm**, there is to be a concert in St James's Church, to mark the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea. The Nicene Creed will be recited by all participants, and choirs from different Christian traditions will sing various parts of the Creed. Do come if you can.

A further concert is planned, not in St James's Church itself, but in the **Wigmore Hall, on Sunday 23 November at 3pm**, featuring our own musicians. This concert will mark the official conclusion of the year-long Appeal, which ran from Christ the King 2024 until Christ the King 2025, and it will be a celebration of the return of the church's refurbished organ, probably in anticipation of that happy moment.

Many poppies have been in evidence in recent days, and our worshippers will be aware that **next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday**, when the **10.30am Mass will be a Requiem for the fallen**. Most other Masses next Sunday, though, will be celebrations of the **Feast of Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** in Rome, a feast that is celebrated on 9 November, even if that date falls on a Sunday. As some of our parishioners visited the Lateran Basilica on the recent pilgrimage to Rome, passing through its Holy Door, the feast will have an added significance for them.

Finally, I have been asked to draw the attention of our worshippers to a series of events planned by the Catholic Medical Association. Further details can be found at <http://www.catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk/EVENTS>. Catholic doctors are often presented with delicate ethical challenges and it is important that we all support them with our prayers.

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.

Safeguarding is an important - and indeed crucial - part of the life we share as a parish. Denise Hines coordinates our parochial safeguarding, her contact details are as follows: 07597 190301 spanishplacesg@safeguard.rcdow.org.uk should any concerns be felt.
