

St James's Roman Catholic Church

- Spanish Place - 22 George Street, W1U 3QY

MOST HOLY TRINITY

31st May 2026



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LATIN responses for the Solemn Mass pages 73/4 in the **green** Mass Book

The Week Ahead

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

M 1st St Justin
T 2nd feria
W 3rd St Charles Lwanga and companions
T 4th feria
F 5th St Boniface
S 6th BVM on Saturday 10am

Vigil Mass of Sunday 6pm

7th June 2026

CORPUS CHRISTI

8am and 9am [1962]

10.30am [Solemn Latin]

12pm, 4pm & 7pm

TODAY'S LITURGY

[Parish Mass Book page 81]

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

*'The Lord, the Lord,
a God merciful and gracious.'*

To be praised and highly
exalted for ever!

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

*'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit,'*

John 3:16-18

*'God sent his Son in order that the
world might be saved through him.'*

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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 hall is best accessed via the Blandford Street staircase, leading directly to the Accessible toilet, where there are baby changing facilities, and the corridor on which the other cloakrooms are located.

Room Sought: Quiet professional/St James parishioner seeks room for 6-12 months. Trainee pilot, regular hours. Budget £600pcm. Known to Parish Priest; references available. Contact Ousi: 07432 474060.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage: 23-26 July. 3-day penitential trip to St Patrick's Purgatory, Ireland. See flyers or contact Clare (Tangney Tours): 01732 886666 / clare@tangney-tours.com. Info: 07733 223903. Book by second week of June.



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.

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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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 no contact details for a number of generous donors. 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 an extra 25% on donations (offertory, candles, mass intentions) from HMRC and costs NOTHING (apart from a signature). If you are a UK taxpayer please ask for a form; we can even backdate claims by up to 4 years.

The Rector writes

The Sunday after Pentecost is **Trinity Sunday**, when we give thanks to the Father, in the Son, through the Holy Spirit. Although knowledge of the existence of God is attainable through reason alone, knowledge of his Trinitarian nature is possible only through Revelation. So we thank God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for revealing himself to us as one God in three persons. Through the missions of the Son and the Spirit we have privileged access to God, we are able to share in the life of grace and we look forward to an eternity of beatitude, gazing upon the face of God.

This Sunday is also the date chosen for our annual **Mission Appeal**, and we will be joined by **Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans)**, who will deliver the Appeal at each Mass. The second collection at each of the Masses this Sunday will be to support the missionary work of the Spiritan Fathers. We look forward to welcoming Fr Christian and Fr Jerome to our Eucharistic celebrations.

Traditionally, the Thursday after Trinity Sunday is the feast of **Corpus Christi**, although in England and Wales the feast is transferred to the following Sunday. So there will be a celebration according to the 1962 missal at 11am on Thursday, but most of us will celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord next Sunday. Our friends at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, which is the diocesan shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, are holding a Eucharistic Octave throughout the coming week, details of which can be found at <https://catholicengland.org/programme/>. We ourselves will be very much involved in the afternoon procession next Sunday, which departs from the church at Warwick Street at 3.30pm, arriving here for Benediction shortly after the conclusion of the 4pm Mass.

Happily, the **first Friday** of June falls within the Eucharistic Octave, and we hope to expose the Blessed Sacrament between 1pm and 4.45pm on Friday 5 June. As usual, though, this will only be possible if a sufficient number of people enter their names against the timed slots on the list at the back of the church, so you are warmly encouraged to do so, if you can guarantee to be present, so that the Sacrament need never be left unattended.

Later in the month of June, the **Marylebone Music Festival** comes to Manchester Square, and as usual it will include our Sunday 10.30am Mass, celebrated in the Square, as part of that festival, on Sunday 21 June. This will take us close to our origins, since the Spanish Embassy Chapel, no longer in existence, was near that spot about 300 years ago. It is a matter of considerable pride that our baptismal and marriage registers go back to the 1730s.

It seems some considerable time since we saw the liturgical colour of green used at Spanish Place. In fact the last time would have been during the first half of February, before Ash Wednesday. We have been back in so-called "*Ordinary Time*" since last Monday, although there have been so many special feasts in that time that we haven't yet had occasion to opt for the colour green. It will be back during the course of the coming week, though, and on Sundays from 14 June onwards. Despite its name, there is nothing humdrum about the season of

"Ordinary Time", which is intended, rather, to allow us to focus on the entire mystery of salvation, not just on the particular aspects that are highlighted during the privileged seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.

Nevertheless, the week ahead sees three feasts of martyrs, when the liturgical colour is red. On **Monday** we celebrate **Saint Justin**, on **Wednesday** we commemorate the Ugandan Martyrs, **Saints Charles Lwanga and his companions**, while **Friday** sees the memorial of the English missionary and martyr, **Saint Boniface**.

Saint Justin gave his life for Christ in the second century. An apologist and philosopher, he argued in his writings that Christianity was the natural fulfilment of Classical philosophy and he refuted many of the charges levelled against Christianity by its enemies. **The Ugandan Martyrs** gave their lives for the Lord in the course of the 19th-century evangelisation of that country. This group of martyrs includes Anglicans as well as Catholics, and it is the Ugandan Martyrs that have given us the clearest example of the so-called "*ecumenism of blood*", articulated by Saint John Paul II in his 1995 encyclical *Ut Unum Sint*, and further developed by Pope Francis. **Saint Boniface**, originally a monk in Anglo-Saxon England, became an evangelist for much of what is now Germany, he was the first Archbishop of Mainz, and he was martyred in Frisia. His remains are venerated at Fulda in Germany. So we have some great saints to commemorate this week from various periods in the Church's history.

In recent days, Pope Leo has issued his first Encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, (cf. <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>) in which he encourages us to be discriminating in our use of Artificial Intelligence, which he says must be "*disarmed*" - not rejected, but managed in such a way that it does not dominate humanity. This letter is a major contribution to Catholic Social Teaching, begun 135 years ago by the Holy Father's great predecessor and namesake Leo XIII. The present Holy Father acknowledges that AI represents a great technological advance, but warns us to use it wisely, so as to build a "*civilization of love*", not simply to promote the aims of those in power. He is bold enough to take issue with some modern trends aimed at eliminating human limitations, because, as he says, "*humanity flourishes not despite limitations, but often through them*". Whoever has ears to hear, let him listen!

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.
