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Parish Pilgrimage Rome 20th to 25th October

Visits to the four major basilicas, each of which will have a Holy Door for Jubilee pilgrims, as well as the two English seminaries, the Vatican, the Catacombs and the English College summer residence on Lake Albano, and much more besides. The cost is likely to be £1,595 per person (sharing a bedroom) or £1,895 per person (single, with limited availability). **Those interested, or wanting further information, contact the parish office.**



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.

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.

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

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 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY
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.



St James's Roman Catholic Church

- Spanish Place - 22 George Street, W1U 3QY



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

21st September 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 Book

TODAY'S LITURGY

Parish Mass Book page 140

Amos 8: 4-7

Against those who 'buy the poor for silver.'

**Praise the LORD,
who raises the poor.**

1 Timothy 2:1-8

'Prayers should be made for all people to God, who desires all people to be saved.'

Luke 16:1-13

'You cannot serve God and money.'

The Week Ahead

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

M 22nd feria
T 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina
W 24th **OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**
T 25th feria
F 26th feria
S 27th St Vincent de Paul **10am**
Vigil Mass of Sunday 6pm

28th September 2025

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

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

The Reverend Monsignor Philip Whitmore (*Rector*)

The Reverend John Njorteah

The Reverend Mark Elliott-Smith (*in residence, Ordinariate*)

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The Rector writes

This Sunday is designated **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday**, and there will be a collection after each Mass for the work of evangelization in this country. The late Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Exhortation entitled *Evangelii Gaudium* in the first few months of his pontificate, and as is often the case at that early stage in a new papacy it set out his principal objectives. Communicating the joy of the Gospel was a priority for him, and he understood only too well how hard that can be in the modern world. As he said in that document, *“We cannot forget that evangelization is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of these are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face... Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone.”* Initiatives for evangelization are led by the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, but there is a part for each of us to play as we communicate the joy of the Gospel to the people we meet.

This Sunday is also the first of four Sundays when we are asked to make a note of the Mass attendance, so don’t be surprised if you see people counting the numbers present in church.

The month of October is only just around the corner, and it is designated the **month of the Holy Rosary**. In fact, this devotion will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel after each weekday evening Mass, so if you are able to stay behind after the 6pm Mass from Monday to Friday, you are most welcome. Leaders are needed, and the rota is coordinated by Mark Carter, from the parish’s Legion of Mary. If you would like to assist in this ministry, please contact Mark at the parish office or at spanishplacelegion@rcdow.org.uk.

It is also the time of year when many parents are thinking about the most suitable schools for their children. One local secondary school, Maria Fidelis, is holding an open evening next Wednesday. The school says this: *“Prospective parents of students in Years 5 and 6 are warmly invited to attend our Open Evening this Wednesday, 24 September, between 4pm and 6pm. This is a great opportunity to tour the school and speak to current staff and students. There will be speeches by the Headmaster at 4pm and 5pm. The last tour will be at 5:45pm. Visits are also possible every Tuesday morning between 9am and 10am. No booking is required.”*

It is also a good time to think of enrolling your children for **First Holy Communion preparation** or for **Confirmation preparation**. Forms are available at the back of the church and also on the website, and they should be returned to the Parish Office, duly completed, by the first weekend in October. Classes will begin in the new year, in preparation for the celebration of the sacraments during the second weekend in May. Adults interested in learning more about the Christian faith should also submit forms for the **RCIA** by early October. A gathering of all those interested will be held on Sunday 12 October to discuss how best to move forward.

Parents seeking **certificates of Catholic practice**, in connexion with applications for school admissions, need to obtain evidence of regular practice, normally by asking the priest celebrant of the Sunday Mass they attend to sign a simple form or their newsletter on three successive Sundays. This evidence should then be brought to the parish office, together with the full name, date of birth and postal address of the child, after which the certificate can be issued.

Wednesday of next week is the **feast of Our Lady of Walsingham**, our national Marian shrine. Pilgrimages to the Shrine were highly popular early in the second millennium until the Reformation put a stop to them. The devotion originated in the eleventh century, with an apparition of Our Lady, who showed the Holy House of Nazareth, original scene of the Annunciation, to a noblewoman by the name of Richeldis. The Shrine was revived in the 20th century and there are now significant Anglican and Catholic presences in the village.

Next week also sees the memorial of **Saint Vincent de Paul**, patron of our Primary School and of the parish society that bears his name (the SVP) and founder of the Sisters of Charity, who did so much good work in the parish between their arrival in 1868 and their departure in 2005, when the convent building and the school building were sold to Westminster City Council. Saint Vincent devoted himself tirelessly to the care of the poor and the formation of the clergy. St James’s parish has always had a special care for the poor, which continues today through the work of the Companions of the Order of Malta and the parish’s own Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

In view of the many troubles our world is experiencing today, we pray earnestly for peace in areas of conflict. The Westminster Section of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem plans to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Palestine with a Mass at Saint Mary Moorfields on the evening of Wednesday 15 October, followed by talks on the plight of Christians in the Holy Land. See the posters in the church porch for further details. Our own parish pilgrimage to Rome follows shortly afterwards. We will bring the concerns of all our parishioners to that great shrine of the Apostles Peter and Paul, seeking their intercession for the fruitfulness of all our endeavours.

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.

**The Church is open from 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**
