

Reminder: The Social Centre is best accessed via the Blandford Street staircase, which leads directly to the Accessible toilet, where there are also **baby changing facilities**, and the corridor on which the other cloakrooms are located.

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



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.

THE CAMINO TO SANTIAGO - REDISCOVERING ITS SONGS.

Learn traditional songs sung by pilgrims and join in a mini-pilgrimage from Farm Street to Spanish Place singing along the way. **Learning sessions will be on Sunday 4th October (4-6pm Farm Street), Wednesday 14th October (7-9pm Spanish Place).** The final pilgrimage ceremony will be 11am-1pm on Saturday 17th October. [To sing in the final session you should have attended at least one of the learning sessions] All materials needed will be supplied, and light refreshments will be served at each session. There will be a fee of **£10 per person for participation**, payable online in advance. The sessions will be led by Rafael Montero, founder of El Parnaso Hispano. No prior musical experience is needed, the sessions are open to all. Early expressions of interest may be made by email to Lucy Williams (lucycw01@yahoo.co.uk - Spanish Place).

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

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 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.



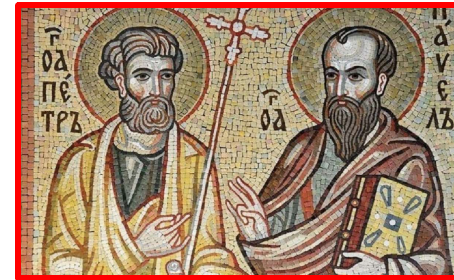
We lack contact details for a number of generous donors whose gifts come directly to our bank account. If **GIFT AID** was a possibility for these individuals could they please contact the Parish Office to discuss and/or request the necessary form. **GIFT AID** allows us to claim an extra 25% from HMRC and costs the donor **NOTHING** (other than their signature). If you are a UK taxpayer please ask for a form; we can even backdate claims by up to 4 years (if we have the sufficient evidence).

St James's Roman Catholic Church

- Spanish Place - 22 George Street, W1U 3QY

Saint PETER and Saint PAUL Apostles

28th June 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 pages 73/4
in the green Parish Mass Book

TODAY'S LITURGY

[Mass Book page 170]

Acts 12:1-11

'Now I am sure that the Lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod.'

**From all my terrors
the LORD set me free.**

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

'There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.'

Matthew 16:13-19

'You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.'

The Week Ahead

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

M 29th feria
T 30th feria
W 1st DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL
T 2nd feria
F 3rd St THOMAS
S 4th BVM on Saturday 10am

Vigil Mass of Sunday 6pm
5th July 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

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

Monsignor Philip Whitmore (Rector)

Father Domenico Lando

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

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The Rector writes

As this Sunday sees the transferred **feast of Saints Peter and Paul**, the foundations of the Church of Rome, it makes good sense that it should be the moment chosen for the Peter's Pence collection, when we have an opportunity to contribute to the Holy Father's charities and to the administrative costs of the Holy See. A collection will be taken after all Masses this weekend. This feast is also the time chosen by our bishops for the celebration of the Holy Father's election. Just as this country holds its "national day" on the King's official birthday, so the Holy See officially celebrates its national day on the anniversary of the Pope's election, although the feast of Saints Peter and Paul is more easily predictable.

As this coming **Friday is the first Friday** of the new month, we plan to expose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration during the afternoon, as long as there are sufficient "*watchers*" to ensure that the Sacrament is never left unattended. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you are able to make a commitment to be present for a part of the period of adoration.

Readers of the newsletter will be aware that the Annual SVP bike ride had been planned for Saturday 27 June. On account of the exceptional heat, however, the bike ride has been postponed until Sunday 5 July.

The feast of Saint James (25 July) falls on a Saturday this year, but no doubt our parishioners will find it easier to come here for the **Vigil Mass**, which is when the parish celebration is to be held, at **7pm on the Friday evening**. We look forward to welcoming **Cardinal Vincent Nichols**, our former Archbishop, to lead us in the celebration. We hope too that our magnificent Hunter organ will be restored to us in time for the feast. Do please note the date (24 July) and come if you can. It is a most appropriate time for the whole parish to come together.

I have been asked to draw your attention to an event linked to the medieval tradition of pilgrimage to the tomb of our patron, Saint James, in Santiago de Compostela. Some of the pilgrimage songs that have been recently rediscovered are to be sung on an abbreviated pilgrimage from Farm Street Church to Saint James's Church in October of this year. Further details are displayed elsewhere on the newsletter.

We are very pleased to have another James, the **seminarian James Surry**, staying with us for a few weeks. Besides leading the recent Appeal for the Priest Training Fund, James has been active as a catechist over the past year, for the Confirmation group and for some of the baptisms of older children. We are very grateful to James for all that he has contributed to the life of the parish and we wish him every blessing as he continues his journey of formation in the diocese. He will be with us until the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes later this month, which sadly coincides with the feast of Saint James, so it is unlikely that we will see James here on that day.

Shortly after the patronal feast, we will be joined for a couple of weeks by **Father John Njoroteah**, and I know that many of our parishioners will be pleased to see him back among us.

Next week sees a couple more feasts. **The first day of July** was formerly kept as the feast of the Precious Blood, and as **Westminster Cathedral** is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood, that was the date chosen for its **consecration in 1910**. Throughout the diocese, the day is kept as a feast, whereas in the Cathedral itself it is a solemnity. Even though the feast of the Precious Blood has now been subsumed into the feast of Corpus Christi, officially known as the Body and Blood of Christ, the feast of our mother church's dedication remains on the first day of July.

Friday 3 July is the feast of one of the twelve Apostles, **the apostle Thomas**, particularly associated with the church in India and well known for the "*doubt*" that he expressed regarding Our Lord's resurrection, as recounted in chapter 20 of Saint John's Gospel. Although popular imagination has seized on the "*doubt*" that he initially expressed, before seeing the risen Jesus, far more significant is the faith that he subsequently expressed on seeing the risen Lord with his own eyes.

I myself will be away from London next weekend, attending the ordinations of some of my former students. Please pray for soon-to-be Father Jonathan Henry of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and soon-to-be Deacon Ryan Hawkes of the Diocese of Portsmouth. I shall be back among you a few days later.

Could I take the opportunity to remind our housebound parishioners that we are happy to bring Holy Communion to them if they are unable to come physically to church? The daily streaming facility brings the Mass from Spanish Place into the homes of many who are unable to make the journey to us, but it cannot bring a sacramental encounter with the Lord. All too often, it is only after a person has died that we are made aware of them. Sacramental support can be crucially important for such individuals as they prepare for their definitive journey into the presence of our loving Father. If you or anyone known to you would benefit from house visits, do please let us know. Similarly, if you find yourselves in hospital, you should ask to see a priest, because only then will steps be taken to send the chaplain in your direction.

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.
