

# St James's Roman Catholic Church

- Spanish Place - 22 George Street, W1U 3QY

**Reminder:** The **Social Centre** 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.

**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 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.

**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.

**Safeguarding** is an important - and indeed crucial - part of the life we share as a parish. It is a fundamental of human justice that the dignity of every person, most especially the young and the vulnerable, should never be compromised. **Denise Hines** [07597 190301] coordinates our parochial safeguarding, her email contact details are as follows:  
Spanishplacesg@safeguard.rcdow.org.uk should any concerns be felt.

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 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, Votives, Mass Intentions) from HMRC and costs **NOTHING** (other than a signature). If you are a UK taxpayer please ask for a form; we can even backdate claims by up to 4 years.



**Eleventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**  
**14<sup>th</sup> 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 Mass Book**

### *The Week Ahead*

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

M 15<sup>th</sup> feria  
T 16<sup>th</sup> feria  
W 17<sup>th</sup> feria  
T 18<sup>th</sup> feria  
F 19<sup>th</sup> feria  
S 20<sup>th</sup> St Alban 10am

**Vigil Mass of Sunday 6pm**

21st June 2026

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

## TODAY'S LITURGY

[Parish Mass Book page 91]

### Exodus 19:2-6a

*'You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'*

**We are his people,  
the sheep of his flock.**

### Romans 5:6-11

*'If we were reconciled by the death of the Son, much more shall we be saved by His life.'*

### Matthew 9:36-10:8

*'Jesus called to him his twelve disciples and sent them out.'*

**Monsignor Philip Whitmore (Rector)**

**Father Domenico Lando**

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

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## The Rector writes . . . . .

**This Sunday afternoon we have a concert at St James's Church - Jonathan Byrd, a classical guitarist specializing in devotional music for solo guitar informed by the Catholic culture of Andalusia, is to give a 30-minute recital, starting at 3pm.** He says this: "*Cities in southern Spain observe a 10-day festival following Corpus Christi. This recital marks the last day of that observance. It is a 30-minute 'musical prayer' in which the voice of the guitar calls out to God in cries and whispers.*" There will be a box for donations.

Of course, the Holy Father has been in Spain himself, having only recently returned to Rome after his Apostolic Journey to that country, taking in Madrid, Barcelona, and the Canary Islands. While in Madrid, he took the opportunity to address the Spanish Parliament, much as Pope Benedict famously addressed our own Parliament and the German Bundesrat. He alluded in his address to the seminal intellectual contribution to political debate made by the School of Salamanca at the time of the discovery of the New World. The existence of vast swathes of humanity who had never encountered Christianity or European civilization prompted many new questions and led these thinkers to acknowledge what the Holy Father called "*the irreducible value of every human being and the moral limits of power.*" Spain helped to develop much of what was later formulated as Catholic Social Teaching, which Pope Leo wishes very much to promote.

Our own Spanish roots are to come to the fore on **Saint James's Day**, when we look forward to welcoming Cardinal Nichols to the church for the first time since he relinquished office as our Archbishop. He will be celebrating at **7pm on the Vigil, Friday 24 July**. We look forward to welcoming the Lord Mayor of Westminster as well as a delegation from the Spanish Embassy. We hope also to see a good representation of parishioners, as our patronal festival is a time when we celebrate our identity as a parish and the many blessings that we receive through the life of this fine church.

It is Saint James's Day, more than any other occasion in the year, that reminds us of our origins as the Chapel of the Spanish Embassy. Another time when we think back to those early days is when we celebrate Mass in Manchester Square in the context of the **Marylebone Music Festival**. That will be happening next Sunday, 21 June. The physical location of the Mass will be remarkably close to the location of the former Embassy Chapel. So don't be surprised to find an empty church if you come to the 10.30 Mass as usual. We are most grateful to the Festival organizers for the invitation to be included among the Festival events and we are grateful to our sacristans and servers, not to mention Andrew Crimin of "Cutting Edge", for all the help they give us to reproduce our solemn Sunday Mass in the new location.

Soon after Saint James's Day, we look forward to welcoming back **Father John Njorteah**, who is coming to visit the parish for a couple of weeks, while the

school in Nigeria where he is currently assigned will be on summer vacation. He will be pleased to see that the new heating system has finally been installed, and we hope by then to have the Hunter organ back again, after managing without it for almost 18 months.

Wednesday of the coming week is the anniversary of **Cardinal George Basil Hume**, the bishop who ordained me. By remarkable coincidence, it is also the anniversary of **Cardinal Thomas Joseph Winning**, Archbishop of Glasgow, who died exactly two years later. In fact it will be Cardinal Winning's 25th anniversary, so we pray for him particularly at this time.

On Saturday of the coming week, there will be a liturgical celebration peculiar to the calendar of England and Wales, that of **Saint Alban**, the first Christian martyr in these islands. Alban was a Roman soldier, executed for harbouring a priest at a time when Christianity was not yet the religion of the Roman Empire. In Hertfordshire, the Abbey built on the site of his martyrdom is now an Anglican Cathedral. In Saint Bede's "*Ecclesiastical History of the English People*", the martyrdom of Saint Alban is recounted, along with that of the priest he harboured, known as Amphibalus. Their respective shrines can be venerated in St Albans Abbey, as that cathedral is still known.

Some of our worshippers, particularly at the 4pm Mass, will have noticed a new generation of readers, servers and collectors. We are delighted to welcome some of the recently confirmed members of the parish who have begun to contribute to our worship in these ways. It is entirely fitting that these fully initiated Christians should be taking their rightful place in our parish community. Volunteers to assist with various tasks in the parish, particularly catechising the young children and cleaning the extensive premises are always welcome.

Next Sunday, 21 June, is the longest day of the year, the summer solstice. It would normally be the memorial of **Saint Aloysius Gonzaga**, the young Italian Jesuit of noble birth who died of the plague before he could be ordained, but the Sunday takes precedence liturgically. Having died at the age of 23, Saint Aloysius has long been the patron saint of young people and a number of schools are dedicated to him. The Oxford Oratory is in a church dedicated to him, so we pray particularly for the fathers of that place on the feast-day of Saint Aloysius.

**Philip Whitmore**

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**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.

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**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.

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