SVP Fundraiser

Live Charity Jazz Event

The Crypt
Saturday
21st November
7pm until 10pm

Tickets (£55)
available on Eventbrite
Further details: WhatsApp
07814510991

Raffles - Light snacks - Auctions
- 1 complimentary drink

Gifts of Raffle prizes and Auction items can be left at the parish office.

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 Children's Liturgy takes place at the 4pm Mass and will run now until 13th December.

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

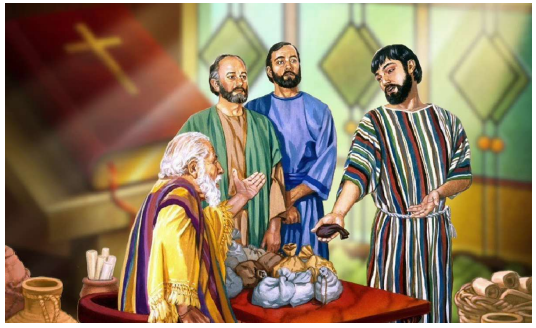
We have **'one-off' Gift Aid envelopes** at various locations in church for cash offerings at Sunday Mass. ***Please complete all sections*** before ticking **'This'** or **'all subsequent'**

Donations of any amount, for specific categories, using Contactless or Chip and PIN can be made AT FOUR LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CHURCH, 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 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 also backdate a claim by up to 4 years (if we have sufficient evidence).

St James's Roman Catholic Church

- *Spanish Place* - 22 George Street, W1U 3QY



Foreign language sheets are available at the back of the church.

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

Thirty Third Sunday - 15th November 2026

TODAY'S LITURGY
[*Mass Book* page 155]

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
`She works with willing hands.'

Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

1 Thessalonions 5:1-6
`Do not let the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief.'

Matthew 25:14-30
`You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master.'

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

M 16th St Edmund of Abingdon
T 17th *feria*
W 18th Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul
T 19th *feria*
F 20th *feria*
S 21st Presentation of BVM **10am**

Vigil Mass of Sunday 6pm

22nd November 2026
CHRIST THE KING

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

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The Rector writes . . . . . .

After each Mass this Sunday, there is to be the **annual collection for the sick and retired priests of the diocese.** This is an opportunity to express gratitude for the service received in earlier generations from priests who no longer hold office, but are probably more needy than they once were. Many of the collections that we hold are mandatory, and this one is no exception. Envelopes were available to be taken away last weekend - they may be used for your donations if you wish. Thank you in anticipation.

Next Sunday is the final Sunday in the Church's year, when we celebrate the **feast of Christ the King,** instituted just over a century ago by Pope Pius XI. It is also Youth Sunday, and we have been asked by the Diocesan Youth Ministry to publish the following message:

'The Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, 22 November 2026 also marks the 41st World Youth Sunday, celebrating young people in the Church and Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. Please visit https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/outreach/world-youth-sunday-2026/ for a video message from Archbishop Richard Moth. This year's World Youth Sunday theme is "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). As a Catholic Community we have responsibility to accompany young people on their journey of faith while having great opportunity to learn from them how to approach our faith with the innocence of a child. Westminster Youth Ministry has a vital role in accompanying young people in our Catholic schools and parishes. In 2025, it welcomed over 5,000 young people to SPEC Retreat Centre in Pinner and supported 44 diocesan youth groups through Youth Ministry Outreach.'

Donations may be made via the Youth Ministry website, referenced above.

As parishioners will know, we also have our own **Young Adults group** at Saint James's Church, and they will be present at the Sunday midday Mass the following **Sunday, 29 November,** which will be the first Sunday of Advent. The Saturday after that, 5 December, they will be holding a retreat day. They have asked us to publish the following message:

"On Saturday 5th December, Fr Domenico will be leading an Advent Retreat Day for the Young Adults (18–35) of the Parish, here at Saint James's. The day will include guided prayer, scripture reflection and Ignatian meditation, and will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Mass. The retreat is free of charge; however, those interested are kindly requested to sign up in advance so that the right number of materials and refreshments can be provided. To secure your place or for any further questions, please contact Lucy (07710 980857) no later than 29 November."

Parents of the young people who have enrolled for the **Confirmation** classes next year are reminded that there will be an opportunity to **meet the catechists next Sunday at 2.30pm in the Social Centre.**

One of the feasts coming up next week is a diocesan celebration - **Monday** 16 November will be the day when we celebrate **Saint Edmund of Abingdon,** a 13th-century Archbishop of Canterbury, to whom the College in Ware is dedicated. This college is still a Catholic school, and it also housed the diocesan seminary for most of the period from 1793 until 1975. The diocesan seminary began life as the English College in Douai, founded in 1568, but in the wake of the French Revolution the College in Douai was closed, and its residents relocated to England. The northern contingent settled eventually at Ushaw College near Durham, while the southern contingent settled at Saint Edmund's College in Ware. It was in 1975 that the seminary moved to its current location in Chelsea, while the school remained in Ware. Many of our older priests would have been trained at Saint Edmund's, and the beautiful chapel there is well worth a visit.

Tuesday of the coming week is a day when there are many options available. Not only is it the memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary and Saint Hugh of Lincoln, but also of **Saint Hilda,** whom we will be celebrating here at Spanish Place. Hilda lived in the 7th century in the north of England, and she was the founding Abbess of Whitby, where a great Synod was held during her lifetime, the aim of which was to reconcile Celtic Christianity and Roman Christianity, which had arrived on these shores with Saint Augustine at the end of the previous century.

A feast of Our Lady follows on **Saturday,** when the Church recalls her **presentation in the Temple.** Although there is no reference to this tradition in the canonical gospels (it is recounted in some of the apocryphal Gospels), the Church has clearly recognized the devotion as an authentic one. Briefly, it tells of Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, thanking the Lord for the gift of the child born to them by dedicating her to the Lord. The scene has been immortalized by a number of Italian painters, of whom Titian is perhaps the best known.

Next **Saturday,** the **SVP** will be holding its **jazz evening in the Social Centre.** Information about tickets can be found elsewhere on the newsletter. We do commend this worthy cause to your generosity, and it is an important way of supporting the good work that is done among the needy of the area by the Society.

For the whole of this month, we continue to pray for all those whose names appear on the November dead lists, contained in the box that you see on the altar. Mass is offered for them each day. May they rest in peace and rise in glory!

Philip Whitmore

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.

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.
