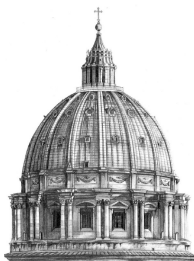


## JUBILEE YEAR PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 20 to 25 October **2025** [6-DAYS]



It will include 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 £1595 per person (sharing a bedroom) or £1895 per person (single, with limited availability). Those interested in coming, or wanting further information, are asked to hand in their names to the parish office.

*"Let them praise his name in dancing" Psalm 149:3* - The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Lieutenancy of England and Wales, proudly present the  
**9th Jerusalem Ball on 12 October 2024,**  
**at the Gladstone Library, One Whitehall Place.**

Doors will open at 6:30 PM, welcoming guests with a Chapel Down Brut reception, three-course dinner, and an evening filled with music, dance, and camaraderie. There will also be a live auction. Tickets are £175. Tickets can be purchased at <https://jerusalemball.org.uk/tickets-2/>

### **REPOSITORY & INFORMATION** (located in the Memorial Chapel)

**Weekdays 11.00am - 12.30pm**  
**Saturday 3.45pm - 4.45pm**

**Sunday 9.45am - 10.30am**  
**11.30am - 1.00pm**  
**and 3.00pm - 4.00pm**

A reminder that the crypt is best accessed via the **staircase on the Blandford Street side** of the church, leading as it does directly to the Disabled toilet - where there are **Baby changing facilities** - and the corridor on which the other cloakrooms are located.

*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" white Gift Aid envelopes** at various locations in church for those who might wish to use them for their cash offering at Sunday Mass. **Please complete all sections and then tick the option for "This" or "all subsequent" donations.**



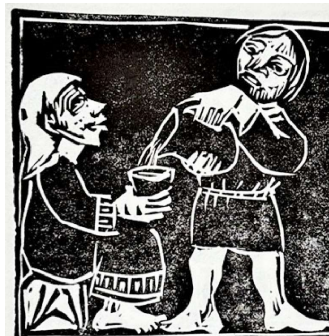
### **..... Other ways to give**

Donations of any amount using contactless or chip and pin (and directed to specific areas of choice) can be made AT LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CHURCH, online at [Give a Little](#) or by using the QR code.



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BELONG TO CHRIST WILL  
NOT GO WITHOUT HIS  
REWARD** MK 9.41

### **TODAY'S LITURGY** [Parish Mass Book page 138]

#### **Numbers 11:25-29**

*Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!*

#### **The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

#### **James 5:1-6**

*Your wealth is all rotting*

#### **Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

## **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time** *29th September 2024*

Click [here](#) for live stream and [Universalis](#) for readings - also available in six languages at the back of the church.

The Latin responses at the 10.30am Mass can be found on pages 61/62 in the (blue) Parish Mass Book

### **The Week Ahead**

**Sunday Year B Weekday Cycle II**

**Masses at 12.30pm and 6.00pm**

**M 30th Saint Jerome**  
**T 1st St Thérèse**  
**W 2nd The Guardian Angels**  
**T 3rd feria**  
**F 4th Saint Francis of Assisi**  
**S 5th BVM on Saturday 10am**  
**Vigil Mass of Sunday 6.00pm**

**6th October 2024**  
**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8am, 9am [1962]  
**10.30am [Solemn Latin] 12 Noon,**  
**4.00pm & 7.00pm**

**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 . . . . .

As mentioned last week, this Sunday, 29 September, marks the anniversary of the opening of the present church in 1890. The previous church, on the corner of Spanish Place, had been opened in 1791, but in the course of the 19th century it became necessary to replace it. The landlord did not accept the then rector's offer to purchase the freehold. Soon afterwards, the land on which the present church is built became available for purchase and at Cardinal Manning's suggestion, a competition was held for the design of the new church. Of the nine designs submitted, the winning entry was that by Goldie, Child and Goldie. Their design was judged to reflect most closely the Cardinal's aspiration that the new church should be marked by "solidity, simplicity, stateliness and spaciousness".

Among his many achievements, Edward Goldie, the senior member of the firm, had also designed Saint Joseph's, Mill Hill, the Most Holy Redeemer and Saint Thomas More in Chelsea and Saint Cecilia's Abbey in Ryde, Isle of Wight. As it happens, he was the great-grandson of Joseph Bonomi, the architect of the earlier church of St James, Spanish Place, not to mention the nearby church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street. Although originally from Rome, Bonomi had settled in London, where he became a Fellow of the Royal Academy. He is briefly mentioned in Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*, when Robert Ferrars says to Elinor Dashwood that his friend Lord Courtland had shown him three house designs by Bonomi and asked him to choose between them, but that Robert had burned them and advised Courtland to build a cottage instead.

Incidentally, our neighbours at Warwick Street have a major celebration planned for the feast of Saint John Henry Newman, when Cardinal Nichols will preside at a solemn Mass at 6.30pm. The Cardinal is also due to celebrate at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, on the morning of Sunday 20 October, to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of that church. Great festivities are planned in the locality for the month ahead!

Much of the interior of Saint James's church is the work of John Francis Bentley, the architect of Westminster Cathedral. Bentley designed the altar and the altar rails, as well as the chapels of the Sacred Heart, St Joseph and Our Lady. As we know from our recent 75th anniversary commemoration, the church was not consecrated until 1949, but the solemn opening in 1890 was recalled splendidly when Cardinal Basil Hume celebrated the centenary Mass in September 1990. The opening was followed by a celebratory lunch at Durrants Hotel, next door, which was commemorated a hundred years later, with the same menu and even the same Victorian prices! Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding was the main attraction. Some things don't change!

Next weekend, our thoughts turn to thanksgiving for the harvest, when we are reminded by CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development - [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)) of the large numbers who are currently afflicted by hunger. Do have a look at Elizabeth Carey's article on the parish website and please contribute generously to the collection next weekend

Throughout the month of October, there will be recitation of the rosary in the Lady Chapel after the weekday evening Mass. At this time, we have much to pray to Our Lady for, not least the peace of the world. Do please stay behind after the evening Masses if you can. Friday of this week is also the first Friday of the month, and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed between the lunchtime Mass and the evening Mass. As usual, there will be signing up sheets at the back of the church, so that those who are able to commit to being "watchers" for a certain time slot may do so, thereby ensuring that there is always someone present in the church to venerate the exposed sacrament.

Friday is also the memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi. His radical embrace of poverty has much to teach us, even or perhaps especially, today. The present Holy Father chose his name in honour of Saint Francis, as he wanted to make concern for the poor and peaceful coexistence two of the great themes of his pontificate. He told the story of his choice of a name during an audience with representatives of the communications media a few days after his election. The passage in question appears toward the end of <https://shorturl.at/5VEec>. As well as his exemplary commitment to radical poverty and his love of creation, Saint Francis showed a remarkable desire for peace, seeking an audience with the Sultan of Egypt while the crusades were raging all around. At a time when peace once more seems to elude the peoples of the Holy Land, we pray earnestly to Saint Francis for the great gift of peace

**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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**Safeguarding** is an important and indeed crucial part of the life we share as a parish. **Denise Hines** coordinates our parochial safeguarding and her contact details can be found on the notice board in the George Street porch should any concerns be felt.

**A Day With Mary** is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 October (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

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**Confessions between 12 noon and 1pm** on weekdays.  
On Saturday a priest is available **4.45pm-5.45pm**.

**The Church is open from 8am on weekdays  
and 9am on Saturday**