

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 - and the corridor on which the other cloakrooms are located.

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church [using the contactless facility] or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.



You can also text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10. Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you'll be opting into hearing more from us. *If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from us, please text CAFODSUDANNOINFO instead.*

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

Since installation over £240,000 has been given using the "digital collection plates" Donations of any amount using contact-less or chip and pin (and directed to specific areas of choice) can be made. The provider suggests those who intend to use the facility on a regular basis **should go online in advance to DONA** and register their chosen card. The option is also there to enable Gift Aid for the initial and all future donations.



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St James's Roman Catholic Church

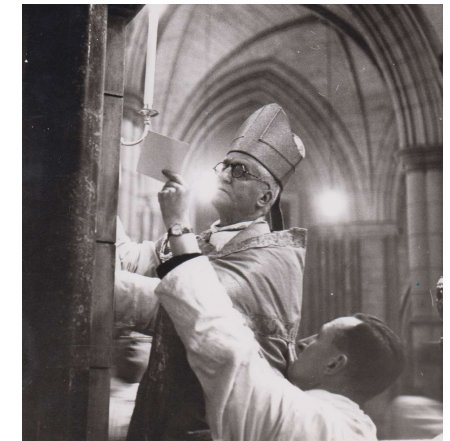
- Spanish Place - 22 George Street, W1U 3QY

75th ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION

Fifth Sunday of Easter
28th April 2024

There is a printed order of service for the 10.30am Mass being celebrated by H.E. Vincent, Cardinal Nichols Archbishop of Westminster

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



TODAY'S LITURGY

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Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

1 John 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

John 15:1-8

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

The Week Ahead
Sunday Year B Weekday Cycle II

Mass at 12.30pm and 6.00pm

M 29th ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
T 30th Easter feria
W 1st St Joseph the worker
T 2nd St Athanasius
F 3rd Ss PHILIP and JAMES
S 4th ENGLISH MARTYRS 10am
Vigil Mass of Sunday 6.00pm

5th MAY 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

We are blessed to have a **visit from our Cardinal Archbishop** this weekend: as this Sunday marks the **75th anniversary of the church's dedication** at the hands of the then rector, Bishop George Craven, it is fitting to welcome our Ordinary to celebrate the anniversary with us. The liturgy will be that of the Fifth Sunday of Eastertide, since the season takes precedence, but there will be much cause for thanksgiving as we recall the many blessings that we and our families have received through our parish church. See the parish website, under "*History*" for more detail concerning the great happenings of 1949.

Cardinal Nichols is the **eleventh Archbishop of Westminster**. The diocese was created in 1850, when the Catholic hierarchy was restored. It was a sign that the Catholic community in this country was coming of age, after emancipation 21 years previously. Ever since Nicholas Wiseman, the first Archbishop, each of them has been made a cardinal, but there is no guarantee that this pattern will continue - the appointment of cardinals is entirely at the Holy Father's discretion. Cardinals assist the Holy Father in his universal apostolic ministry, and it is helpful for him to be able to consult those charged with great pastoral responsibilities in various parts of the world. Cardinals are given titles that associate them with the Diocese of Rome. Our own Cardinal archbishop has the title of Cardinal Priest of the church of Saint Alphonsus on the Via Merulana, the Redemptorist church which houses the original icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

It is with great joy that we learned this week of the appointment of **Monsignor Jim Curry**, parish priest of Our Lady of Victories in Kensington, as a **new Auxiliary Bishop** for this diocese. Auxiliaries assist the archbishop in his many local responsibilities, not least because the archbishop's national and international tasks make it hard for him to fulfil all his local responsibilities in person. The episcopal ordination is to take place on Tuesday 18 June. We keep our bishop-elect very much in our prayers at this time.

Our parishioners were generous in supporting the **Priests Training Fund** last weekend. Including the contactless donations, the sum of **£3775.66** was raised at the various collections here in the church - and of course, we know that many will have made donations directly to the fund, using the QR code. The Holy Father's prayer intention for May focuses specifically on those in formation for the ministry. He says this: *"Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel."*

Parishioners have also been generous in supporting the work of numerous other charities, including the twice-yearly CAFOD collections, which go to help those in need in the developing world. CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal this weekend for aid in Sudan, in view of the continuing unrest there - parishioners may learn more about this and may also donate through visiting <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>.

This coming week sees a number of feast days. On **Monday 29 April**, we remember **Saint Catherine of Siena**, the fourteenth-century mystic who is honoured as a Doctor of the Church, a Patron of Italy and a Patron of Europe. Her writings and her many letters are among the spiritual treasures of the Church and they have been described, with reference to the great theological compendium of St Thomas Aquinas, the Summa Theologiae, as like a Summa set on fire, characterized not so much by academic speculation as by a passionate and anguished concern for the salvation of the world.

Friday 3 May is the feast of the **Apostles Philip and James**. Formerly celebrated on 1 May, this feast was moved to its present date in 1955 when Pope Pius XII instituted the memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker as an ecclesiastical counterpart to International Workers' Day. Saints Philip and James are paired together because their relics are venerated in the same place, namely the Basilica of the Twelve Apostles in Rome, where they have been housed since the 6th century. Whenever we celebrate the feasts of Apostles we are reminded of all that has been handed down to us through their ministry - the faith and the sacraments of the Church are all to be traced to them, as it was they who handed on to us what they received from Christ himself.

Finally, **4 May** is the day when we celebrate the **English Martyrs**, as it was on that date in 1535 that the first Reformation martyrs were executed during the reign of King Henry VIII. Until recently, there was a separate feast for the 40 canonised martyrs, namely 25 October, the date in 1970 when they were canonised, but currently all are celebrated together on this date in May.

Liturgically, then, it is set to be an eventful week. We give thanks for all that we have received, through our church, through the ministry of the Apostles, through the martyrs who were not prepared to compromise over matters of faith, and through the mystics whose vision continues to inspire us today.

Philip Whitmore

The **CHILDRENS LITURGY** will **NOT** take place next Sunday (May 5th). Also, as Monday 6th May is a **BANK HOLIDAY** there will be **Mass at 10am only** after which the church will be closed.

The Church is (normally) open from 8am on weekdays and 9am on Saturday
Confessions between **12 noon and 1pm** on weekdays (**not May 6th**)
On Saturday there is a priest available **4.45pm-5.45pm**.

Baby changing facilities are available in the Disabled Toilet.

Funeral arrangements for Fr John Warnaby
Fr John's mortal remains will be received at St Joseph's church, Carpenders Park, Watford WD19 7SW **tomorrow** (Monday 29 April) at 6.30pm, followed by a Requiem Mass at 7pm. **On Tuesday the Funeral Mass will be at 12noon** with the Cardinal presiding.