

### 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.

**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** 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.

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

**Baby changing facilities** are available in the Disabled Toilet.

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

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 £226,000 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

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

21st April 2024

The Latin responses at the 10.30am Mass can be found on pages 77/78 in the (blue) Parish Mass Book

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



← I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD \*JN 10:11

**TODAY'S LITURGY**  
[Parish Mass Book page 265]

**Acts 4:8-12**

*This is the only name  
by which we can be saved.*

**The stone which the builders  
rejected has become the  
corner stone.**

**1 John 3:1-2**

*We shall see God as he really is.*

**John 10:11-18**

*The good shepherd is one who lays  
down his life for his sheep.*

### The Week Ahead

Sunday Year B Weekday Cycle II

Mass at 12.30pm and 6.00pm

M 22nd Easter feria

T 23rd St GEORGE

W 24th Ss Erkenwald and Mellitus

T 25th St MARK

F 26th Easter feria

S 27th Easter feria 10am

Vigil Mass of Sunday 6.00pm

28th April 2024

75th ANNIVERSARY  
OF DEDICATION

[Fifth 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 . . . . .

**Good. Shepherd Sunday is here!** This weekend we reflect on the one Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us, his sheep. He continues to care for his flock through the ministry of priests. This Sunday is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** and also the occasion for the annual collection for the Priests Training Fund. Many thanks to those who regularly support this fund, in spite of current financial challenges. If the supply of priests in the future is to be maintained, it is vital both to encourage vocations and to support the fund that provides for their formation in the seminaries.

Vocations to the priesthood are open to all unmarried Catholic men. It is a wonderful way of serving the people of God, and all eligible candidates are encouraged to consider whether God is calling them to this ministry. Priests are privileged to assist people at key moments in their lives - as they approach marriage, at the baptism of their children, at the first holy communion and the confirmation of their children, at times of sickness and bereavement - by bringing the consolation of Christ, our Good Shepherd, teacher and friend into their lives. God continues to call - we must each ask ourselves whether we respond as generously as we could.



The QR code here supplied provides a link to a platform for making donations to the **Priests Training Fund**. Please give generously.

We have a number of feasts to look forward to in the coming week. Tuesday sees the feast of England's patron saint, **St George**, kept in this country as a solemnity. St George was an early Christian martyr from Palestine, and we ask his intercession not only for this country, but for his own region as we see the troubling increase of violence there.

Thursday sees the feast of **St Mark**, an occasion for us to give thanks for the wonderful accounts that he and the other evangelists have given us of the life, death and resurrection of Christ Our Lord. St Mark was a disciple of Saint Peter, whose reminiscences are believed to form the substance of Mark's Gospel. St Mark later served as a bishop both in the region of Venice and at Alexandria in Egypt, where he was martyred. His relics are venerated in both places.

**Thursday** also sees another in the series of **Wigmore Hall concerts** taking place here at St James's Church. **Vox Luminis** will perform a selection of J.S. Bach's church cantatas, written in Weimar when he was around 30 years of age. Masses that day will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel. We are privileged to have such a fine centre of music-making as the Wigmore Hall so close to us and we look forward to extending this collaboration in the future.

The Good Counsel Network has asked us to communicate the following message:

*"On Saturday 27th April, which is the 56th anniversary of abortion becoming legal in Britain, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Normally we would ask you to fast from all food except bread*

*and water for the day, but as it is still the Easter Season, you might choose instead to fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV. Through God's grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)".*

Then on **Sunday 28 April**, we commemorate the **75th anniversary of the dedication of our church** with a **Solemn Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster**. **Robert Proctor** has kindly provided an account of the 1949 celebrations on our website, - to be uploaded over the weekend - which you can find if you click onto "**75th Anniversary**" in the drop-down menu for "**History**". Thanks are due, as ever, to **David Boyle** for his skilful and dedicated work on the parish website. The anniversary Mass promises to be a fine occasion, and it will be followed by a reception in the Social Centre. Do come if you can to join us for these celebrations of all that we receive in our beautiful church.

Just around the corner, after the Dedication anniversary, is the month of May, Mary's month. Gerard Manley Hopkins, in his "**May Magnificat**", reflects how fitting it is that the Mother of God should be given special honour during the month of nature's motherhood. **After the evening Mass each weekday during May, we will be praying the rosary in the Lady Chapel**. If you would like to volunteer to serve on the rota for leading these devotions, please contact Mark Carter, of the parish's Legion of Mary, at [spanishplacelegion@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:spanishplacelegion@rcdow.org.uk) or else telephone the parish office.

Throughout Eastertide, we continue to remember in our prayers those who are new to our community, having been baptised and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Another candidate from the RCIA is due to be baptised and confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, which marks the conclusion of the Easter season. The month of May will also see the celebrations of Confirmation for our young people and First Holy Communion for a group of children in the parish. The Spirit is indeed alive and active in St James's Church!

**Philip Whitmore**

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**A very special welcome to our visitors.** Refreshments are served in the Social Centre (in the crypt) after both the 9.00am and 10.30am Masses. Do please join us if you have the time.

### **Information about the funeral arrangements for Fr John Warnaby**

Fr John's mortal remains will be received at St Joseph's church, Oxhey Drive, Carpenders Park, Watford WD19 7SW on Monday 29 April by Bishop Paul McAleenan at 6.30pm, followed by a Requiem Mass at 7pm. **On Tuesday 30 April the Funeral Mass will be at St Joseph's at 12noon** with the Cardinal presiding and Fr Mehall Lowry giving the homily.