

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

**English Catholic History Association Day Conference.** Talks on Elizabethan Secret Hiding Places (Paul Hodgetts) and the Conversion of Newman (Mgr Rod Strange) plus tour of the church. **Saturday 9 November 10.45-16.15.**  
**Our Lady and St Gregory, Warwick St, W1B 5LZ.**  
Tickets on the door £10 or see <https://echa.org.uk/>.



### Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) St James Spanish Place Volunteers Needed.

We are happy to invite you to join us on Tuesdays and Fridays from 5:45 PM to prepare sandwiches and refreshments for our guests. We also collect and organise food from local cafés throughout the evenings which we then take to Lincoln's Inn Fields to distribute to an orderly queue of clients.

Participants often tell us how stimulating and interesting an evening with our guests makes them feel. We have students from the local French school who come to get experience in our community. Come practise your French, exchange ideas and make friends.

Questions? WhatsApp/Text: 07814 510991.

### 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.



# St James's Roman Catholic Church

- Spanish Place - 22 George Street, W1U 3QY



## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd November 2024

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

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

### TODAY'S LITURGY [Parish Mass Book page 152]

#### Deuteronomy 6:2-6

*Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*

**I love you,  
Lord, my strength.**

#### Hebrews 7:23-28

*Because he remains for ever, Christ can never lose his priesthood.*

#### Mark 12:28-34

*This is the first commandment. The second is like it.*

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

**M 4th** St Charles Borromeo  
**T 5th** feria  
**W 6th** feria  
**T 7th** feria  
**F 8th** feria  
**S 9th** 10.00am DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

**10th November 2024**  
**Remembrance Sunday**  
[32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time]

8am, 9am [1962]  
**10.30am [Solemn Requiem]**  
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 . . . . .

This weekend we welcome two Columban missionaries who, between them, will speak at each Mass about the work of their congregation. Please make them welcome and contribute generously to the second collection in support of their work. There will be Gift Aid envelopes available, and it is also possible to contribute via the new contactless machines in the church, choosing the “Second Collection” option.

It so happens that this weekend marks the start of November, the month when we remember our deceased loved ones in a special way. In a world where death has become a taboo, it is important for us to recognise the reality and the inevitability of death, but also to promote our Catholic understanding of death, namely that it is a gateway to eternal life. Hence at Catholic funerals, rather than looking back in sadness, our principal aim is to look forward in hope. The month of November begins with the great feast of All Saints and ends with the feast of an Apostle, Saint Andrew. This provides the context within which we pray for the dead. The Church is made up of the Church on earth (ourselves), the Church suffering (the Holy Souls) and the Church Triumphant (all the Saints). Every action of the Church is an action of all three dimensions. Let us not overlook the dimensions that we cannot see.

**Envelopes are available at the back of the church for parishioners to enter the names of their departed loved ones. Mass will be celebrated every day throughout November for those whose names appear on the list.**

For all that we aim to “normalise” death, it remains the case that only God can appropriately call a person from this life to the next. The proposal to legislate for “assisted dying” is profoundly at odds with our Catholic faith. There will be an opportunity to hear some experts in the field discussing the proposal on **Sunday 24 November, from 3pm to 5pm at Farm Street Church**. The panel includes Baroness Tanni Grey-Thomson, Dr Matthew Doré, Professor Julian Hughes and Professor David Jones. The event will be streamed on the Farm Street website ([www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream](http://www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream)).

**Monday** of this week is the feast of **Saint Charles Borromeo**, a great reforming archbishop of Milan in the 16th century. In the days of Pope John Paul II, it was a Vatican holiday, as it was the Holy Father’s name-day. It is an important day for the church in Milan, and when I lived in Rome I often used to celebrate it at the Lombard College close to Santa Maria Maggiore. It also has a certain resonance for the community of the English College in Rome, because one of the most treasured items in the archives there is a letter that the saint wrote to the then Rector in June 1580, encouraging the alumni to pay him a visit on their journey north, en route for the highly dangerous mission that awaited them in England.

Tuesday 5 November, as well as being the date of the American Presidential election, is a day when the people of this country recall the unsuccessful Gunpowder Plot on that date in 1605, when a group of Catholic conspirators tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament while the king and his court were present. It was an event that fuelled anti-Catholic sentiment in this country for generations,

and it seemed to support the widespread belief that English Catholics were disloyal to the regime and eager to replace it with another. Hence the surprisingly long duration of the penal laws prohibiting Catholic worship in public places - a prohibition from which the Embassy Chapels of Catholic nations were exempted, hence the origins of our parish in the Spanish Embassy.

Next **Saturday** is a particularly Roman feast, **the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** - the cathedral church in Rome. The Basilica is dedicated in the first place to Christ the Saviour, but also to two Saint Johns, the Baptist and the Evangelist; the facade bears the inscription “*Mother and Head of all the churches in the city and in the world*” - a sign of the “*primacy in love*” exercised by the Church of Rome. The dedication of the Basilica has been celebrated on 9 November since the 12th century. The name “*Lateran*” refers to the family that lived there in antiquity, but it was the first Christian Emperor, Constantine, who made a gift of the property to the then Pope, and it became the residence of every Pope for about 1000 years, until the exile in Avignon. That is why a number of ecumenical councils during medieval times are named Lateran Councils. Only on their return from Avignon did the Popes begin to live in the Vatican, close to the basilica of St Peter.

Just as this Saturday, 2 November, sees the liturgy of All Souls continue into the evening, so too on 9 November, the evening liturgy will be that of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, rather than the 32nd Sunday of the year. The following day is kept as **Remembrance Sunday**, when we pray for all who lost their lives in the great wars of the 20th century and in subsequent conflicts. The **10.30am Mass that day will be a Requiem Mass**. So for at least two of the Sunday Masses next weekend, the readings and the liturgy will be different from those of the 32nd Sunday. They do, however, fulfil the Sunday obligation, so there is no need to attend Mass a second time.

**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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### **St Michael's Catholic Grammar School, North Finchley Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 7 November 6-8pm**

The Sixth Form at St Michael's is a place where the pursuit of academic excellence and academic curiosity are at the heart of all we do. We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Evening when you will have the opportunity to listen to subject specific talks and a talk by the Head, Mr Stimpson. **The evening will start promptly at 6pm.**  
*Teachers and current students will be available and happy to discuss subject content and life in the sixth form.*

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**The Church opens 8am on weekdays and 9am on Saturday**

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