

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.



St James's Roman Catholic Church

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th September 2024



HE THEN BEGAN TO TEACH THEM THAT THE SON OF MAN HAD TO SUFFER MUCH: MK 8 - 31

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

TODAY'S LITURGY

[Parish Mass Book page 132]

Isaiah 50:5-9

I offered my back to those who struck me.

I will walk in presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

James 2:14-18

If good works do not go with faith, it is quite dead.

Mark 8:27-35

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

The Week Ahead

Sunday Year B Weekday Cycle II

Masses at 12.30pm and 6.00pm

M 16th Saints Cornelius and Cyprian
T 17th feria
W 18th feria
T 19th feria
F 20th Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon
S 21st Saint MATTHEW 10am
Vigil Mass of Sunday 6.00pm

22nd September 2024
25th 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 the weather becomes colder, we're all too conscious that summer is over and the autumn will soon be with us. The **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** starts up again this weekend. If you think your children would benefit from catechesis intended for those below First Holy Communion age, then do consider bringing them to the 4pm Mass on Sundays and taking them down to the Catechism Room before the start of Mass. Many thanks to the catechists for providing this service. Mass can seem rather "*grown up*", and children often benefit from something tailored more towards their needs.

If your children are slightly older, and you would like to enrol them for the **First Holy Communion** course or the **Confirmation** course this year, then do collect the forms from the back of the church, or from the parish website, and see that they are returned to the Parish Office, duly completed, by the first weekend of October. The same applies to adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith - forms for the **RCIA** course are available at the back of the church and on the website.

October, of course, is the month of the holy rosary. The reason is that the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on 7 October, this being the anniversary of the Battle of Lepanto, when the victory of the Christian powers was attributed to the fervent prayers offered to Our Lady. During the month of October, the rosary will be recited in the Lady Chapel after the evening Mass on weekdays. If you would like to help lead this devotion, please hand in your name to Mark Carter at spanishplacelegion@rcdow.org.uk or else leave a note in the Parish Office.

On **Monday 7 October** there will be a "*rosary pilgrimage*" from St James's Church to the Rosary Shrine in Haverstock Hill, organised by Radio Maria, England. It is expected that the participants will assemble for the lunchtime Mass at St James's and then take a picnic lunch in Regent's Park before beginning the 3-mile walk to the Rosary Shrine, praying the rosary on the way.

In the evening, at the Rosary Shrine, there will be Adoration at 5pm followed by Mass at 6 pm and rosary at 7pm transmitted on Radio Maria. There will be a reception in the Hall there afterwards.

Tragically, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is also the anniversary of the outbreak of the current conflict in the Holy Land. In order to help raise funds for the support of Christians in the Holy Land, the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (Lieutenancy of England and Wales) is holding the ninth **Jerusalem Ball on 12 October**. Full details can be found at <https://jerusalemball.org.uk>.

The Holy Father is now back in Rome, having completed his 11-day Apostolic Visit to south-east Asia. Some of the countries he visited there have been described as the most religiously diverse in the world. He was eager to emphasise the positive contribution that Christians in general, and Catholics in particular, can

make to the national dialogue, while fully respecting the different religious convictions of the majority of their conationals. Now the Holy Father will be preparing for the next phase of the Synod, to be held in Rome during the month of October. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the participants so that the Holy Father's desire to offer young people a "*listening Church*" can be realized.

Next Saturday, **21 September**, sees the feast of **Saint Matthew**, an important occasion for the Holy Father, as it was on that day, in 1953, that he had a powerful experience of God's mercy and felt called to enter the Society of Jesus. The famous Caravaggio painting of the call of Matthew, housed at the church of Saint Louis des Français in Rome, speaks powerfully to the Holy Father, and indeed the motto he has chosen for his Papacy, "*miserando atque eligendo*", comes from Saint Bede's commentary on the call of Matthew. It means "*looking at him with mercy and choosing him*", and it conveys something of the mystery of vocation.

In this coming week, our former intern, another **Matthew**, begins his pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, which was the parting gift offered to him by the parish. We accompany him with our prayers and we commend him to the intercession of Saint James as he makes this journey and we pray that the experience will bring many graces and blessings. Meanwhile, we are pleased to welcome **Simon Cochrane**, who is now working here as Parish Assistant. Many of you will have had an opportunity to meet him already. **Father John Njorteah** is about to depart for a well-earned break in his native Nigeria, but we look forward to welcoming him back early in October. In the meantime, we are most grateful to the local priests who provide such generous assistance while one or other of us is absent. The work of building up the Kingdom of God continues apace in London W1!

Philip Whitmore

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.

**The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School
Final Open Evening for Year 7 (First Form pupils)**

The event is designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. It will include an address from Mr Stubbings, Headmaster, and a tour of the school. **Tuesday 17th September 2024.** The Headmaster will speak at 4.30pm and 6.00pm. Full details are available on our website

<https://www.cvms.co.uk/Admissions/>

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**