

In Christ's name, welcome!

We hope that in this place of prayer and praise, you will encounter the one true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.



TODAY'S READINGS:

1 Kings 3.5-12; Rom 8.28-30; Matt 13.44-52



Today is the 8th Sunday after Trinity

The Week Ahead:

Monday 27 July

Weekday

Tuesday 28 July

Weekday

Wednesday 29 July

Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Thursday 30 July

Weekday

Friday 23 July

St Ignatius of Loyola

Saturday 1 August

Weekday

NEXT SUNDAY: The 9th Sunday after Trinity

Solemn Mass 1030am

Welcome to St James's on the 8th Sunday after Trinity

God says to Solomon, "Ask what I shall give you." "It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked" for an understanding heart instead of for long life or riches—for health and wealth can easily be lost, whereas "for those who love God all things work together for good". The desire of Solomon is what characterises the heart of the one who sells all they have to buy the treasure-bearing field. The desire of Solomon is what sets apart the merchant who risks their whole livelihood to buy what they judge to be the "pearl of great value". They can make these sacrifices with certainty because that treasure, that pearl corresponds to the very call and purpose of God in their lives. And what is that purpose? To be conformed to the image of his Son—in all his glory.

Summer break

Fr Tim will be on leave between the following dates:

July 23-28

August 10-29

Fr Martin and Fr Tim will continue to celebrate the 1030 Parish Mass on Sundays,

But during the holiday season, weekday Masses will be paused from Monday 20th July until Friday 28th August. There will also be no fortnightly Family Mass or weekly Low Mass on Sunday evenings during this period.

Sung Evensong

The Gesualdo 6 will be singing Choral Evensong this Sunday evening at St James. They are a wonderful choir so please make every effort to join them and Fr Martin.

Alpha Course

St James will be running a Life Course in the autumn. This is designed for newcomers to the Christian faith or returnees. There will be a light supper followed by a talk and discussion. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please email Fr Tim.

The course will run every Thursday evening from 24th September to 29th October and will start at 7.30pm.

Flower rota

Would you consider volunteering to be part of a small group who would be prepared to buy flowers for church once a week? If you are interested, please email Fr Tim

Please pray for those in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit

Jackie Hetherington, Matiana, Cynthia, Amalia, Emmanuel, Vera, Belane, Saffron, Linda, Sarina, Mayah, Helen, Laura, Sally, Martha, Colin and Peter.

Pray also for the Faithful Departed.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the recently departed. Pray, too, for all those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Louise Edgington, Devon Morgan, Andrew Nimblette, Mark White, Martha Slobodzian, Don Ascott and all those whose year's mind this is.

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MUSIC AT THE HIGH MASS

Setting: Mass for four voices – Tallis

Motet: Hear the voice and prayer – Tallis

Voluntary: Chaconne in D minor, BWV 1178 – J. S. Bach

Hymns: 436, 367, 428, 340

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