

Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th June 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday: 8am, 1.05pm, & 6pm

Saturday: 8am & 6pm

Sunday: 8am, 9.30am (Family), 11am (Latin), 12.30pm,
5.30pm, & 7pm (Young Adult, 18-35)

The dispensation from Sunday obligation remains in effect until further notice. All Masses can be viewed on our livestreaming page

<https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream>

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday to Friday: 12 noon to 1pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday: 12 noon - 1pm

Saturday: 10am to 12 noon; 5.45pm – 6pm

Sunday: Fifteen minutes before every Mass
Also by appointment

BAPTISM AND WEDDINGS

By appointment. Dates are subject to lockdown developments.

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday: 7.30am - 6.30pm

Sunday: 7.30am – 7.00pm

LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

All events are suspended until further notice. For more information, contact Anne Paolino at apaolino@jesuit.org.uk

Sunday Homilies & Articles Weekly newsletter articles are uploaded to our website on a weekly basis. They can be viewed at <https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/weekly-articles>. Our website also contains an archive of previous Sunday homilies.

Social Media

Farm Street Church has an active presence on social media and we regularly update our Twitter account and Facebook page with information relating to the parish and the wider Catholic community.

THE STORM AT SEA

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, St Mark takes us onto the Sea of Galilee in a boat with Jesus and his disciples. There is a storm. The boat takes on water and almost sinks. Meanwhile, Jesus is asleep on a cushion in the stern. The disciples panic, "Do you not care, we are perishing?". Jesus wakes, calms the storm and then rebukes them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still lack faith?"

When I hear this Gospel read, two scenes come to mind.

Many years ago, I was working as a volunteer at St Christopher's Hospice for the terminally ill in Sydenham. Founded by Dame Cicely Saunders, it was one of the first hospices of its kind. One afternoon, the nursing staff and volunteers were invited to listen to a talk given by Metropolitan Anthony of Surozh, the Russian Orthodox archbishop, and one of the foremost Christian leaders of his time.

He spoke about this Gospel reading and about how it is the vocation of all who worked at St Christopher's, indeed the vocation of all followers of Christ, was to accompany people in their storms by offering them the compassion of Jesus and thereby restoring some peace to their lives. Doing this is far from simple since being with people in their vulnerability means we are too often exposed to our own. This means we need the support of each other and I recall how the nurses and volunteers at St Christopher's formed a very strong, supportive community.

This theme was one of those taken up by Pope Francis when at the end of March 2020 he spoke "Urbi et Orbi", to the city and the world, while standing alone in St Peter's Square in the first weeks of the pandemic.

He took as his text this same Gospel reading and spoke about how we had allowed "to become dull and feeble the very things that nourish, sustain and strengthen our lives and our communities" when faced with the storms of life. The pandemic was exposing the myth that we are individuals and reminded us of how much we need each other: doctors, nurses and care workers certainly, but also cleaners, supermarket employees, providers of transport, law and order officers, priests and religious. It has helped us realise, as the disciples in that boat realised, that we cannot reach salvation all by ourselves.

Like those disciples in the boat, the pandemic was also teaching us how much we need the Lord, "like

ancient navigators needed the stars". Let us invite the Lord into the boats of our lives, the Pope said, by handing over to him our fears. Like the disciples, we shall learn that with him there is no shipwreck. "Because this is God's strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity to our storms because with God life never dies".

Fr Michael Holman SJ

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon: St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Tue: SS John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs
Wed: Feria; St Etheldreda (Audrey), Virgin
Thu: The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Fri: Feria
Sat: Feria; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
Sun: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; (*St John Southworth, Priest & Martyr: Westminster Cathedral*)

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Job 38:1-11; II Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41
Mon: Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5
Tue: II Maccabees 6:18-31; Matthew 24:4-13
Wed: Genesis 15:1-18; Matthew 7:15-20
Thu: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66
Fri: Genesis 17:1-22; Matthew 8:1-4
Sat: Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17
Sun: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; II Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

Have you been away from the Church and seeking a way back to your faith?

Landings, the programme for returning Catholics, is run by regular Church goers and those who themselves have returned after doing the Landings programme. Through a series of storytelling, discussion topics, and prayers returnees are able to have their voices heard through compassionate listening in a confidential space where trust and hospitality are integral.

We know that many have been away from the Church for a while and there is a great yearning to reconnect with their faith, especially after the past year of lockdown and the ensuing isolation.

If you, or anyone you know is considering reconnecting with their faith then do please email

Fr. Dominic Robinson at landingsuk@gmail.com or

Ruby Almeida at landingsouth@gmail.com

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of June, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for those preparing to marry. Let us pray especially for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience.

Ordination to the Diaconate

We are delighted to announce that the ordination to the diaconate of our Jesuit scholastic, **Xavier de Bénazé**, will be taking place in **Farm Street Church on Saturday, 3rd July at 12 noon**. Xavier, a student of theology and ecology, has been attending mass in our church for the past six months and introduced himself at all masses some weeks ago. Farm Street parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Sadly, many of Xavier's family and his Jesuit brothers in France will not be able to attend because of travelling restrictions now in place but they will be participating via livestream! Please let our parish secretary know if you can come. **A reception (outdoors!) will follow, and for catering purposes it would be a help if you could let us know if you wish to attend by Monday evening, 21 June.**

Project Reflection

As we are all aware, the current pandemic has deeply affected the lives and livelihood of many people both at home and abroad. It closed our churches and continues to restrict what we can do, whom we can see, and where we can go.

Events of this kind have happened before and can happen again. It would help this and future generations if we were to create records of personal experiences during this crisis: How it has affected our daily lives, our relationship with others, our mental and physical health, and what has been the role of our Christian faith in helping us to cope with this crisis. Our Parish Council is delighted to support a project designed to achieve this aim. So, you are sincerely invited to participate in this project by offering a one-page testimony of your life during this pandemic along the lines described above. The collection of such submissions will form a part of the collective memory of our church and will provide illuminating insight into our lives for future parishioners.

The collection of submissions will be published by Farm Street Church under the supervision of Fr Dominic Robinson SJ. Please send your submissions to parishioner Hossein Zand (h.zand01@gmail.com) by 20th July 2021.

Prayer Request

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Elspeth Keeling, Fr Damian Howard's mother, who died on Friday 18th June. Please also pray for Fr Damian at this difficult time.

11am Music list for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organ Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele – Brahms (Op122 #5)

Introit Confitemini Domino - Palestrina

Give glory to the Lord, and call upon his name, declare his deeds among the Gentiles, sing to him, ye sing praises to him.

Kyrie & Gloria said

Alleluia In te Domine speravi, non confundar in aeternam: in tua justitia libera me, et eripe me: inclina ad me aurem tuam, accelera ut eripias me.

In you, Lord do I trust, let me never be put to shame in your righteousness, deliver me and rescue me;

lend me your ear and haste to me.

Offertory Jubilate Deo - Lassus

Let all the earth rejoice in God, serve him with gladness, enter his presence with joy, for the Lord is God indeed

Sanctus & Benedictus Missa Orbis factor

Agnus Dei Missa Orbis factor

Communion Ave verum corpus - Fauré

Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered sacrifice on the Cross for man, from whose pierced side blood streamed and flowed, be for us a foretaste of the test of death.

O sacrum convivium - Viadana

O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion renewed, the mind filled with grace, and a promise of future glory given to us.

Organ Mein Jesu, der du mich – Brahms (Op122 #1)

Mass intention

If you would like a Mass to be celebrated for a specific intention, please contact the Parish Secretary at farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk

Face Covering Update

'Face coverings will be mandatory in Places of Worship from Saturday 8th August 2020. All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass [or for private prayer] as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet.' *(Statement issued by the Bishops' Conference).*

Diocese of Westminster Network Quarterly Meeting for all who welcome Refugees and Migrants

Tuesday 22nd June 2021, 2:00pm-3:30pm

An opportunity for people from parishes and schools who seek to welcome and empower migrants and refugees, to meet together, share best practice and ideas, receive training and agree main advocacy issues. The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) will present their new Report: Being Human in the Asylum System. This has been written, using the principles Catholic Social Teaching, in response to the government's recent (very short) consultation on their New Plan for Immigration, and in anticipation of new legislation being put through parliament Register on Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocese-of-westminster-quarterly-meeting-of-refugee-and-migrant-projects-tickets-151942007635>

London Jesuit Centre

The London Jesuit Centre is a place for the teaching and discussion of theology, the study and practice of the spiritual life, and engagement with issues of social and environmental justice, for the greater glory of God and the common good. It offers a programme of events, courses, and retreats. It is also a centre for individual spiritual direction and training and professional development in spiritual accompaniment. All are welcome to participate in the London Jesuit Centre programme. For more information, please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/>. To sign up to their regular email to receive news, event listings, and exciting ways how you can get involved, please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ba5b3aa1bbd112142962fd5fd&id=ce6d0b5750>

Help the Homeless Donation Hub

The Companions of the Order of Malta's Donation hub is looking for donations for the 600 - 800 homeless supported in the hotels.

Hub address: St Joseph's Hall, Brompton Oratory, 5 Thurloe Place, Knightsbridge, London SW7 2RR.

Items required: Men's and women's clothes and shoes (not children's clothes please)

Toiletries – unopened please

Entertainment items e.g. books/crosswords/puzzles/art and craft items (No Recipe books please)

Please see the times for dropping off donations:

Tuesday 1.30 -4pm & 6.30 -7.30pm (by arrangement);
Wednesday 2 – 4pm; Saturday 10 – 11am

Please contact Kate MacKenzie on companions.london@orderofmalta.org.uk if you would like to deliver some donations. Please do not leave them at the church.

Catholics in Civil Service Network

We are pleased to announce the creation of the first Catholics in Civil Service network. The aim is to put in touch Civil Servants who want to meet other CS and get a sense of fellowship. If you'd like to join our mailing list, WhatsApp group, or if you would like to suggest initiatives, please contact Trevor and Lisa at catholiccivilservice@gmail.com, saying your name, Department and parish. We look forward to hearing from you.

Supporting the Parish

We continue to be grateful to everyone who has financially supported the church during the year of disruption caused by the pandemic. We are mindful that many people are struggling financially and may not be able to donate as they once did. If you can donate to the work of the parish, we would ask that you consider doing so in a way that avoids physical cash. Please consider donating via our website, setting up a standing order, or donating via the cashless terminals in the church. We are also implementing a new donating system called Givt, which will allow contactless donations via mobile phones. If you would like to donate via standing order, please contact the parish Finance Officer at farmstreetfin@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you again for your support.