

# Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### **PARISH CLERGY**

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest  
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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](mailto: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.

## PETER AND PAUL

In 65 A.D. during the reign of the emperor Nero, Peter was crucified for treason, though according to a probably apocryphal legend, he tried to escape until stopped by his master, while Paul was beheaded outside the walls, because he had a higher status than Peter, being a Roman citizen. In this respect as in others, their fate bears a striking resemblance to that of the English martyrs, Saints John Fisher and Thomas More who were beheaded because of their high position in society, while the rest of the martyrs of England and Wales were hanged, drawn and quartered, some of them not very far from here at Tyburn.

Neither Peter nor Paul chose their enviable position of closeness to Christ. Peter was introduced to Jesus by his brother Andrew, who got there first, [John 1, 41], while Saul, afterwards called Paul, was thrown to the ground, perhaps knocked off his horse on his way to persecute the Christians at Damascus [Acts 9, 1-9]. Their moral and physical frailty, especially in the case of Peter, who denied Christ three times, [cf. Matthew 26, 69-74] needed a second chance. Jesus achieved this with his grace after his own resurrection [cf. John 21, 15-19]. Paul several times confesses his moral infirmity, when he speaks of the sting in the flesh, from which he asked to be freed [2 Corinthians 12.7]. But he was not freed, in order to keep him humble. We cannot advance spiritually without grace from God and on our part, humility which, as saint Augustine often reminds his readers, is the prime virtue and not an easy one. False humility, as Uriah Heep in David Copperfield, is unreal and can, like many shadow vices, give humility a bad name.

But, despite their many similarities, there is a striking difference between the two, between Peter, whose name means rock, 'Thou art Peter and on this rock [petra] I will build my church' [Matthew 16,18] and Paul, immediately after his conversion is commissioned by the Lord to become the apostle of the gentiles [cf. Acts 9.15]. He was always on the move, always mobile, without any of our modern means of transport, except a boat or a donkey. As he himself tells his Corinthian [2 Corinthians 11.26] 'In journeying ...often'

Peter and Paul express two vital aspects of the church, then and now. She must on the one hand be absolutely firm in her affirmation of and commitment to the doctrinal and moral message of the church. Yet on the other she must never lose her missionary zeal. The gospel is for everybody a vital truth in the secular society in which we live. The omnipresence of God

may blinker us to the importance of evangelisation. The indwelling of God in our hearts can only be achieved through preaching and living the gospel in our words and lives.

### Fr Anthony Meredith SJ

*From the archives. Published on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013.  
Fr Meredith's first anniversary of death was on  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021. A memorial Mass will be held  
for him at Farm Street Church later this year.*

### Liturgical Calendar

<b>Sun:</b>	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Mon:</b>	St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr
<b>Tue:</b>	SS Peter and Paul, Apostles St Peter, Prince of the Apostles, Patron of Westminster Diocese
<b>Wed:</b>	Feria; The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
<b>Thu:</b>	Dedication of Westminster Cathedral (1910)
<b>Fri:</b>	Feria
<b>Sat:</b>	St Thomas, Apostle
<b>Sun:</b>	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Daily Bible Readings

<b>Sun:</b>	Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24; II Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
<b>Mon:</b>	Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22
<b>Tue:</b>	Acts 12:1-11; II Timothy 4:6-18; Matthew 16:13-19
<b>Wed:</b>	Genesis 21:5-20; Matthew 8:28-34
<b>Thu:</b>	Genesis 22:1-19; Matthew 9:1-8
<b>Fri:</b>	Genesis 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13
<b>Sat:</b>	Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
<b>Sun:</b>	Ezekiel 2:2-5; II Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

### Feast of St Peter and St Paul

The Feast of St Peter and St Paul will be celebrated on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. In ordinary times, this Feast would be a holy day of obligation in England and Wales. However, the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended. Nevertheless, we are encouraged to do something to sanctify holy days even if we cannot physically attend Mass, such as devoting time to private prayer or reading the Holy Scriptures. Mass will be celebrated at 8am, 1.05pm and 6pm on Tuesday, with music provided by the choir at the 1.05pm and 6pm Mass. All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

### Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Fr Michael Bossy SJ to the Mount Street Community. Fr Michael will be one of the regular assisting clergy at Farm Street Church.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:catholiccivilservice@gmail.com), saying your name, Department and parish. We look forward to hearing from you.

### 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](mailto:h.zand01@gmail.com)) by 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### 11am Music list for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Organ** Andante - Beethoven

**Introit** Cantate Domino - A Gabrieli  
*Sing a new song to the Lord, let the whole earth sing to God. Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim his salvation from day to day.*

**Kyrie & Gloria** said

**Alleluia**  
Omnes gentes plaudite manibus; jubilate Deo in voce exultationis.  
*All nations, clap your hands; shout unto God with a voice of joy.*

**Offertory** In hac mensa - Mendelssohn  
*On this altar of the King this new Paschal Offering brings an end to ancient rite. Shadows flee that truth may stay, oldness to the new gives way, and the night's darkness to the light.*

**Sanctus & Benedictus** Missa Orbis factor

**Agnus Dei** Missa Orbis factor

**Communion** Ave Maria - Diabelli  
Tantum ergo – Bergamo

*Come adore this wondrous presence; bow to Christ, the source of grace! Here is kept the ancient promise of God's earthly dwelling-place! Sight is blind before God' glory, faith alone may see his face.*

**Organ** Fantasia in F-major - Mozart

### 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](mailto: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*).

### **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](mailto:companions.london@orderofmalta.org.uk) if you would like to deliver some donations. Please**

**do not leave them at the church.**

### **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](mailto:farmstreetfin@rcdow.org.uk). Thank you again for your support.

### **Jesuit Missions Vacancy**

Jesuit Missions are looking for a talented finance professional to join our small but dynamic team to help deliver our exciting strategy.

Yes, you will have proven financial skills and experience. But you will also have the desire and passion to use them to bring about a more equitable world.

To find out more, please visit

<https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Finance-Officer-June-2021.pdf>

### **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>