

# Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4<sup>th</sup> July 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](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.

**MY GRACE IS ENOUGH FOR YOU:  
MY POWER IS AT ITS BEST IN WEAKNESS**

We live in a world which places a great deal of value on success. The jobs market, social media and various other aspects of our culture encourage us to play up our achievements. Indeed, there are those who divide the world into “winners” and “losers”, having very little time for the “losers”, whose difficulties are seen as being their own fault. There are theological versions of the same attitude. Christians often face the temptation of Pelagianism, the idea that we can achieve perfection by our own efforts without the help of God’s grace. Paul’s admission of his own weakness in today’s second reading comes as a challenge to such attitudes and is something with which many of us can identify.

We do not know exactly what Paul means when he talks about a “thorn in the flesh”. It could be something external, some opposition in the community, or something to do with his own life and personality. In our own lives it is the second interpretation which comes to mind when we hear this passage. I imagine most of us are aware of things in ourselves which we see as obstacles to our being the perfect people we might like to be. This can be some kind of disability or some recurring temptation. For me this passage speaks of both of those experiences in my life. As someone who suffers from what would probably now be called Developmental Coordination Disorder, which particularly affected my early school years and still has some minor effects on my life today, I have sometimes regretted that I was not born differently and asked “why did God make me this way?” Similarly, there are temptations which I experience on a daily basis which I wish were not part of my personality. We quite appropriately we pray in the Our Father, “do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil”, just as Paul prayed to be freed from his “thorn in the flesh”. However, personally, I have come to recognise the importance of these weaknesses in my relationship with God and my efforts to work for his greater glory.

Paul learned through hard experience that God’s grace was at work, not so much through his strength as through his weakness. In his weakness his ego was less likely to get in the way, he was less likely to ascribe and success to his own efforts. In Paul’s case this was true both of his personal weaknesses but also of his experience of opposition and failure in his attempts to preach the Gospel.

For ourselves, the acceptance of our own weakness and a recognition that God can work through that weakness is important. It helps us to recognise our dependence on God and avoid the temptation of Pelagianism. We are less likely to think we can do things by our own resources. We also see whatever good we are able to do as God’s working in us rather than some success our own. Our recognition of our own weaknesses also means we are less likely to divide the world into “winners” and “losers”. We are much more likely to be accepting of and sympathetic towards the weaknesses of others.

Let us ask, that like Paul, we might be content with our weaknesses and see that God can work through them just as much as through our strengths.

**Fr Chris Pedley SJ**

**Liturgical Calendar**

- Sun:** Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon:** Feria; St Anthony Zaccaria, Priest
- Tue:** St Mary Goretti, Virgin & Martyr
- Wed:** Feria
- Thu:** Feria
- Fri:** Feria; St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Jesuit Martyrs of China
- Sat:** Feria; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
- Sun:** Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Daily Bible Readings**

- Sun:** Ezekiel 2:2-5; II Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6
- Mon:** Genesis 28:10-22; Matthew 9:18-26
- Tue:** Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-37
- Wed:** Genesis 41:55-57, 42:5-24; Matthew 10:1-7
- Thu:** Genesis 44:18-45:5; Matthew 10:7-15
- Fri:** Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23
- Sat:** Genesis 49:29-33,50:15-26; Matthew 10:24-33
- Sun:** Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

**The Pope’s Monthly Prayer Intention**

In the month of July, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for social friendships. Let us pray especially that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

### 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.

### 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.

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

#### Organ

**Introit** Exsultate justi - Viadana

*Let the just rejoice in the Lord: it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Sing to him with the psaltery and ten-stringed lute. Make him a new song: sing to him well with strong voice.*

**Kyrie & Gloria** Missa secunda - Hassler

**Magnus Dominus, et laudabilis valde, in civitate Dei, in monte sancto eius.**

*Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise; in the city of the God, on his holy mountain.*

**Offertory** Ave Maris stella - Grieg

1. Hail, bright star of ocean, God's own Mother blest, Ever sinless Virgin, gate of heavenly rest.
2. Taking that sweet Ave which from Gabriel came, peace confirm within us, changing Eva's name.
3. Break the captives' fetters, light on blindness pour, all our ills expelling, every bliss implore.
4. Show thyself a Mother; May the Word Divine, born for us thy Infant, hear our prayers through thine.
5. Virgin all excelling, mildest of the mild, freed from guilt, preserve us, pure and undefiled.
6. Keep our life all spotless, make our way secure, till we find in Jesus, joy forevermore.
7. Through the highest heaven to the Almighty Three, Father, Son and Spirit, one same glory be. Amen.

**Sanctus & Benedictus** Missa secunda - Hassler

**Agnus Dei** Missa Cum jubilo

**Communion** O salutaris hostia - Rossini

*O saving victim, open wide the gate of heav'n to man below! Our foes press on from every side; Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow. To Thy great Name be endless praise. Immortal Godhead, One in Three! O grant us endless length of days In our true native land with Thee. Amen*

#### Organ

### 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)

### 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.

### ASK YOUR MP TO VOTE AGAINST ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

The abortion lobby, led by the UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward an amendment to hijack the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to **introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth** to England and Wales.

This would be the single biggest change to abortion legislation since 1967 and would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. We are expecting that this radical proposal will be voted on by MPs this Monday.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!

[www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth)

### 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*).

### 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>

### THINKING HUTS

A former parishioner is the founder of the nonprofit group, Thinking Huts, which exists to increase accessibility to quality education. The group envisages a future where quality education is financially and geographically accessible via 3D printed schools. We have been asked to draw attention to the following video about a project they are undertaking to fund the first 3D printed school in Madagascar, hopefully to be undertaken later this year. 3D printing allows decreases construction time from months to days while reducing carbon footprint and waste production. This allows schools to be built in less time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vv94v7TgPmw>

### 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.