

Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th 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

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.

TAKE NOTHING FOR THE JOURNEY

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus sends his disciples out on mission. They are to preach repentance, to cast out demons, and to anoint sick people with oil and cure them, just as he did. In other words, they are to continue his work, to multiply his work and to extend his presence in the world. Underlining the significance of the work they do, Jesus tells them they are to shake the dust off their feet if any place rejects them "as a sign to them".

The disciples, however, are not only to do this work, they are to do this work as Jesus himself would do it. This is why he tells them to take no bread, no haversack and no coppers for the journey and not to take with them a spare tunic. They are not to seek security in any of this: they are to depend rather on the Father for what they need just as Jesus depends on his Father for all he needs.

As in his own day, so today Jesus sends you and me and all the baptised out on mission. We are to carry on his mission of teaching and healing amongst his people today and so to be the means by which he continues to be present in the world today.

Jesus also invites us to do this work as he would do it, with his mind and heart, by being dependent on him and his Father for what we need. This goes against the grain since from an early age we are encouraged not to be dependent but to become independent. As dependent children we are taught to become independent adults and to gather the knowledge and skills we need: we are taught "to stand on our own two feet".

But with Jesus it's different. Building his Kingdom today, as in his own day, will not happen because of the knowledge and skills we have, though they can be a help. Rather it will happen because the Father works through us, and he works through us when we live dependent on him.

This happens when like Jesus we do the will of his Father in heaven. For this we need ears attuned to hear his voice and hearts ready to respond to that voice with generosity. The problem with having enough or more than enough is that our ears can be deaf and our hearts closed because we can think we know it all and have it all.

If we accept our dependence, something else can happen which is very valuable: we can come to

understand not only our poverty but also our vulnerability in a different way: it can become a great strength.

Many people have difficult times in their lives: you have, I am sure, and I have too. It might be sickness, it might be family upset or it might be financial uncertainty. We often regret the way things turn out and wish it could be otherwise. But often we discover that these difficult times put us in touch with those who have gone through similarly difficult periods in their lives. In this way we can help people in ways we couldn't if all had gone well. So rather than regret what we have had to go through, regret our vulnerability, we can even thank God for it.

Sometimes we are made aware of our dependence by the fact that when engaging in the Lord's work we encounter opposition, just as Jesus did, and just as, so we are told in this Sunday's first reading, the prophet Amos did: how could he be a prophet, they said, since he was just a shepherd and not a member of the house of prophets? If it helps us be more dependent, maybe opposition need not be feared but even welcomed.

What gave Amos the confidence to continue with his mission was the fact the Lord had called him to do it: "It was the Lord who took me from herding the flock and the Lord who said, 'Go prophesy to my people Israel'." It was evidently the fact that he had been chosen that gave St Paul strength as well, as we hear in this Sunday's second reading, "Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless and to live through love in his presence".

The fact that Jesus chooses us and sends us can give us the confidence and strength we need to engage in our mission, the significance of which was once explained by St Teresa of Ávila when she wrote these lines:

Christ has no body now but yours:
No hands no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion
on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good
Yours are the hands with which he blesses.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Fr Michael Holman SJ

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon: Feria
Tue: Feria; St Henry
Wed: Feria; St Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Thu: St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor
Fri: Feria; Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Sat: Feria; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
Sun: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14;
Mark 6:7-13
Mon: Exodus 1:8-14,22; Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tue: Exodus 2:1-15; Matthew 11:20-24
Wed: Exodus 3:1-12; Matthew 11:25-27
Thu: Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30
Fri: Exodus 11:10-12:14; Matthew 12:1-8
Sat: Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21
Sun: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18;
Mark 6:30-34

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.

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.

Exposition Notice

There will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before the 1.05pm Mass on Thursday 15th July.

Feast of St Ignatius

We are delighted to inform you that we will be celebrating the Feast of St Ignatius this year with a Sung Mass. This will be celebrated at 6pm on Friday 30th July. Depending upon Government guidelines after 19 July, there is a possibility, weather permitting, that we may be able to offer you a drink outdoors in Mount Street Gardens after the Mass. For those unable to attend, Mass will be livestreamed on our website.

11am Music list for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organ Cantilena (Sonata 11) - Rheinberger

Laudate nomen Domini - Tye

*Praise the name of the Lord, ye servants of the Lord
From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same
The decrees of the Lord are just and their heart is glad
Praise the Lord, you princes and all people.*

Kyrie & Gloria Missa quarti toni – Victoria

Alleluia **Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion: et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.**

*It is fitting, O God, to sing a hymn unto you on Mount Zion,
and our vows shall be carried out for you in Jerusalem.*

Offertory **Ave Jesu Christe – Philips**

*Hail Jesus Christ, word of the Father, son of the Virgin, health of the world, sacred victim, the word incarnate, fount of love.
Hail Jesus, light of heaven, jewel of the world, our joy, bread of angels.*

Sanctus **Missa quarti toni – Victoria**

Agnus Dei **Missa cum jubilo**

Communion **Ave verum corpus – Philips**

Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for man, whose pierced side flowed with real blood, be unto us a foretaste in the trial of death. O merciful, O holy, O sweet Jesus, son of Mary.

Organ Prelude and fugue in G major (BWV541) - J S Bach

Catholic History Walks

There are a new series of walks for 2021:

*15/7/21 6.30pm ROSARY SHRINE, St Dominic's Priory NW5 4LB – the Garden of Luminous Mysteries, the Fleet River and the WWII home of General de Gaulle.

*18/7/21 3.30pm RICHMOND, St Elizabeth's Church TW10 6AQ – Richmond Palace, Twickenham riverside and St John Henry Newman's home in Ham.

*20/7/21 6.15pm WESTMINSTER, Westminster Cathedral steps SW1 1QW - Parliament, the Abbey, Buckingham Palace and St James' Park.

*22/7/21 6.00pm TOWER, Traitor's Gate, the Roman Wall and St Thomas More execution site.

Cost: £10 - No need to book, simply come along. For more information, contact:

chwalkslondon@gmail.com;

07495 205 568; catholichistorywalks.com

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.

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 Notice

'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>

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.