

Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th 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.

JESUIT REFLECTIONS

When the Jesuit Provincial asked me to join the Jesuit community at Mount Street and to be of some assistance to the parish, it was a natural thing to remind myself of the previous parishes I had lived and worked in. Since 1986, I have lived in four Jesuit parishes (Farm Street will be the fifth) and I feel that I have lived through quite a full experience of the Catholic community in Great Britain.

I first went to St Aloysius in Glasgow. It was a fine big church with a successful secondary school, St Aloysius College, next door. The parishioners were deeply Scottish, although almost all had an Irish background and went back to Donegal in the summer for their holidays. They supported Celtic and resisted Protestant hostility; their children went to St Aloysius College and then to Glasgow University. Not long before I went there, the parish had been very large in number and close-knit, but in the 1970s and 80s, many of the tenements had been knocked down and a motorway built through the area of the parish. As a result, by the time I arrived there, the parishioners were small in number and mostly quite elderly. The parish had become a city-centre parish (it was just off Sauchiehall Street), with large numbers coming to confession and nearly as many people to Mass from the nearby offices on a weekday as came on Sunday (although many were attracted by a wonderful choir).

After seven years in Glasgow, I was moved temporarily to Liverpool to look after one of the two parishes that the Jesuits ran the middle of the city. Both parishes had been huge but, as at St Aloysius, the houses and tall flats had been knocked down, and the people moved to the outer suburbs. Those that remained were very supportive of the parish, but it was quite hard going. They used to say, "Ahh, but you should have been here when we all lived in the 'Four Squares'" – a paradisaal place of long ago. Many from the suburbs came back for family funerals. "This is our parish," they said. "We were baptised here". Even though they lived fifteen miles away and rarely came to church in the middle of the city.

In 1998 I moved to Corpus Christi, Brixton in South London, a parish that the Jesuits had fairly recently taken over from the Southwark diocese. The reputation of the area was gained by the riots there in the 1980s, but while I was there it seemed to settle down. A large number of Oxford and Cambridge graduates moved into the area with their families, spreading out from Herne Hill and Dulwich, and found themselves at home in the area and in the

parish, with its excellent primary school. The new arrivals made big efforts to fit in with the newish immigrant West Indians and Africans, as well as the solid white working class.

The parish suited the Jesuits, and the Jesuits suited the parish. So, it was a considerable sadness when the parish was handed back to the diocese in 2005, and I moved to St Ignatius, Stamford Hill, north of the river. It was a parish I had known a little as a child and went to the Jesuit secondary school there (the school has now moved out to the leafy suburbs). I knew the parish as having a largely Irish clientele, with a standard Irish club, and solidly Irish devotional practices. By the time I arrived there in 2005, the Irish were mostly older, and their children had moved into more affluent areas of the city. New immigrants, Africans, and West Indians were doing their very best to settle into the area and parish, and to make their own contribution. During the years I spent at St Ignatius, the Latin Americans had their own Mass on Sunday afternoon and, before I left, the Poles had established themselves with great energy and devotion – not unlike the Irish of fifty years before.

And now, what about the parish of Farm Street!

Fr Michael Bossy SJ

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon: Feria
Tue: Feria; St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
Wed: Feria; St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor
Thu: St Mary Magdalene
Fri: St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe
Sat: Feria; St Sharbel Makhlof, Priest; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
Sun: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34
Mon: Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42
Tue: Exodus 14:21-15:1; Matthew 12:46-50
Wed: Exodus 16:1-15; Matthew 13:1-9
Thu: Song of Songs 3:1-4; John 20:1-18
Fri: Galatians 2:19-20; John 15:1-8
Sat: Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:24-30
Sun: II Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

Feast of St Ignatius

The Feast of St Ignatius will this year be celebrated with a sung Mass at 6pm on Friday 30th July. The Mass will be followed by a drink in the Mount Street Gardens (regulations and weather permitting). As in previous years, we especially welcome Jesuit alumni/ae from schools and colleges across the UK and the world. We look forward to celebrating this this occasion with you.

Living Stones Tour of Farm Street Church

Sunday 25th July 1.30pm-5pm. Join members of Living Stones for a guided visit to Farm Street. Living Stones (Pietre Vive) is an international mission of the Jesuits, forming young adults through intellectual and spiritual development on the art and architecture of historic churches. The London group - formed via the Jesuit Young Adult Ministries during the first lockdown - has been researching the church, and will begin to accompany visitors in discovering more about the wonderful heritage of Farm Street. All welcome - drop in at any time. For more information please email livingstones.UK@hotmail.com and visit pietre-vive.org

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.

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.

Catholic History Walks

There are a new series of walks for 2021:

*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: catholichistorywalks.com chwalkslondon@gmail.com; 07495 205 568

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

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.

11am Music list for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organ Master Tallis's Testament - Howells

Introit Oculi omnium: Wood

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord: and thou givest them their meat in due season. Glory be to you, O Lord.

Kyrie Missa in honorem Sancti Dominici:
Rubbra

Gloria Missa *cum júbilo*

Alleluia Eripe me de inimicis meis, Deus meus:
et ab insurgentibus in me libera me.

Deliver me from my enemies O my God, and defend me from those who have risen up against me.

Offertory Ego sum pastor bonus: Waclaw z
Szamotuł

I am the good shepherd, I know my sheep and my sheep know me. I lay down my life for my sheep. Alleluia.

Sanctus & Benedictus Missa in honorem Sancti
Dominici: Rubbra

Agnus Dei Missa in honorem Sancti
Dominici: Rubbra

Communion Jesu dulcis memoria: Shepherd

*Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the
breast!*

*Yet sweeter far thy face to see and in thy presence rest.
No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the
memory find,
a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, the saviour of
mankind.*

*O hope of every contrite heart! O joy of all the meek.
To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those
who seek.*

*But what to those who find, ah, this? No tongue nor pen
can show
the love of Jesus, what it is, None but his loved ones
know.*

*O Jesus, light of all below, thou fount of life and fire!
Surpassing all the joys we know, And all we can desire.
Jesus, our only hope be thou, as thou our prize shalt be;
In thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.
Amen.*

Organ Prelude and Fugue in E minor
(BWV548) - J S Bach

Face Covering Notice

Face coverings continue to be mandatory in churches (unless exempt) until Monday 19th July. While we understand that there is a general recommendation to continue wearing face coverings in churches after this date, we are awaiting clarification from the Bishops' Conference on this point, which we intend to publish in next week's newsletter.

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.