

# Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25<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.

### **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.

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

In early 1954, when my parents were choosing a name for the newly built home they were moving into they choose the name St Anne's after, St Joachim and St Anne, the parents of Mary and, hence the grandparents of Jesus. It proved to be appropriate because, by the end of year they themselves were parents, as I arrive, several weeks early, in the November. It means I have always had a devotion to St Joachim and St Anne.

Pope Francis has chosen this Sunday as the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, the fourth Sunday of July being close to the Memorial of St Joachim and St Anne on 26th. Pope Francis said, "the Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly." The voice of the elderly "is precious," he said, "because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples." The elderly, he continued, "remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generation, to pass on to the young the experience of life." (Vatican News

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-01/pope-establishes-world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly.html>).

As recent Old Age Pensioner, many of whose contemporaries are grandparents, it is with some surprise that I find myself among those who might be covered by this day. That makes we aware of how broad it is and the need to avoid stereotypes. Some people of my generation find themselves as carers for several generations. If their children are in difficulties, they may find themselves caring, not only for their own elderly parents but also for their adult children and their grandchildren. At the other end of the spectrum, we may think of many elderly people, often with little contact with their families who find themselves isolated and having to cope alone. Both these groups need our prayers and our support. Pope Francis has two particular things in mind for today. One is a concern for grandparents, and older people generally, as the ones who pass on memories, traditions and a sense of identity. That includes passing on the Faith. In a world of change, that experience and those memories are important. Today is a day to acknowledge that importance. (And that is not just because, as I get older, I find myself increasingly explaining to younger people why things are the way they are).

The other concern is for the care of the elderly. In this society particularly, the days when different generations lived together and cared for each other have, by and large, passed. Elderly people are vulnerable and can get forgotten. The world often seems designed for a younger generation. Sometimes, far from having a close relationship with their families, those ties can have been broken. In times of difficulty the elderly and their needs can often be neglected. In this time of Pandemic, the elderly have often suffered particularly, not just by being especially vulnerable, but also because of the isolation that the social distancing measures have involved.

We know nothing about St Joachim and St Anne. Their names are themselves a much later tradition. However, they are likely to have played a significant role in the early life of Jesus. As we think about this World Day for Grandparents and The Elderly, we can remember those who passed on to us those memories and traditions. We can pray for grandparents as they seek to play their role in bringing up later generations. We can pray for those elderly people who may be frightened, confused or isolated. We can also recognise our need to support those who are elderly and need our care and compassion.

Fr Chris Pedley SJ

### Liturgical Calendar

**Sun:** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Mon:** Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Tue:** Feria  
**Wed:** Feria  
**Thu:** St Martha  
**Fri:** Feria; St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor  
**Sat:** St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest  
**Sun:** Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Daily Bible Readings

**Sun:** II Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15  
**Mon:** Exodus 32:15-34; Matthew 13:31-35  
**Tue:** Exodus 33:7-34:28:1; Matthew 13:34-43  
**Wed:** Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46  
**Thu:** Exodus 40:16-38; John 11:19-27  
**Fri:** Leviticus 23:1-37; Matthew 13:54-58  
**Sat:** I Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Luke 14:25-33  
**Sun:** Exodus 16:2-15; Ephesians 4:17-24; John 6:24-35

## Resumption of Refreshments

Following the relaxation of Covid guidelines, we are delighted to say that we have decided to resume refreshments following the 9.30am, 11am, and 5.30pm Sunday Masses. As in pre-Covid times, refreshments will be served in the Arrupe Hall. We look forward to seeing you again for tea, coffee, and fellowship!

## Feast of St Ignatius

The Feast of St Ignatius will this year be celebrated with a sung Mass at 6pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 occasion with you.

## Living Stones Tour of Farm Street Church

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 1.15pm – 2.30pm; 3.30pm-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](mailto:livingstones.UK@hotmail.com) and visit [pietre-vive.org](http://pietre-vive.org)

## David Graham Anniversary Mass

For over one hundred and fifty years, music has been integral to the life and ministry of the Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street. Throughout these many years, the church has maintained a renowned reputation for its commitment to promoting the highest standards in sacred music, and the credit for this must go to a succession of dedicated Directors of Music. This year is a very special one for us, as we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the arrival at the church of our current Director, David Graham. To mark the occasion, I am delighted to be able to invite you to attend a sung Mass at the church at **6pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August**, followed by a reception in the Arrupe Hall. This will be an occasion for us to acknowledge and thank David for his incredible contribution to the church over the past four decades. If you would like to attend the reception, please e-mail the parish secretary at [farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk).

## Face Covering Notice

The wearing of face coverings is no longer mandatory in places of worship. However, we do request that when attending Farm Street Church, whether for Mass or private prayer, you continue to wear one if possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Confirmations 2021

The next programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation (teens age 14+) begins at the end of May 2021. To register, please contact [farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk) by the 27<sup>th</sup> September 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.**

## Catholic History Walks

There is a new walk planned for July 2021:

28/7/21 6.00pm BATTERSEA, Sacred Heart Church SW11 3DS - St Ethelburga, Battersea Gardens, the Spencer family and the Salesians.

Cost: £10 - No need to book, simply come along. For more information, contact: [catholichistorywalks.com](http://catholichistorywalks.com) [chwalkslondon@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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

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

**Organ prelude**

**Opening hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**Kyrie & Gloria**                      **Missae Brevis in D (K194) - Mozart**

**Responsorial psalm**

**Alleluia**

*Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.*

**Offertory**                                      **Beatus vir (K339) - Mozart**

**Sanctus & Benedictus**                      **Missae Brevis in D (K194) - Mozart**

**Agnus Dei**                                      **Grad. Rom. X - page 34**

**Communion**                                      **Agnus Dei (Missae Brevis in D K194) - Mozart Ave verum corpus - Mozart**

*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.*

**Organ Prelude in C-minor - JS Bach BWV546**