

# Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1<sup>st</sup> August 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.

## I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Our Gospel reading this Sunday is the second of five consecutive readings from the sixth chapter of St John, often known as the “Bread of Life Discourse”. In the final sentence of this reading, Jesus says, “I am the Bread of Life”. These past few days, I have been wondering how Jesus can be our Bread of Life: how can his word nourish and sustain us such that when we feed on it, he lives in us and we in him?

In this regard, I find it very helpful to read the Gospel with my life, to dialogue with it with my life. How might you begin? By setting aside, say, fifteen minutes, by becoming quiet, by sitting still, maybe in a favourite chair, and by recalling the presence of Jesus with you.

Then I suggest you read the Gospel passage slowly and stop every so often to ask how this has been true in your life or what questions it raises as you try to follow Jesus each day. Let’s take this Sunday’s Gospel reading as an example.

Jesus has just fed the five thousand. He goes off to be by himself. The people come looking for him and find him. You might pause here and remember with gratitude the times when you have been searching for him and the places in which you have found him. In the dialogue with his disciples which follows, Jesus tells them not to work for food that cannot last but for the food that endures to eternal life. Here you might remind yourself of those times when you have gone after food that doesn’t last, after those things that haven’t brought the fulfilment you have longed for. You might then ask the Lord to give you the spirit of discernment so that you can tell the difference between what lasts and what does not, and the courage to choose the former.

Jesus then goes on to say, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent”. You might then spend some moments naming some of the people who have helped you believe, whose example have shown you how to follow Jesus, and give thanks for them.

And then there are the striking final words of the reading. “I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, whoever believes in me will never be thirsty”. How do these words strike you? They set me thinking about how in my daily life it is possible to have a relationship with Jesus so intimate that all I seek and long for is satisfied in him. It quite takes my breath away! We might ask that we might be

able to help others come to know him in this same personal way.

You can then end with a few moments of conversation with Jesus about whatever is foremost in your mind. By reading with our lives a passage from the Gospels, such as the one we hear this Sunday, we can discover how Jesus is our Bread of Life and so be nourished and sustained by him. I find praying in this way helpful and I hope you might as well.

**Fr Michael Holman SJ**

### Liturgical Calendar

<b>Sun:</b>	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Mon:</b>	St Peter Faber SJ; St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
<b>Tue:</b>	Feria
<b>Wed:</b>	St John Vianney, Priest
<b>Thu:</b>	Feria; The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
<b>Fri:</b>	The Transfiguration of the Lord
<b>Sat:</b>	Feria; St Sixtus II, Pope; St Cajetan Priest; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
<b>Sun:</b>	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Daily Bible Readings

<b>Sun:</b>	Exodus 16:2-15; Ephesians 4:17-24; John 6:24-35
<b>Mon:</b>	Numbers 11:4-15; Matthew 14:13-21
<b>Tue:</b>	Numbers 12:1-13:1; Matthew 14:22-36
<b>Wed:</b>	Ezekiel 3:17-21; Matthew 9:35-10:1
<b>Thu:</b>	Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23
<b>Fri:</b>	Daniel 7:9-14; Mark 9:2-10
<b>Sat:</b>	Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20
<b>Sun:</b>	I Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

### 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 August, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for the Church. Let us pray especially that the Church may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

## Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the Arrupe Hall after the Sunday 9.30am, 11am, and 6pm Masses. All are welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

## 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 5th 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).

## Confirmations 2021

The next programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation (teens age 14+) begins at the end of **September 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 [london.companionsofmalta@gmail.com](mailto:london.companionsofmalta@gmail.com) if you would like to deliver some donations. Please do not leave them at the church.

## Notre Dame de France Ignatian Group

The French speaking parish of Notre Dame de France in London hosts a group inspired by the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola. They meet every month from September to June. **Meeting are held in French**. For more information, contact: [hubertrault@yahoo.fr](mailto:hubertrault@yahoo.fr)

## Young Christian Climate Network Relay

Westminster Justice and Peace is hosting two events to contribute to the Young Christian Climate Network Relay on Friday 6th August. The first will be a lunch at Farm Street parish and walk to Westminster Cathedral from 1pm to 3pm. Sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/163375276851>. The second event taking place on the same day is an ecumenical prayer service at Westminster Cathedral from 3.30pm to 4pm. Sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/163372454409>.

## Living Laudato Si'

The Ecological Conversion Group is offering two weekends of talks and discussions via Zoom, and practical activities, on living the message of Laudato Si' in and through the parish. These are open to any parishioner and clergy. The first weekend will take place from **3rd to 6th September**, with **Cardinal Vincent Nichols** and Bishop Paul Swarbrick delivering a prayer and reflection at the opening and close of the weekend. The second will take place from 15th to 18th October with Bishop Alan Williams and Bishop Mark O'Toole. See the attached poster for more details and apply by emailing Sr Margaret Atkins on [margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk)

## Prayer for Life

We pray for all unborn children diagnosed with disabilities, we pray for protection for them and their mothers from the pressures of society to have an abortion, and that they would instead experience overwhelming support by all who surround them. Lord hear us.

## 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.

## 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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Organ prelude:** Intermezzo (Sonata IV) - Rheinberger

**Entrance hymn:** Now thank we all our God

**Kyrie & Gloria** Short Mass - Jochum

**Responsorial psalm**

**Alleluia**                      **Mode II**

*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, **says** the Lord;  
No one can come to the Father **except** through me.*

**Offertory**                      Salve Regina - Rheinberger

**Sanctus & Benedictus** Short Mass - Jochum

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

**Communion**                      Agnus Dei - Jochum  
Ave verum corpus - Liszt

*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 and Fugue in C-minor – Mendelssohn