

# Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8<sup>th</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**

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.

## ANGELUS ADDRESS

This Sunday, we continue the Reading of Chapter Six of the Gospel according to John, in which Jesus, after performing the great miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, explains to the people the *meaning* of that “*sign*” (Jn 6:41-51).

As he had done earlier with the Samaritan woman, starting from the experience of thirst and the sign of water, here Jesus begins from the experience of hunger and the sign of bread, to reveal himself and to offer an invitation to believe in him.

The people seek him, the people listen to him, because they are still enthusiastic about the miracle; they want to make him king! However, when Jesus affirms that he is the true bread given by God, many are shocked, they do not understand, and begin murmuring among themselves, saying: “Do we not know his father and mother? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” (cf. Jn 6:42). And they begin to murmur. Then Jesus says, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him”, and he adds: “he who believes has eternal life” (vv. 44, 47).

This word of the Lord astonishes us, and makes us think. It introduces the *dynamic of faith*, which is a *relationship*: the relationship between the human person — all of us — and the Person of Jesus, where the Father plays a decisive role, and, of course, the Holy Spirit does too, which is implied here. To believe in Him, it is not enough to meet Jesus, it is not enough to read the Bible, the Gospel — this is important! But it is not enough. It is not even enough to witness a miracle, such as that of the multiplication of the loaves. So many people were in close contact with Jesus and they did not believe. In fact, they even despised and condemned him. And I ask myself: Why this? Were they not attracted by the Father? No, this happened because their hearts were closed to the action of God’s Spirit. If your heart is always closed, faith doesn’t enter! Instead God the Father draws us to Jesus: it is we who open or close our hearts.

Instead, *faith*, which is like a *seed* deep in the heart, *blossoms* when we let the Father draw us to Jesus, and we “go to Him” with an open heart, without prejudices; then we recognize in his face the Face of God, and in his words the Word of God, because the Holy Spirit has made us enter into the relationship of love and of life between Jesus and God the Father.

And there we receive a gift, the gift of the faith. With this attitude of faith, we can also understand the meaning of the “Bread of Life” that Jesus gives us, and which he describes in this way: “I am the living

bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh” (Jn 6:51). In Jesus, in his “flesh” — that is, in his concrete humanity — is all the love of God, which is the Holy Spirit. Those who let themselves be drawn by this love go to Jesus and go with faith, and receive from Him life, eternal life.

The one who lived this experience in such an exemplary way was Mary, the Virgin of Nazareth: the first human person who believed in God by accepting the flesh of Jesus. Let us learn from her, our Mother, joy and gratitude through the gift of faith. A gift that is not “private”, a gift that is not private property but is a gift to be shared: it is a gift “for the life of the world”!

## Pope Francis

*Angelus address delivered on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2015*

### Liturgical Calendar

<b>Sun:</b>	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Mon:</b>	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
<b>Tue:</b>	St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
<b>Wed:</b>	St Clare, Virgin
<b>Thu:</b>	Feria; St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
<b>Fri:</b>	Feria; Ss Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
<b>Sat:</b>	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
<b>Sun:</b>	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Daily Bible Readings

<b>Sun:</b>	I Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51
<b>Mon:</b>	Hosea 2:16-22; Matthew 25:1-13
<b>Tue:</b>	II Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26
<b>Wed:</b>	Philippians 3:8-14; Matthew 19:27-29
<b>Thu:</b>	Joshua 3:7-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1
<b>Fri:</b>	Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12
<b>Sat:</b>	Wisdom 3:1-9; John 15:12-16
<b>Sun:</b>	Apocalypse 12:1-10; I Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

### Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the Arrupe Hall after the Sunday 9.30am, 11am, and 5.30pm Masses. All are welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

### 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)

## 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, 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 **September 2021**. To register, please contact [farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk) by the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

## 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.

## 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)

## 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>

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

**Organ prelude:** Cantabile - Cesar Franck

**Entrance hymn:** Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation!

**Kyrie & Gloria** Missa Brevis in B-flat major (K275) - m Mozart  
**Responsorial psalm**

**Alleluia** **Mode II**

*If anyone loves me he will keep my word, // and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.*

**Offertory** Salve Regina - Poulenc

**Sanctus & Benedictus** Missa Brevis in B-flat major (K275) – Mozart

**Agnus Dei** *Grad. Rom. X*

**Communion** Agnus Dei - Missa Brevis in B-flat major (K275) – Mozart

Panis angelicus - Saint-Saëns

*The bread of the angels becomes the bread of man; the bread from heaven makes an end to figures: Oh wondrous thing! The poor, the slave and the humble man feed on their lord.*

*Of you, threefold and one God, we ask: Come to visit us as we worship you; lead us on your paths to where we want to go: to the light in which you dwell.*

**Organ Final** (Symphonie 2) - Widor

## 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.