

Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th 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

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.

FAREWELL TO FARM STREET

This will be my last weekend at Farm Street. On Wednesday I move to St Wilfrid's, Preston to take over from Fr. Peter Randall, S.J. as Parish Priest. This Newsletter article is, therefore, a thank you and a farewell.

Farm Street Church is blessed with some very remarkable people. There are many volunteers who contribute so much to the life of this community. Over this period of Covid members of the parish have generously made themselves available to act as Stewards in the church and we have almost always managed to have someone available throughout the day. Most impressively over this same period we have opened our doors for the Central London Catholic Churches lunches for the homeless on Saturdays and Wednesdays, which involves a large team of volunteers and a great deal of organisation. Now we are opening up again we are grateful to those involved in the Children's Liturgy and sacramental programmes; those who serve, read and act as ministers of Holy Communion and do the welcoming at Mass; those who serve the refreshments after Mass and many others, my apologies to anybody I have missed out. I would particularly want to thank the volunteers of the St Vincent de Paul Society for whom I have been Chaplain for the last few years. I will miss our Monday evenings going out with food, clothing and toiletries to meet the homeless on the streets of Mayfair.

However, it is not just the volunteers who keep Farm Street going. Our Parish Staff are central to all that happens here: George, the Parish Secretary; Patricia, our Finance Officer; Leninha, our Catechist; Sebastian, the Site Manager; Juan, who cleans the church. We are also dependent on the staff of the London Jesuit Centre in many ways. In addition we have David Graham, Duncan Aspen and the Farm Street Singers who provide us with such wonderful music. Thank you too, of course to my fellow Jesuits in the Mount Street Community for all that they do.

All of these things often happen unnoticed and unsung, but they all contribute to all that we are able to do for those who come here. One of the main things people say about Farm Street is that they are welcome here and people often say how they have been helped being able to come to this church and by the help they have received from the staff and parishioners. Much of this cost money and we have been blessed with some very generous benefactors who help to keep the place going, who have enabled us to make the church

such a good and beautiful space for prayer and worship, and who have responded to generously to appeals for help, such as the Bakhita House Appeal. We are God's hands in the world and through you the Spirit has done so much in this place over the years.

I am aware that I have not always been the most helpful and patient of people, but I am grateful to those of who have said that in various I was I have been able to be of help to them over the last eight years. St Paul writes about "God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine". I am grateful if God has been able to take the small efforts I have been able to make and use them for his greater glory.

There is much for us to be grateful for. I thank you for your generosity and friendship. May God continue to bless this community, may it continue to be a place of welcome, openness and generosity; a place which speaks to people of the love and the glory of God; a place where the Good News of the Gospel is lived out in the generous service of the people of Farm Street Church

Fr Chris Pedley SJ

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon: Feria; Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, & Margaret Ward, Martyrs
Tue: Feria; St Aidan, Bishop
Wed: Feria; Anniversary of the death of Cardinal Cormac O'Connor, Tenth Archbishop of Westminster; World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Thu: Feria
Fri: St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor
Sat: St Cuthbert, Bishop; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
Sun: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Deuteronomy 4:1-8; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-23
Mon: I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30
Tue: I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Luke 4:31-37
Wed: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44
Thu: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11
Fri: I Thessalonians 2:2-8; Matthew 16:13-19
Sat: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5
Sun: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

Bank Holiday

As Monday 30th August is a Bank Holiday, the church will open at 11am and close after the 1.05pm Mass. Confessions will be heard as usual at 12 noon. There will be no 8am or 6pm Mass.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life will take place this year in London on **Saturday 4th September**. The March for Life is the largest pro-life march in the UK, and it provides a necessary opportunity to speak up for the value and sanctity of life from the moment of conception. There will be events from 10am to 1pm in the Emmanuel Centre. The march itself will begin outside the Emmanuel Centre at 1.30pm, concluding with speeches in Parliament Square. The recent efforts to entirely decriminalize abortion, combined with an increasing number of local authorities prohibiting pro-life witness, means that it is more important than ever for people to come together and speak up in defence of the unborn. For more information, visit <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

Creation Sunday

Sunday 5th September is Creation Sunday. To mark this occasion, we invite you to join with us in celebrating a short ecumenical service of prayer with our Anglican friends from the Grosvenor Chapel. This will be at 10.45am at the palm tree in Mount Street Gardens. We will then separate, and Mass will be celebrated as normal at 11am.

CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

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 by the 27th 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.

Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the Arrupe Hall after the Sunday 9.30am, 11am, and 5.30pm Masses (*refreshments after 5.30pm Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays only*). All are welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

Jesuit Missions Appeal

On Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th September, Lynn McWilliams from Jesuit Missions will be visiting Farm Street Church to make their annual appeal. Jesuit Missions supports Jesuits and their partners who work with poor and marginalised people in Africa, Asia and Amazonia. A diverse range of projects, including environmental sustainability, skills training, women's empowerment, and education work to create a more just world. Lynn will also be sharing information about the Jesuit Missions COP26 Growing Our Future campaign and environmental justice for Creation Sunday. Learn more about our programmes and ways that you can get involved. Jesuit Missions Gift Aid envelopes will be available to complete. Jesuit Missions is part of the international Xavier Network. For more information see <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk>

Prayer for Life

We bring to mind the words from James in our second reading and his call to look after those in need. We pray that, as a church, we would improve how we look after those who are experiencing difficulty in their pregnancies and provide the care and support they need in welcoming their child to the world. Lord hear.

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. 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. For more details, e-mail Sr Margaret Atkins on margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

Catholic History Walks

31/8/21 6.00PM BATTERSEA, Sacred Heart Church SW11 3DS. We will cross the river at Battersea Bridge and walk along through Chelsea to return via the Albert Bridge and discover the story of St Ethelburga in Battersea Park.

6/9/21 6.00PM CITY, meet at the steps of St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD. Ludgate, Ave Maria La, Smithfield and St Bartholomew's.

8/9/21 6.00PM CITY and TOWER, meet at English Martyrs Church E1 8BB.

10/9.21 6.30PM MAYFAIR, meet at Farm St W1K 3AH (the Church of the Immaculate Conception). St Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, Ely Place.

Cost: £5 special post pandemic price- No need to book, simply come along. We look forward to seeing you there. chwalkslondon@gmail.com
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Ursuline High School Open Events

We are delighted to invite prospective Year 6 students and one parent/carer to find out more about our school by joining our physical open events for September 2022 entry.

Physical Open Evening

Wednesday 15th September

Physical Open Mornings

Running from Monday 20th September – Friday 8th October

All events held at Ursuline High School, Crescent Road, Wimbledon, London SW20 8HA

Sign up for free tickets via Eventbrite. Vis our website for further details.

<https://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events-2021/>

Limited availability! No ticket, no entry.

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

In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to respect the safety of all, we request that you wear a face covering in the church, unless you are exempt from doing so. 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. Thank you again for your support.