

Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th September 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.

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

One Saturday morning, many years ago, I was sitting in my office with my spiritual director. At that time, I was head teacher of a large comprehensive school. It was a rewarding ministry to be engaged in with many opportunities for getting to know many people well. I used to say when asked about life in the school, "It is so interesting: the whole of life is here".

Inevitably, life had its ups and down: a school with well over 1,000 teenage boys is sure to have its challenges. I guess I was speaking about these when my director stopped me, looked around my office and asked me why I didn't have a crucifix in the room. I had to admit this was very remiss of me and said I'd get one as soon as I could. Why did he ask the question? I remember his reply: "Because unless some part of you is hanging with Jesus on the cross, you're not living your life as you should".

In the years since, some sayings of Jesus have struck me as underlining this wise man's comment. "Where I am there will my servant be also" (John 12:26) is one; "the servant is no greater than his master" (John 13: 16) is another. In other words, those of us who say we follow Jesus and seek to live his Gospel with as much integrity as we can, in a world which much of the time does not recognise its value, are sure to experience something of the suffering and dying of Jesus in our own lives.

This is all of great importance to Jesuits like me and for others who follow the pathway to God marked out by Ignatius Loyola. The story was told of him that he was travelling along the Via Cassia in 1537. He was going to Rome where he would offer himself and his companions to the Pope for the service of the Church. He called in to a roadside shrine dedicated to Our Lady in the village of La Storta and there, as he later said, he felt deep within him that the Father had placed him alongside Jesus carrying his cross. We are most companions of Jesus when we too are alongside him as he carries his cross.

All this is relevant to our Gospel reading for this Sunday. In a familiar story, Jesus is asking his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" and Peter responds on behalf of them all, "You are the Christ". Clearly, Peter did not appreciate what that meant. Jesus teaches the disciples what being the Christ means. In keeping with the words of the prophet Isaiah in our first reading, it involves suffering and death and then the resurrection. He goes on to say that his disciples must

also take up their crosses and follow him. As they do so they have a sure hope, as sure as Jesus himself, that those who follow him in his suffering and death will also share in his resurrection.

We really show we believe in Jesus not only when we say he is the Christ but also when we live his Gospel. This involves going to the help of those in need, as St James says in the second reading of this Sunday's mass, or speaking up for those who are experiencing injustice or telling others about why following Jesus means so much to us.

Yes, there is a risk with all this that we'll get too involved, or experience ridicule and even outright rejection. There's a risk, in other words, that we will share his suffering and death. But when we experience this we can be encouraged: firstly, by the fact that at these times we are truly walking alongside Jesus, our companion and friend as he carries his cross; secondly, by knowing that as we tread the path Jesus trod, we are being led, along with Jesus, to the eternal happiness of the Resurrection. Hence, Jesus' words at the end of the Gospel reading: "For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the Gospel, will save it" (Mark 8:35).

Fr Michael Holman SJ

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon: St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor
Tue: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wed: Our Lady of Sorrows
Thu: Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian Bishop, Martyrs
Fri: Feria; St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor
Sat: Feria; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
Sun: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35
Mon: I Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10
Tue: Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:13-17
Wed: I Timothy 3:14-16; John 19:25-27
Thu: I Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50
Fri: I Timothy 6:2-16; Luke 8:1-3
Sat: I Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15
Sun: Wisdom 2:12,17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of September, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for an environmentally sustainable lifestyle. Let us pray that we will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle.

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.

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!

Where Are You Going?

Farm Street Church is organising a week-long series of talks on the subject of living out your vocation. These talks will take place in the church from Monday 4th October to Friday 8th October, beginning at 6.30pm (immediately after the 6pm Mass) and lasting for about forty-five minutes, including a session of Q&A. Different speakers will reflect on different vocations. The schedule for the week will be:

Monday 4th October. The Single Life. Speakers: Hannah Vaughan-Spruce & Jack Valero

Tuesday 5th October. Married Life. Speakers: Brenden & Laura Thompson

Wednesday 6th October. Call to the Religious Life. Speakers: Fr Ladislav Sulik SJ & a Sister of Carmel, Notting Hill.

Thursday 7th October. Life as a Lay Missionary, Deacon, and Priest. Speakers: Sarah Morgan, Deacon Adrian Cullen, and Fr Mark Walker.

Friday 8th October. Life in Community (New Movements). Speakers: Chemin Neuf and Sant'Egidio

The week will conclude with a buffet supper in the adjoining Arrupe Hall after the talk on Friday 8th October.

We hope this week will assist and inspire all those in attendance to live out their vocation, whatever it may be, to the fullest. All are most welcome to attend.

The London Eucharistic Octave 2021

The Westminster Parishes of Maiden Lane, Warwick Street, Spanish Place, and Farm Street with the Ukrainian Cathedral and the Order of Malta, invite you to a week of celebrations, centred on the Blessed Sacrament.

With travel restrictions preventing many people from travelling to Hungary for the International Eucharistic Congress taking place in Budapest in September, we will be marking the event in London with a week of Masses, Adoration and, to close the Octave, The Annual Corpus Christi Procession through the heart of London's Regent Street from Warwick Street to Spanish Place.

The Masses during the week will take place at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, which is the Westminster Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Procession on Sunday 19th September will begin at Our Lady of the Assumption, Warwick Street and end at St James, Spanish Place.

Saturday 11th September

Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NB

A day of Adoration, with Mass and a Holy Hour.

7am – 6pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12 noon: Pontifical Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, celebrated by His Eminence, Vincent Cardinal Nichols

4:30pm: Led Holy Hour & Benediction

6:00pm: Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sunday 12th September

Sunday Mass in the Parishes

The Parishes of Maiden Lane, Warwick Street, Spanish Place, Farm Street, and the Ukrainian Cathedral will be keeping their usual Sunday Mass times. There will be a particular Eucharistic focus in the homilies on this day.

Monday 13th September

Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NB

6:30pm: Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite

Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament

Preacher: Fr Dominic Robinson, SJ

Tuesday 14th September

Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NB

6:30pm: Mass in the Ordinariate Use of the Roman Rite

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Celebrant: Monsignor Keith Newton
Preacher: Fr Mark Elliott-Smith
Followed by Veneration of a Relic of the True Cross

Wednesday 15th September

Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NB
6:30pm: Mass in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite
Our Lady of Sorrows
Preacher: Fr Alan Robinson

Thursday 16th September

Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NB
6:30pm: Ukrainian Divine Liturgy
Hieromartyr Anthimus & Venerable Theoctistus
Celebrant & Preacher: Rt. Revd. Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski

Friday 17th September

Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, WC2E 7NB
6:30pm: Solemn Requiem Mass for all those who have died from Covid-19
Followed by Absolutions at the Catafalque
Preacher: Fr Christopher Colven

Saturday 18th September

Saturday Mass in the Parishes

The Parishes of Maiden Lane, Warwick Street, Spanish Place, Farm Street and the Ukrainian Cathedral will be keeping their usual Saturday Mass times, including any evening Vigil Masses they may have. There will be a particular Eucharistic focus in the homilies on this day.

Sunday 19th September

Sunday Morning Mass in the Parishes followed by:

Our Lady of the Assumption, Warwick Street, WIB 5LZ

3:30pm: The Annual Corpus Christi

Procession from Warwick Street to Spanish Place, via Farm Street and the Ukrainian Cathedral

Led by: Rt. Revd. Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, *Eparch of the Ukrainian Eparchy of the Holy Family*

Rt. Revd. Mgr. Keith Newton, *Ordinary of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*

Closing with: Solemn Benediction in St James, Spanish Place, W1U 3QY

[The procession on Sunday the 19th September should arrive at Farm Street Church at 4pm. There will be prayers and Benediction outside, before the procession then continues on.]

For more information, visit
<https://catholicengland.org/>

The Tim Hetherington Film Club at Farm Street returns!

6.30pm for 7.00pm start, on Tuesday 21 September, in the Arrupe Hall. Free of charge. Drinks and refreshments available. Donations welcome.

'Inigo - the Knight Who Fell to his Knees'

The moving story of the change that took place in 1521 in the life of Ignatius of Loyola leading him to found the Jesuit Order of Catholic priests

It just takes one moment to set in motion a lifelong process of change and inspiration. This one-man film takes you on the journey of St Ignatius of Loyola. Let the story resonate with your life experience.

Embrace a change you need to make today. See in which ways it guides you towards a more satisfactory life.

This brand new 2021 film is part of anniversary events, 'Inigo 500'. It was written by Dries van den Akker SJ and acted by John Bosco Noronha SJ.

Landings Retreat

We all long for love and affirmation. Especially after COVID-19, we yearn for the intimacy of belonging. Landings welcomes Returning Catholics to their faith, and always has a welcome place for all who walk through our doors. So come and join the Landings family for its first retreat from the 15th to 17th October 2021 in the lovely surrounds of the Oblates Centre in Crewe. Places are limited. For information and booking details please email ruby at landingsouth@gmail.com

Apply to work for Right To Life UK

Are you looking to leave a corporate career and instead use your skills and energy to make a significant positive difference to this world? Right To Life UK are currently hiring for a number of positions across media, public affairs, digital and operations.

In particular, they are looking to urgently fill positions in their Public Affairs team, to ensure that they have the right team in place ahead of their opposition making further attempts to introduce radical changes to abortion and assisted suicide legislation.

They are looking for highly-skilled, hard-working, professional individuals to join them.

If this is of interest to you or if you know of anyone that would be suitable for one of the positions, please visit the link below to view the roles they are looking to hire for and learn how to apply.

www.righttolife.org.uk/jobs/

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

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.

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 lengthy period 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.