

# Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**17<sup>th</sup> October 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)

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

## **YEAR B ENTRY**

To you, I call; for you will surely heed me,  
O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple for your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

## **RESPONSE**

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

## **ACCLAMATION**

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

## **COMMUNION**

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear  
him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their  
souls from death, to keep them alive in famine

## WALKING WITH THE EXCLUDED

As we continue to be inventive and creative about our Ignatian charism, the Jesuits focus on the four Universal Apostolic Preferences. We share them with you during these weeks, so that we all more fully participate in the Ignatian charism together and make a contribution to the promotion of the Good News. If we believe in the captivating power of the Gospel to save humanity, then everyone needs to hear and recognize in their lives its saving message. The second apostolic preference helps to bring this message to a special focus. It is defined as “walking with the excluded”; that is, everyone who suffers poverty in whatever way, everyone who feels on the margins, and everyone whose dignity has been violated. We are encouraged to do two things: First, to recognize poverty and margins in our midst, and to take a step to come closer to those perceived as being ‘other’. This creates a foundation for “walking”: a way of being and living together where we begin to care about one another, often in a new way because we inhabit a fast and ever-changing world. We address what the present brings and what needs to be tackled for us all to feel included, to take part, and to live in a community. Being available and being in touch with one’s poverty in front of the Lord makes us more available to those who cannot help themselves. Their progress depends on our attentiveness and action. This is the Ignatian idea of *camino*, being there and giving care for the other and learning together to trust God. If we plunge ourselves into this way of living out our Christian life, we shall see how it builds people up and brings them together. We shall also discover more about the second part of this universal apostolic preference: reconciliation. Our world is driven by conflicts and tension; it needs justice and peace. How much there is to do to enable people to let go of hurt and injustice, and to empower them to access life in abundance.

I believe this preference calls us at Farm Street parish to look at the ways we have already responded to the call to be present and engaged with others. We have changed and adapted because we feel the call of the Gospel. May we become grateful for the fruit it bears. And may we grow in confidence that this is the way to preach the Gospel today.

Take time and care to notice what is happening regularly to maintain and cherish our attention on those most vulnerable.

At the same time, this preference urges us again to a generous and creative response. It all comes together

naturally as a response to an honest spiritual search in life, simply as we recognize the suffering servant Christ amidst all the poverty of the world.

The “walking with the excluded” preference seems to be a dynamic force behind living out our Christian life. The real source of this ongoing walk is to be found in Christ whom the prophet Isaiah describes as the suffering servant (cf. Is 53, 11). According to the apostle St Peter this takes place in the paschal journey of Christ (cf. 1 Pt 2:25). He personifies all of our vulnerabilities and fragilities because, as we read in the letter to the Hebrews, “He is the Supreme High Priest”. Christ has experienced all of temptations, and He was tempted in every way.

Both readings today prove that God has brought upon Himself all evil to rid us of it all. And in the Gospel Jesus is trying to tell to his disciples that He will soon take up a place of all excluded. His companions accompany Him but they have very little idea what He shares with them. They lack awareness of what is happening and therefore cannot understand their *camino*. They lack active listening. Jesus notices their lack because He listens to his disciples. He continues the inner journey with them by pointing out that service is the real response.

And of course, the global Church starts a *camino* of its own. We are going to hear more and more about being synodal Church and synodality. Communion, participation and mission are expressions of the same *camino*. Perhaps, the fastest growing topic in theology today. And the greatest need for the Church to change. No doubt, we have to change not only to adapt the Gospel message to the current time, but also to find ways of being witnesses to what we believe. The key to such walking is in active listening which will enable us all better to spot the Spirit of God at work. Perhaps even catching a glimpse of Christ in the needy and vulnerable.

Take the following questions into the next week with you to embody the Ignatian charism of the second apostolic preference:

What poverty do I experience in myself that needs attention from Christ?

Whom do I recognize those the excluded today?

How I can draw closer to them?

And how can I inspire others for shared *camino* of service?

**Fr Laco Sulik SJ**

### Liturgical Calendar

**Sun:** Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Mon:** St Luke, Evangelist  
**Tue:** Feria; Ss John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St Paul of the Cross  
**Wed:** Feria  
**Thu:** Feria  
**Fri:** Feria; St John Paul II, Pope  
**Sat:** Feria; St John of Capistrano, Priest; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday  
**Sun:** Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Daily Bible Readings

**Sun:** Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45  
**Mon:** II Timothy 4:10-17; Luke 10:1-9  
**Tue:** Romans 5:12-21; Luke 12:35-38  
**Wed:** Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48  
**Thu:** Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53  
**Fri:** Romans 7:18-25; Luke 12:54-59  
**Sat:** Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9  
**Sun:** Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

### Mozarfrica I

Come and enjoy a delightful and unique evening at Farm Street Church, with a performance by the choir of Notre Dame de France. The excellent program for the evening includes pieces never performed in Europe from talented African composers. Prepare to also be treated with classics from Mozart to Haendel sublimely interpreted.

Mark 8pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October in your diary and book your seat!

Tickets are on sale for £15 on Eventbrite, with all proceeds going to Farm Street charities. Children under the age of ten go free. Search Eventbrite for Mozarfrica I.

### The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of October, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for missionary disciples. Let us pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses to a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

### 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)

### Introducing the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus

The Universal Apostolic Preferences are the fruit of a worldwide process of discernment lasting almost two years. All Jesuits were invited to take part and in addition our mission partners. It concluded with a confirmation from Pope Francis in a special meeting with Fr General Arturo Sosa.

The Preferences give a horizon, a point of reference to the whole Society of Jesus. They capture our imaginations and awaken our desires. They unite us in our mission. The new Preferences are four areas vital for our world today. The Society of Jesus will pay special attention to them in the next ten years.

During this month of October, we invite you to learn more as each weekend the newsletter article is devoted to 1 of the apostolic preferences. In addition the particular preference that weekend will find a place in the homilies. The plan is as follows:

October 10th: To show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment

**October 17th: To walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice**

October 24th: To accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future

October 31st: To collaborate in the care of our Common Home

### 11am Latin Mass Music List

Mass	Missa Brevis in F (K192) <i>Mozart</i>
Motets	Meditabor in mandatis tuis, <i>Rheinberger</i> Ave Maria, <i>Liszt</i>
Organ	Fantasia and fugue in G-minor (BWV542), <i>JS Bach</i>

### SPUC Job Advert

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children has an exciting opportunity for a highly motivated candidate to join their team as the full-time Fundraising and Major Gift Administrator. Candidates should be fully supportive of SPUC's aims and objectives, with exemplary communication skills and the ability to assist with the smooth and successful operation of SPUC's fundraising programmes. For more information and details on how to apply, please e-mail [matthewmccusker@spuc.org.uk](mailto:matthewmccusker@spuc.org.uk)

## It's Good To Talk

Are you feeling lost and alienated? Has COVID left you feeling isolated and vulnerable? And have the many months of lockdown created a sense of spiritual reawakening for you? Would you like to explore these feelings and share them with others who are also experiencing the same thing?

*It's Good to Talk* is where you can discuss issues about faith, and about a desire to belong to a community. *It's Good to Talk* is a non-judgemental, lay-led space. The meetings are held at Farm Street. Each meeting is informal and welcoming, with hospitality at its core. Contact Ruby at [landingsouth@gmail.com](mailto:landingsouth@gmail.com) for further details.

## Tim Hetherington Film Club at Farm Street

Next showing: Arrupe Hall **6.30pm for 7.00pm** on  
**Thursday 28 October**

Cost: free refreshments (with donations)

Presenting: **'The Two Popes'** (2019)

Starring: Jonathan Pryce as Jorge Cardinal Bergoglio and Anthony Hopkins as Pope Benedict  
An intimate story of one of the most dramatic transitions of power in the last 2,000 years. Frustrated with the direction of the church, Cardinal Bergoglio (Jonathan Pryce) requests permission to retire in 2012 from Pope Benedict (Anthony Hopkins). Instead, facing scandal and self-doubt, the introspective Pope Benedict summons his harshest critic and future successor to Rome to reveal a secret that would shake the foundations of the Catholic Church. Behind Vatican walls, a struggle commences between both tradition and progress, guilt and forgiveness, as these two very different men confront their pasts in order to find common ground and forge a future for a billion followers around the world. Inspired by true events. For more information email David at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com)

## Retreat in Daily Life

The Retreat in Daily Life is an online, individually guided retreat, run over the course of a week by the London Jesuit Centre. The course being run from Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October is particularly intended for parishioners of Farm Street Church. The opening session is at 7.00pm on the Sunday. The closing session is at 7.00pm on the Friday. Optional workshops are Monday to Thursday at 7.00pm. Daily one-to-one meetings online with your retreat guide are arranged at a mutually convenient time. For more information and to sign up, please contact [ljc@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ljc@jesuit.org.uk).

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays only*). All are welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

## October 2021 Catholic History Walks

All welcome! No need to book - just turn up! Each walk last about one and a half to two hours, but you can leave at any time. A donation of £5 is suggested.

**SUNDAY** October 17<sup>th</sup> meet 3.30pm Church of the Most Precious Blood, OMeara Street London SE1 1TN. We'll walk along the river to Tower Bridge and HMS Belfast.

**THURSDAY** October 21<sup>st</sup> Meet 6.30pm (after 6pm Mass) Church of SS Anselm and Cecilia, Kingsway, London WC2B 6DX. Nearest tube: Holborn. We'll learn the story of the Sardinian Chapel, Lincoln's Inn martyrs and the Ship pub.

**THURSDAY** October 28<sup>th</sup>. Meet 2.30pm (NOTE TIME) at main gate, St Mary's University, Waldegrave Road, Twickenham TW1 4SX for a Riverside Walk. We'll discover stories of exiled royals and a local hero...and finish across the river at Richmond.

More information: [www.catholichistorywalks.com](http://www.catholichistorywalks.com)

## 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 and to sign up to their mailing list for regular updates on events, please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/>.

For more information, contact Anne Paolino at [apaolino@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:apaolino@jesuit.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.