

# Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**24<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**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.

### **RESPONSE**

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

### **ACCLAMATION**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone  
who follows me will have the light of life.

### **COMMUNION**

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult  
in the name of our God.

## ACCOMPANYING THE YOUNG TOWARDS A HOPE-FILLED FUTURE

Regular readers of the Farm Street weekly newsletter will know that during October our reflections are focussing on each of the Society of Jesus' four "Universal Apostolic Preferences" in turn. This week we have reached the third, to "accompany the young to a hope-filled future".

The Society is no stranger to work with young people and Farm Street is no exception. Our ministry to young adults aged between 18 and 35 flourishes, with upwards of 100 attending their mass at 7.00pm each Sunday evening. Our catechetical programme prepares children and teenagers to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. We also prepare many couples for marriage and for the baptism of their children, and most of them are young adults.

But the work with the young which the Society around the world is most associated with is that which takes place in our schools, colleges and universities, work which I have been associated with for much of my life as a priest. Arguably, these places are more distinctively Jesuit now than they were in the 1960's and 1970's when I was a student. I see our educational work as being marked by three features in particular.

In 1973, the Jesuit superior general, Fr Pedro Arrupe, spoke to Jesuit alumni at a conference in Valencia in Spain and identified educating "agents of change" who were "men and women for others" as our goal. This led to numerous projects which gave students opportunities to serve the poor and to understand the causes of poverty and injustice and to the creation of new educational projects specifically aimed to help the poor and marginalised. There is the "Fe y Alegria" network in Latin America which provides a vocational education to more than one million students and the innovative "Cristo Rey" schools in the United States and Canada which aim to prepare for university students for poorer backgrounds whose potential might otherwise not be realised.

During Fr Peter Hans Kolvenbach's 25 years as superior general, I took there to be an emphasis on education "men and women of faith who were men and women for others" in response to the growing secularism of many countries in the western world, including our own. Indeed, for me, nurturing the faith of young people is the major challenge facing the Church in the UK today. This emphasis led to a

renewed focus on the content and quality of religious education and the opportunities students could be given to encounter Christ and form a personal relationship with him which would then find its expression not least in the service of those who had least.

Fr Kolvenbach's successor, Fr Adolfo Nicolás, in an address to the leaders of Jesuit universities in Mexico City in 2010, lamented what he called the "globalisation of superficiality", a product of the easy access to knowledge provided by the internet and the social media. He called on our schools and colleges to form as well "men and women of depth", not only "intellectual depth", important though that is, but the kind of depth that comes with skills in making discerning choices.

Though I am no longer working in a school or university on a daily basis, I am a school governor, and, in that role, I have recently been struck by the enthusiasm of our school leaders for promoting Jesuit education and for holding on to this distinctive identity at a time of yet more government imposed structural change.

But this third apostolic preference adds one more characteristic. We are to "accompany" young people, to walk alongside them and care for them as individuals. Such accompaniment shows them what so many need to know, in particular the many who have a fractured sense of self, that they are personally worthwhile, cared for and bothered about. This in turn can give them a renewed confidence in themselves which, as I see it, is one of the keys to realising that "hope-filled future" with which this third apostolic preference is concerned.

**Fr Michael Holman SJ**

### 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

## Liturgical Calendar

**Sun:** Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Mon:** Feria  
**Tue:** Feria; Ss Chad and Cedd, Bishops  
**Wed:** Feria  
**Thu:** SS Simon and Jude, Apostles  
**Fri:** Blessed Martyrs of Douai College  
**Sat:** Feria; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday  
**Sun:** All Saints Day [Transferred]

## Daily Bible Readings

**Sun:** Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52  
**Mon:** Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17  
**Tue:** Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21  
**Wed:** Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30  
**Thu:** Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16  
**Fri:** Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6  
**Sat:** Romans 11:1-29; Luke 14:1-11  
**Sun:** Revelation 7:2-4,9-14; I John:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

## 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!

## 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.

## The Universe

*The Universe Catholic Weekly* is thrilled to announce that they have launched their new online newspaper with the full support of their first subscriber none other than His Eminence Vincent Cardinal Nichols. Order your Digital copy by going to [www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk](http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk) or call them on 0743661 7650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer: Only £20 for 3 months.

## 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)

## 11am Latin Mass Music List

**Mass** Cantus Missae, *Rheinberger*  
**Motets** Ave Maris Stella, *Grieg*  
Dextera Domini, *Rheinberger*  
**Organ** Phantasie (Sonata XII)  
*Rheinberger*

## 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)

## Our Website

An online edition of the newsletter is uploaded to the website every week. Our website also contains an archive of homilies, weekly video reflections, upcoming events, and much more. Visit it at [www.farmstreet.org.uk](http://www.farmstreet.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

## **Book Signing "The Wandering Soul" by Jerry Hawthorne**

Jerry Hawthorne will be signing copies of his autobiography "The Wandering Soul" in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30 and 11.00 Masses on Sunday 31st October. The book includes much about his time at school at Beaumont College and about the Jesuits more generally, as well as the time he spent in New York, Washington and Philadelphia and his many other travels overseas and his work for the Church; he also talks about his work as a solicitor for two legal firms, and as honorary solicitor for the successful visit to the UK of Pope John Paul II.

## **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).

## **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. THURSDAY October 28th. 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)

## **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)

## **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.