

MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual UK March for Life will take place on **Saturday 3rd September**. The theme this year is '10 Million Too Many'. Since the legalisation of abortion in England and Wales in 1967, a staggering 10 million* abortions have taken place in the UK. In 2020, more than one baby was lost to abortion every two and a half minutes; twenty-five lives ended every hour. With the success of the pro-life movement in overturning Roe v. Wade in the USA and the subsequent vilification of pro-life campaigners by many politicians and media outlets, it is vital that advocates for the unborn in the UK continue to make their voices heard. The March for Life is a major opportunity to do so.

Morning events: 10.30am – 1.30pm

The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW

Mass: 11am

St George's Cathedral, Southwark

The March: 2pm

From The Emmanuel Centre
Ends at Parliament Square 4.30pm

“Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court, or kill you.”

— Pope Francis

For more information visit
www.marchforlife.co.uk

*Calculated at 9,900,961 on 27th April 2022

Catholic Listeners

Catholiclisteners, the new confidential helpline launched this year during Holy Week. The service which is part of the Diocese of Westminster, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith as well as to support those who need someone to talk to. The helpline is all about listening to others, listening to those who might have become isolated due to the pandemic. This service is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Although not a counselling service, there is a professional team trained in signposting callers to other services and agencies. For further information please email Catholiclisteners@gmail.com or call us on 0800 448 0704

Catholiclisteners are here to listen

St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society organises a soup run in the local area and they need practical donations including nappies, clothes, changing mats, etc for a homeless woman's new-born baby who is due in early September. Any help will be gratefully appreciated.

Please contact Yasko on y.kurahachi@gmail.com

Byzantine Icon Painting Course

Tutor: Dr Irina Bradley

Address: 114 Mount St, London W1K 3AY

Course Fee – £400 per person

Dates for the 1st course: 5th-9th of September 2022

Dates for the 2nd course: 12th-16th of September 2022

Times: 10.30 am to 16.30 pm

Lunch break: 1 hour

These 5-day icon painting courses are suitable for beginners and students of higher levels of ability, no previous artistic experience is required. The courses are designed to introduce students to the history of Byzantine art as well as the spirituality of this sacred tradition. The techniques covered are gilding, shell gold making and liquid egg tempera painting, where natural earth, mineral and lake pigments are used. Students will be painting Our Lady of Tenderness, returning students may bring other icons to work on.

Once paid, the full fee will only be refunded if another paying student is able to take the place. The classes consist of a small number of students. If the courses must be cancelled due to Covid restrictions, all fees will be refunded. However, the students are still responsible for their travel and accommodation costs in these circumstances. To book contact Irina Bradley at irinabradley@hotmail.com or 079050509419

Save the date: Oratorian, Carmelite and Jesuit Joint Picnic – Sat 17th Sept 2022

In 1622, Saints Philip Neri, Teresa of Ávila, Ignatius Loyola, Francis Xavier and Isidore the Farmer were canonised by Pope Gregory XV. To celebrate the 400th anniversary of their canonisation, the Oratorian Fathers are hosting a joint picnic to which the Farm Street and Carmelite faithful are invited. The picnic will take place in the Garden of Oratory House, Brompton Road SW7 2RP, on Saturday 17th September 2022, 3-6pm. Attendees are asked to bring their own food; drinks and some snacks will be provided. During the afternoon, Fathers from each of the three Communities will give short talks about the lives of the five Saints. The event is free to attend, but because space is limited, registration is requested. Registration details will be circulated in early September, but do save the date if you would like to come.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Farm Street Charity Ball, a dinner-dance to raise funds for the charitable works of the parish, will be held on **Saturday, 29th October** at The Savile Club, Brook Street, W1. The evening will include musical entertainment, a live auction, a raffle and a few surprises. More details and booking information will be available in late summer. Watch this space.

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 14th August 2022

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest

Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

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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 – 5.55pm

Sunday: Fifteen minutes before every Mass

Also by appointment

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday: 7.30am - 6.30pm

Sunday: 7.30am – 7.00pm

ENTRY

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

RESPONSE

On your right stands the queen,
in garments of gold.

ACCLAMATION

Mary has been taken up into heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.

COMMUNION

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.



ANGELUS ADDRESS

The Gospel passage (Lk 1:39-56) of today's Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven describes the encounter between Mary and her cousin Elizabeth, emphasizing that "Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah" (v. 39). In those days, Mary hastened to a small city in the vicinity of Jerusalem in order to meet Elizabeth. Today, however, we contemplate her on her journey toward the Heavenly Jerusalem, to encounter at last the face of the Father and to see once again the face of her Son Jesus. So often in her earthly life she had travelled mountainous areas, until the painful final phase of Calvary, associated with the Mystery of the Passion of Christ. Today, we see her arrive at God's mountain, "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev 12:1) — as the Book of Revelation reads — and we see her cross the threshold of the heavenly homeland.

She was the first to believe in the Son of God, and is the first to be assumed into heaven in body and soul. She was the first to gather Jesus in her arms when he was still a boy, and is the first to be gathered in his arms to be introduced into the eternal Kingdom of the Father. Mary, a humble and simple maiden from an isolated village on the edge of the Roman Empire, precisely because she received and lived the Gospel, is allowed by God to be beside the Son's throne for eternity. This is how the Lord puts down the mighty from their thrones and exalts those of low degree (cf. Lk 1:52).

The Assumption of Mary is a great mystery which regards each one of us, it regards our future. Mary, in fact, precedes us on the path walked upon by those who, through their Baptism, have bound their life to Jesus, as Mary bound her own life to Him. Today's feast makes us look to heaven, foretells the "new heaven and new earth", with the Risen Christ's victory over death and the definitive defeat of evil. Therefore, the exultation of the humble maiden of Galilee, expressed in the Cantic of the *Magnificat*, becomes the song of all humanity, which sees with satisfaction the Lord stoop over all men and all women, humble creatures, and assume them with him into heaven.

The Lord stoops over the humble, to raise them up, as the Cantic of the *Magnificat* proclaims. This hymn of Mary also leads us to think of the many current painful situations, in particular of women overwhelmed by the burden of life and by the tragedy of violence, of women enslaved by the oppression of the powerful, of children forced into inhuman labour, of women obliged to surrender in body and in spirit to the greed of men. May they begin as soon as possible a life of peace, of justice, of love, awaiting the day in which they will finally feel they are held by hands which do not humiliate

them, but which lift them tenderly and lead them on the path of life, to heaven. May Mary, a maiden, a woman who suffered a great deal in her life, make us think of these women who suffer so much. Let us ask the Lord that He himself may take them by the hand and lead them on the path of life, freeing them from these forms of slavery.

Now let us turn trustingly to Mary, gentle sweet Queen of Heaven, and ask her: "Give us days of peace, watch over our journey, let us see your Son, filled with the joy of Heaven" (*Hymn of Second Vespers*).

Pope Francis
Delivered to St Peter's Square on Monday 15th August 2016.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mon: Feria
Tue: Feria; St Stephen of Hungary
Wed: Feria
Thu: St Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga SJ
Fri: Feria; St John Eudes, priest (*Friday abstinence*)
Sat: St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor
Sun: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Apocalypse 11:19-12:10; I Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56
Mon: Ezekiel 24:15-24; Matthew 19:16-22
Tue: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30
Wed: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16
Thu: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14
Fri: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40
Sat: Ezekiel 43:1-7; Matthew 23:1-12
Sun: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-13; Luke 13:22-30

Sunday Refreshments

In order to give a well deserved break to our volunteers, coffee and tea will not be served after the 9.30 and 11.00 Masses during the month of August. This service will resume on Sunday, 4th September.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Fr Alan Fogarty SJ who will be assisting at Farm Street Church for two weeks. Fr Fogarty is visiting us from Canada, where he works as CEO of Salt & Light Media.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Chrissie Harkink-Mobbs, Erin Lillis, Sarah Esparza Regalado, & Nathalie Richards.
The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. Psalm 41:3
We pray for those in the parish who have recently died: Diane Marie Hirsh (Ryden), Francis Muragan Fr Joseph Munitiz SJ
Requiescant in pace.

A Lamp For Our Lady

To give honour to Our Lady, a lamp will now burn before her statue in the sanctuary. A 7-day lamp will be lit every Saturday, the day traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and burn throughout the week. An offering of £10 is requested to light this lamp, the intention of which will be printed every week in the Newsletter or may be kept anonymous (e.g. 'An anonymous donor for a private intention'). Please email the Parish Secretary (FarmStreetOffice@rcdow.org.uk) with your requested week and intention as well as how you wish it to be published.

The lamp this week is lit for the Church family intention.

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	880	Tell out my soul
Offertory	356	Hail, Queen of heav'n
Communion	360	As I kneel before you
Recessional	365	Immaculate Mary

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.



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.

Below is a sampling of some upcoming events. 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 Federica Fiore at ffiore@jesuit.org.uk.

School Of Ignatian Prayer

Dates: Tuesdays, 27 September, 4, 11, 18 and 25 October 2022 at 6:30 – 8:00pm

Introductory session: Tuesday 20 September at 6:30 – 7:00pm on Zoom

Course tutor: Clare Bick and Mary Goggin

Invited contribution: £50

Venue: In-person at the London Jesuit Centre

Register: Visit www.londonjesuitcentre.org/school-of-ignatian-prayer-1

Course Overview

How is your spiritual health and well-being at this time? Are you trying to make sense of things? Do you want to grow in your relationship with God and deepen your experience of prayer?

Ignatian spirituality is a spirituality for living normal daily life close to God – our God who knows and loves us and invites us to come closer . . .

The School of Ignatian Prayer will last for 5 weeks and will introduce you to a variety of ways of praying that are based on the 'Spiritual Exercises' of Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Book Club

Dates: Thursdays, 22 September, 13, 27 October, 10, 24 November, 8 and 22 December.

Session time: 6.45pm for 7.00pm - 8pm in person always the first date of the month / 7.15 for 7.30pm - 8.30pm online always the second date of the month (London time).

Course facilitator: Marian Burling.

Invited contribution: £25

Venue: Online using Zoom app or In person at London Jesuit Centre.

Register: To join the Book Club, please use this link: http://eepurl.com/hct_zL

Book for September: Apostle: Travels among the Tombs of the Twelve by Tom Bissell, Pantheon, 2016