

Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15th 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.

A SIGN OF HOPE

This year the feast of the Assumption falls on Sunday. We celebrate Mary being taken up body and soul into heaven. It is especially appropriate in this church dedicated to Mary with so many depictions of Mary among its paintings and statues.

This time last year I recommended Fr James Hanvey's article on the Mary and the Assumption, which you can still find on the Thinking Faith website <https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/reflections-assumption>

Mary stands for the Church. The preface says, "Today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people". Mary is a sign of hope, hope that we will follow where she has gone. We could think of this hope as simply as being about a heavenly future. We might think we do not need to be concerned about this "vale of tears" in which we live.

I am writing this on the day on which the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change published its latest report. It makes sombre reading. It tells us that, "It is unequivocal that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean and land. Widespread and rapid changes in the atmosphere, ocean, cryosphere and biosphere have occurred." (IPCC AR6 WG1 A.1). This is not just a matter for scientists, politicians or those with a particular interest in the environment, it is already having an impact on the lives of all of us around the world. As I say, there is a danger that the Assumption might lead us to think we can simply ignore all of this and focus on the life to come. However, James Hanvey writes, "Mary shows us that faith does not close us off from the world but makes us more open to it. With her 'yes' she stands in solidarity with the poor and the victims, with all those who, like her, have had to hold a dead child in their arms, or flee their home to protect their family. This woman of Nazareth is in solidarity with all those who, in the midst of the precariousness and toil of an unrecognised domestic life, have never stopped believing that somehow, even in the darkness of suffering and death, God was working".

We need the message of hope which the Assumption of Mary brings us that "all things will be restored in Christ", the whole of creation. We need a hope which sustains us as we work to safeguard that creation, as we seek to do that in a just way which recognises that all people share in that hope which Mary's son brings to our world. The implications of our faith for our care

of our Common Home was spelt out by Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato si*, *On Care For Our Common Home*. Through Mary, Christ came into our world to share in our lives and our struggles. This feast of hope should encourage us in our difficulties and the changes to our lives which we face, hope in Christ who has overcome even death itself. We can ask Mary's intercession as we face the challenges in front of us.

Fr Chris Pedley SJ

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mon: Feria; St Stephen of Hungary
Tue: Feria
Wed: Feria
Thu: Feria; St John Eudes, Priest
Fri: St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor
Sat: St Pius X, Pope
Sun: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Apocalypse 12:1-10; I Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56
Mon: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22
Tue: Judges 6:11-24; Matthew 19:23-30
Wed: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16
Thu: Judges 11:29-39; Matthew 22:1-14
Fri: Ecclesiasticus 15:1-6; John 17:20-26
Sat: I Thessalonians 2:2-8; John 21:15-17
Sun: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

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!

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.

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/>

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.

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>

11am Music list for the Feast of the Assumption

Organ prelude: Ave Maria - Reger

Entrance hymn: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Kyrie & Gloria Missa in Honorem BVM - Goller

Responsorial psalm

Alleluia Mode II

Offertory Assumpta est Maria - Palestrina

*Mary has been received into Heaven:
the angels rejoice with praises and bless the Lord.
Let all rejoice and be glad with righteous heart,
for today the Virgin Mary reigns with Christ for
evermore.*

*Who is she that cometh forth
as the morning rising,
fair as the moon, bright as the sun,
terrible as an army set in array ?
Let all rejoice and be glad with righteous heart,
for today the Virgin Mary reigns with Christ for
evermore.*

Sanctus & Benedictus Missa in Honorem
BVM - Goller

Agnus Dei Grad.Rom. X

Communion Agnus Dei - Missa in Honorem BVM
- Goller

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.