

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

We will be celebrating our Patronal Feast on Thursday 8th December. Mass will be celebrated at 8am, 1.05pm and 7pm (please note that this is *instead* of the usual 6pm Mass). The preacher at the 7pm Mass will be Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Holy Family of London. A reception will take place in the Arrupe Hall after the 7pm Mass. All most welcome.

World AIDS Day Mass

A Mass will be celebrated for World AIDS Day on Thursday 1st December at 6pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the Arrupe Hall. All are most welcome.

The Fragile Line By Andrew White

We are pleased to say that we will be hosting an exhibition by Andrew White titled, 'Homelessness in Drawings and Sculpture' from **October 17th – 6th January 2023**. The exhibition will be displayed in the ground-floor corridor.

Confirmations 2023

The next programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation for teenagers (aged 14+) begins on the 29th January 2023. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Farm Street Church on the 25th June 2023. For more information and to register, please contact Leninha at farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk.

First Holy Communion 2023

For more information and to receive an enrolment form, contact Leninha at farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk. This programme will end up First Holy Communion celebrated on the 2nd July 2023.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Maggie Danby, Paul Johnson, Erin Lillis, Robert McCormack, Millon Nigussie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, Leopold, & Nick Walker. *The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.*
Psalms 41:3

We pray for those in the parish who have recently died. *Requiescat in pace*

Charity Ball Raffle Prizes

A full list of raffle prizes and winning numbers is available at the entrances of the church and on the parish website.

ADVENT MUSIC

Farm Street Church will be hosting a number of Advent carol services in the upcoming weeks:

- *Monday 5th December – 7pm – *Stonyhurst carol service*
 - * Tuesday 6th December – 7pm – *PACT carol service*
 - * Monday 12th December – 7pm – *Aid to the Church in Need carol service*
 - * Tuesday 13th December – 7pm – *Farm Street Church parish carol service*
 - *Wednesday 14th December – 7pm- *The Tablet carol service*
 - *Thursday 15th December – 7pm – *Stella Maris concert*
 - *Friday 16th December – 7.30pm – *Young Adult Ministries carol service*
 - * Tuesday 20th December – 7pm – *Jesuit Refugee Service carol service*
- Please contact the relevant charity for more information.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

The Mass times for the Christmas period will be as follows:

- *Christmas Eve – 4pm, First Vigil Mass of Christmas
- 6pm, Children's Mass
- 11:30pm, Carols
- Midnight Mass
- *Christmas Day – 8am, Mass
- 9.30am, Family Mass
- 11am, Solemn Latin Mass
- 12.30pm, Mass
- 5.30pm, Mass
- * Boxing Day to Friday 30th – 1.05pm Mass only
- * Saturday 31st
- & Sunday 1st January – Normal Mass schedule
- * Monday 2nd January – 1.05pm Mass only
- Tuesday 3rd January – Normal schedule resumes

Catholic Listeners

Catholic Listeners, 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

Catholic Listeners are here to listen.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

20th November 2022

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest
Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

Fr David Birchall SJ; Fr Michael Bossy 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 – 12.55pm
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

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ENTRY

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

RESPONSE

I rejoiced when I heard them say
'Let us go to God's House'.

ACCLAMATION

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

COMMUNION

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.



KINGDOM OF GOD

As the preface in today's Mass makes abundantly clear, Christ's kingdom is very different from the kingdoms we know in this world. It is: "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." In other words, it is not only a kingdom of this world, as Jesus himself explained to Pilate who had asked him if he was a king.

Throughout his life Jesus showed he had not come to seize power by escaping from it, that he had come not to be served, but to serve. For this is the way he established his kingdom and the way he helps others. It must be our way too and the way of the Church he founded.

But it is very hard to put this into practice in real life. For it is a lesson little understood in the world around us, where power is sought by many and often wielded by force and might. This is the fundamental reason for so much injustice we see in many different countries, including our own. The poor and weak are helped, but only in a sporadic and superficial way that does little to change their condition.

This points to an important failure to realize it is no longer sufficient to give alms or other forms of charity to help the poor. What needs to be done is to change the situation of a society responsible for making them or keeping them poor. And we can now do this. For the first time in human history we can plan and build the sort of society we want. The Church's social teaching has a key role to play here since it can show us the sort of society that accords with gospel principles and help us to build it.

Catholic social teaching does not oppose market economies but does require that human beings and their relationships with others must be the central focus, that their dignity and freedom must be respected, that goods should be used for the benefit of all, and that the legitimate right to property should be respected but also properly exercised. Therefore it rejects indiscriminate consumption, lack of concern for those who are marginalized and lack of respect for the environment. It considers that any economic model supporting these values is unrealistic, unstable and immoral. And it is clear that culture based on 'having' and 'enjoying' more rather than on 'being' more, destroys people and fosters life styles contrary to freedom, justice and the welfare of those who are poorest.

Today's Mass is inviting us to understand such a kingdom, to seek it and to help construct it. This should now be my charitable work rather than handouts for others.

Fr Michael Campbell-Johnston SJ
From the archives. First published on the 24th November 2013.

Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30am, 11am, and 5.30pm Sunday Masses (second and fourth Sunday only for 5.30pm).

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	321	Crown him with many crowns
Offertory	303	Come down, O love divine
Communion	938	Soul of my Saviour
Recessional	320	Hail, Redeemer King divine

11am Music List

Mass Mass in D *Dvořák*
Motets Vox concinat (Mystical Songs)*
Vaughan Williams
Agnus Dei Dvořák
Organ Fantasia in G-minor *JS Bach*
**as adapted by Fr John Driscoll SJ*

November: Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month traditionally dedicated to praying for the dead. During this month, we will be praying for the faithful departed regularly at Mass. If you would like somebody to be remembered, please write their name(s) on the forms for this purpose at the back of the church and put in the designated wooden box. These names will then be placed in the sanctuary during Mass to be prayed for.

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 by Tati Kassava in thanksgiving to God for all the blessings she has received from Him.

Confirmations This Week

We welcome Bishop Nicholas Hudson to Farm Street Church this week to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 9.30am Mass. Please pray for all those being Confirmed this week.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Mon: The presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue: St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
Wed: Feria; St Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St Columban, Abbot; B Miguel Agustin Pro SJ
Thu: St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Fri: Feria; St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr (*Friday abstinence*)
Sat: St John Berchmans SJ
Sun: First Sunday of Advent

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: II Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43
Mon: Apocalypse 14:1-5; Luke 21:1-4
Tue: Apocalypse 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
Wed: Apocalypse 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
Thu: Apocalypse 18:1-19:9; Luke 21:20-28
Fri: Apocalypse 20:1-21:2; Luke 21:29-33
Sat: Apocalypse 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
Sun: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

The Beautiful Bridge between the Infinitely Big and the Infinitesimally Small

Sunday 27 November, 4-5pm, St Mary's Church, 4 Holly Walk, Hampstead, London NW3 6QU
Prof. Maria Ubiali is a particle physicist with a passion for mathematics, based at Cambridge and working closely with CERN. Come and join us for what promises to be a fascinating insight into beauty and physics from a leading physicist.

If you are planning on attending in person please email the Parish Administrator at hampstead@rcdow.org.uk to book your place. You are welcome to livestream the lecture by visiting <https://www.churchservices.tv/hampstead>

Online Advent Prayer Sessions

All are welcome to a series of four evenings of worship, prayer in the Ignatian tradition, and sharing to mark the Season of Advent. The series, led by Ignatian prayer guide David Hothersall, is a joint initiative of Farm Street and the Grosvenor Chapel, and will be held online on Tuesday evenings between 9pm and 10pm: November 22nd, 29th, Dec 6th and 13th. All welcome. To register and receive the Zoom link, e-mail the parish secretary at farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk.

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My name is John Thomas Emerson. I'm a complimentary alternative Doctor of medicine from the USA, for humans and animals (horses, dogs/cats). I've recently served as a volunteer in Kyiv Ukraine for 3 months. I also will be a guest at LJC for a 12-day retreat at Farm Street from November 21-December 2.

I'm in current need for a peaceful room/bed for a few weeks or more after the retreat.

I have good culinary experiences, understand a multitude of personal valet services for elderly or anyone and can especially care for dogs and cats etc. CV is available on request.

Please e-mail on drjohnthomasemersondc@gmail.com



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.

Saturday Online Retreat

Saturday, 26 November 2022, 1:30pm - 4:30pm
Online - Zoom

The Saturday Retreat offers a time of reflection and prayer around a theme, through words of Scripture, poetry or literature, and visual images. There is time for guided prayer and silent prayer and the opportunity to share with others. The afternoon closes with an opportunity to explore any points that have arisen for you and concluding prayer. The Saturday Retreat is led by members of the wider spirituality team at the London Jesuit Centre.

Manresa Day for Spiritual Directors: Using Mark's Gospel in spiritual direction

Saturday, 10 December 2022; 10:30am - 4:30pm
Online - Zoom

This ONLINE Manresa Day for Spiritual Directors (and other people with a listening component to their ministry) is led by Nick King SJ. Please note that bookings for this event close at 12 noon on Friday 9th December. If you have applied after that time then we may not be able to respond to you before the event starts on Saturday morning.