

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Christmastide

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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

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

2021 continues to be a difficult year. We want you to know that whoever you are and wherever in the world you abide, whether you attend Farm Street Church in person or follow Mass online, you are part of the Farm Street Church family. You will always be sure of a warm welcome, and the Masses regularly offered for the intention of the parish are for all of you. We thank you for your support of the parish, and we are truly grateful to all our parishioners for making this church this thriving parish that it is. All of us on the Parish Team and our staff wish you a very blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Christmas Mass & Service Times

Christmas Eve

(Friday 24th December)

16:00 First Mass of Christmas
18:00 Christmas Mass with Children's Nativity Play
23.30 Christmas Carols (Doors open 23:00)
00:00 Midnight Mass with Farm Street Choir

Christmas Day

(Saturday 25th December)

08:00 Mass with carols
09.30 Family Mass with carols
11:00 Solemn Latin Mass with choir
12.30 Mass with carols
No 6pm Vigil Mass

Boxing Day

(Sunday 26th December)

08:00 Mass
09.30 Family Mass
11:00 Solemn Latin Mass
12.30 Mass
17:30 Mass

Monday 27th to Friday 31st December

Church opens at 11:00
12:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
13:05 Mass
Church closes immediately after Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Saturday 1st January 2022)

Church opens at 10:00
12:00 Mass (accompanied by piano music)
Church closes after Mass and re-opens at 5pm
18:00 Vigil Mass

Sunday 2nd January

As normal

Monday 3rd January

Church opens at 11:00
12:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
13:05 Mass
Church closes at 14:00

Tuesday 4th January

Normal schedule resumes

Confessions will be heard as normal with the addition of 5pm-6pm from Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd, Sunday schedule on Christmas Day, and 11am to 12 noon only on the morning of Saturday 1st January.

Synod on Synodality

The Catholic Church is currently in a process of listening in preparation for the Synod on Synodality. The Pope has made it clear that this is a journey in which all people are invited to participate. Here at Farm Street Church, we have a team of people working on our parish response to this invitation. We need to hear your views on the wider Church. Please pick up a questionnaire at the back of the church, fill it in, and deposit it in the marked box (also at the back of the church). You can also download a form on our website homepage and e-mail it to us. The Westminster Synod Team will start collating responses on 22nd January and try to finalise their Synthesis by 29th January 2022.

Churches Together in Westminster

The CTiW 2022 AGM will take place on Monday, 17th January at 6pm via Zoom. Following the AGM there will be talks exploring how to make your church more environmentally-friendly following Cop26, including how to become an EcoChurch and how to get involved in Citizens UK Just Transition campaign. Register for the Zoom link at www.ctiw.london/2021/ctiw-agm-and-talks/

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of December, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God. Let us pray that they may be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the month of January 2022, we pray for true human fraternity. Let us pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Carmine di Cesare, Marie Carroll Copestake, Dietra Breedon, Michael Gill, Chris Hicks, Sarah Perceval, and Alan Stewart.
The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. Psalm 41:3

We also pray the recently departed in the parish: Kevin Billington. Malcolm Troup
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.



CHRISTMAS ANTIPHONS

CHRISTMAS VIGIL 24th DECEMBER

ENTRY

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

RESPONSE

Today a saviour has been born to us; He is Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION

The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 9:1-7 Psalm 95
Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14

CHRISTMAS DAY (DAWN MASS, 8AM) 25th DECEMBER

ENTRY

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of Peace, Father of future ages; and His reign will be without end.

RESPONSE

This day new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is born for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy His favour. Alleluia!

COMMUNION

Rejoice, O Daughter of Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem: Behold your King will come, the Holy One and Saviour of the world.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 62:11-12 Psalm 96
Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20

CHRISTMAS DAY 25th DECEMBER

ENTRY

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; His sceptre of power rests upon His shoulder, and His name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

RESPONSE

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shown down upon the earth. Alleluia!

COMMUNION

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 97
Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18

THE HOLY FAMILY 26th December

ENTRY

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

RESPONSE

They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

COMMUNION

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Samuel 1:20-28 Psalm 83
I John 3 Luke 2:41-52

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY 2nd January

ENTRY

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

RESPONSE

The Word was made flesh, and live among us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Glory be to you, O Chris, proclaimed to the pagans. Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!

COMMUNION

To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become Children of God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-12 Psalm 147
Ephesians 1:3-18 John 1:1-18

Sunday Refreshments

Due to the rise of the Omicron variant of Covid, Sunday refreshments will be suspended until at least the end of January 2022.

Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ Memorial

A memorial Mass will be celebrated for Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ RIP on Monday 24th January at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Liturgical Calendar

Fri: Christmas Eve
Sat: Christmas Day
Sun: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
Mon: St John, Apostle & Evangelist
Tue: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wed: St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
Thu: 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas
Fri: 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas
Sat: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sun: Second Sunday after the Nativity
Mon: Christmas feria; The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tue: Christmas feria
Wed: Christmas feria
Thu: The Epiphany of the Lord
Fri: Christmas feria
Sat: Christmas feria
Sun: The Baptism of the Lord

Daily Bible Readings

Fri: II Samuel 7:1-16; Luke 1:67-79
Sat: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18
Sun: I Samuel 1:20-28; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52
Mon: I John 1:1-4; John 20:2-8
Tue: I John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
Wed: Colossians 1:24-29; Luke 22:24-30
Thu: I John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
Fri: I John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
Sat: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7
Sun: Ecclesiasticus 24:1-12; Ephesians 1:3-18; John 1:1-18
Mon: I John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34
Tue: I John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
Wed: I John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51
Thu: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-6; Matthew 2:1-12
Fri: I John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-25
Sat: I John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44
Sun: Isaiah 40:1-11; Titus 2:11-3:7; Luke 3:15-22

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.