

PARISH PICNIC

Thank you to everyone who made last Sunday's picnic such a resounding success! Thank you to those who helped to set up and clean up, to those who served, to those who brought food, and to all those who simply enjoyed having a chat in the glorious sunshine. It was everything a parish picnic should be -- low-key, low-budget, relaxed, friendly and fun. Save the date for next year: Sunday, 9 June 2024.

Fr Michael Beattie Memorial Mass

A memorial Mass will take place for the late Fr Michael Beattie SJ at Farm Street Church at 6pm on Tuesday 13th June. Many of you will remember Fr Beattie, who served as parish priest at Farm Street from 1991 to 1998. Please do mark this date in your diary. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Arrupe Hall.

Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Want to travel by train to Lourdes with Westminster Diocese this summer?

Book now!

Train travel costs £820 per person (sharing) and includes transfers, travel and full board hotel accommodation. Leaving from and returning to London Kings Cross St Pancras Station.

Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from the many parishes in the Diocese of Westminster journey together to Lourdes to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. With the kindness of volunteers, the group is able to support over 100 pilgrims who are sick, disabled, frail or elderly and need help to make the journey. When we make this pilgrimage, our faith is visible and active service to one other as we come to the waters and invigorate our commitment to respond to the message of Our Lady to St Bernadette.

The Pilgrimage will be led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and is from 21st to 28th July 2023.

For more information and to book, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/.

Prayer Vigil for Migrants and Refugees

June 19th 2023 12.30-1.30pm, Opposite HOME OFFICE, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF

Join us to pray for ♦ those who have died trying to reach the UK, ♦ the many victims of current wars ♦ asylum seekers in detention centres, and those who are homeless ♦ Those who struggle to inject welcome and humanity into our legislation.

We invite you to join us every third Monday of the month, remembering those who have died, and praying for those who are struggling for safety.

Contact us for the prayer resources:

barbarakentish11@gmail.com or

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Divine Will Conference

The gift of living in the divine will, as presented in the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta.

"The Ultimate Fulfilment of God's Will for the Coming Era of Peace and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart".

Talks by Tony Hickey

Extraordinary chance to receive graces and blessings from first class relics of the following saints: St Therese of Child Jesus, St Faustina, St John Vianney, and St Thomas Aquinas

On **Saturday 17th June**, from 9am to 5.30pm. Mass at 6pm. At Holy Apostles Church, Cumberland Street, Pimlico. For further information contact: Lanette Aquino on 079 5649 1944 or 020 8555 6590.

Everyone is welcome. There is a £15 registration fee. Light refreshments will be served. Sandwiches will be available to purchase for £1.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Diana Chadwick, Marie Carroll Copestake, Christian Engelhart, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, George Tabor, Nick Walker, Francis Walsh, Natalie Williams & Michael Wymes

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. *Requiescant in pace*

Catholic Listeners

Catholic Listeners is a confidential telephone helpline service. A Diocese of Westminster initiative, it has been set up for those who are returning to the faith. 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, the helpline is staffed by a professional team of volunteers who are trained to signpost callers to other services and agencies. Sometimes just communicating with someone who listens and understands can help clarify a way forward. Simply talking about a problem can ease a burden. We aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk.

Operating three days a week from 4pm-7pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free on **0800 448 0704**

For further information please email us at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com.

Catholic Listeners are here to listen.

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Corpus Christi 11th June 2023

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 – 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

YEAR A

ENTRY

He fed them with finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

RESPONSE

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

ACCLAMATION

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

COMMUNION

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

What can we say, today, about this extraordinary feast? Clearly the heart of the matter is the unbelievable generosity of God. This means that after the central events of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and his ascension to the right hand of the Father, God has not abandoned us but is ever present to us in the extraordinary mystery of the Eucharist. And if God is as generous as this, then, clearly, you and I are obliged to be equally generous; or, more realistically, we are invited to do our very best to be generous.

And this has one very important implication, namely that our abiding temptation, to use the Eucharist as a weapon against those with whom we disagree, is not what we are supposed to be doing. Too often down the centuries, and not just since the Reformation, Christians have used talk about Eucharist as weapons against each other. Are we, they ask, to speak of transformation, or transignification, or transubstantiation, or even transmogrification? Are we to employ the way in which we speak of God's precious gift as a way of putting down those with whom we think we disagree? The way God has treated us in this remarkable gift of his body and blood, which is intended to keep us going on our mission of preaching the gospel, should be a lesson to us not to "weaponise" such a precious gift. If we are using the Eucharist as a way of beating over the head fellow Christians with whom we think we disagree, if I brandish one or more of these difficult terms to demonstrate that you are in heresy, while I am a model of perfect orthodoxy, then I have not begun to understand the mystery of God's love.

What we are dealing with here is not a contest of right thinking, but the baffling depths of the mystery of love, which we have been celebrating during the Easter season that recently ended. This is where you and I must start our thinking and our speech, about the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. A good place to begin might be this question: "where can we find a place to speak of God's love for us?", rather than "How many heresies can I find in what this person says about the Eucharist?"

Perhaps the best place to look might be the version of the Last Supper that we find in John's gospel. Chapter 13, extraordinarily, starts the story, not with "this is my body ... this is my blood", but with Jesus performing the humiliating role of a slave, washing his master's filthy feet. This part of the story is introduced with the insistence on "love": he says of Jesus that "having loved those who were his own in the world he loved them to the end". And that is the heart of the matter. What counts in our Eucharist is not how we talk about it, but how we make room in it for love. All the way through the five chapters that the evangelist gives to the Last Supper we are aware

that death is knocking at the door; the discourse begins (as we have seen) and ends with love. Now we learn that love is understood as embracing death; and this, of course, is the test of real love.

So what are we looking for on the occasion of this great solemnity? Not, I think, to get our eucharistic theology and our religious orthodoxy absolutely correct. Our task, rather, is to find the lofty meaning of love in our lives, to encounter in the Eucharist the love with which God has always loved us, and to live out our generous response.

Fr Nicholas King SJ

9.30am Mass Hymns		
Entrance	970	Be thou my vision
Offertory	609	In bread we bring you
Communion	627	This is my body
Recessional	690	Guide me, o thou Great Redeemer

11am Mass Music List	
Prelude	Le banquet celeste <i>Messiaen</i>
Mass	Messe brève <i>Gounod</i>
Motets	O salutaris hostia <i>Dupré</i> O sacrum conviviumnos <i>Messiaen</i>
Postlude	Toccata <i>Gigout</i>

Liturgical Calendar	
Sun:	Corpus Christi
Mon:	Feria
Tue:	St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor
Wed:	Feria
Thu:	Feria
Fri:	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (<i>No Friday abstinence</i>)
Sat:	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun:	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Daily Readings	
Sun:	Deuteronomy 8:2-16; I Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58
Mon:	II Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12
Tue:	II Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16
Wed:	II Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19
Thu:	II Corinthians 3:15-4:6; Matthew 5:20-26
Fri:	Deuteronomy 7:6-11; I John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30
Sat:	II Corinthians 5:14-21; Luke 2:41-51
Sun:	Exodus 19:2-6; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

Corpus Christi Processions

There will be a Farm Street Church Corpus Christi procession around Mayfair immediately after the 11am Mass today.

Another Corpus Christi procession will take place through the streets of London today at **3pm**. The procession will start at the church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Warwick Street, and will process to the church of St James, Spanish Place, via the Ukrainian Cathedral.

All are welcome to attend these joyful acts of public witness to Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

A Lamp For Our Lady

To give honour to Our Lady, a lamp burns before her statue in the sanctuary. A 7-day lamp is lit every Saturday, the day traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and burns 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 intention of Mary Moss & Felix Moss

Society of Jesus calls for the name of Fr Stan Swamy SJ to be cleared

Fr Stan Swamy SJ, spent five decades fighting for Indigenous rights in the Indian state of Jharkhand. He died of Covid-19 in July 2021, after spending seven months in an Indian prison. He was imprisoned under the archaic Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) for crimes against the government of India and his supposed involvement in violence surrounding the 2018 Bhima Koregaon protests. Fr Swamy was 83 at the time of his arrest and imprisonment. He was the oldest of the those arrested at the time, most of whom are still in prison. During the seven months of his detention requests for bail were repeatedly denied, despite his deteriorating health. Fr Stan, who suffered from Parkinson's Disease, reportedly became unable to feed and bathe himself. Prison authorities also reportedly denied him basic amenities, such as a straw and a sipper, to help with his Parkinson's. While in prison he contracted COVID 19. He died on 5th July 2020, while still in police custody.

In December 2022, Massachusetts-based digital forensics firm Arsenal Consulting reported the results of its investigation into the evidence which had led to Fr Swamy's arrest and imprisonment. The report concluded that the priest was systematically targeted in a cyber campaign over a four-year period during which time false evidence was planted on his computer.

Fr Stan's willingness to stand with the poor and excluded eventually cost him his life. Today, an international campaign launched by the Society of Jesus in Jarkhand is seeking to clear Fr Swamy's name by asking people around the world to stand in solidarity with Stan by signing petitions which call on the Indian government to clear the name of this innocent man, based on the new evidence.

Here in the United Kingdom Jesuit Missions is spearheading this effort and the UK petition has already garnered over 5000 signatures. If you have not already signed the petition, could we please ask you to do so. Do share this information in parishes and Jesuit works. To make an impact 10,000

signatures are needed. In anticipation of the anniversary of Fr Swamy's death Jesuit Missions is also planning a vigil which will take place on the morning of Tuesday 20th June in Central London. As part of their continued efforts, they are also working to draw the attention of politicians here in the UK to this injustice. We encourage as many as possible to join us on the 20th. More information to follow.

Sunday Refreshments

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



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 www.londonjesuitcentre.org.

For more information, contact Federica Fiore at ffiore@jesuit.org.uk or on 020 7529 4844.

Understanding Islam

Five-part course beginning 7pm on the 13th June in the London Jesuit Centre.

A course aimed at Christians who would like to know more about the Muslim world and the theological sense Christians have made of it. Over five weeks, we will look at the basics of Islam both as Muslims understand it and from a Christian perspective. We will explore how Muslims understand other religions, especially Christianity, and the impact of the modern world on Islam and its dealings with Christians.

The course will be led by Fr Damian Howard SJ, Provincial of Jesuits in Britain.

Bio-City

2-Day urban rewilding workshop
June 23rd-24th in the London Jesuit Centre.

Over 2 days, we will use forest therapy techniques, guided prayer, art, and music to navigate the landscapes of our hearts, being present in in our bodies, and reconnecting with urban nature in the cityscape of Central London. Workshop led by Rachel Davies, Nicolette Burbach, and John Russell