

Corpus Christi Procession TODAY

There will be a Corpus Christi procession from Farm Street Church to the Grosvenor Chapel today immediately following the 11am Mass. All are invited to this act of witness.

Catholic Listeners

Catholic Listeners a new service based at Farm Street. The helpline operates a confidential, listening service with a wealth of experience at compassionate listening especially to those who may be interested in reconnecting with their faith. Operating three days a week from 4pm to 7pm, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, calls are free to the Helpline on 0800 448 0704

Email Ade on catholiclisteners@gmail.com.

Poets, Bards And Summer Joy!

Be creatively inspired and then have a chance to write and perform (if you feel tempted!)

On Friday 24th June at 7pm in the Arupe hall there will be a joyful and entertaining Poetry and Storytelling night from Award Winning Bard Sarah de Nordwall who has been running the Creative Writing service for the guests of the Catholic churches Together Lunch service here at Farm Street during covid time. Now a Company of Bards from her Bard School are continuing this work. This is a wonderful summer fundraiser to help pay for these creative enrichment activities that accompany the lunch service and have proven so beneficial to the guests.

Sarah is returning to Farm Street to inspire you with her unique brand of poems and tales and in the 2nd half will be encouraging some of the skilled audience members to take part too! The next poetry talent could well be you! So bring your talents, your friends and grab a glass, straight after mass at 7pm 'til 9pm and enjoy a memorable and thought provoking evening of joy, wit and words! Sitting and enjoying the show in your seat is also optional!

Ticket Price £25 (£15 for those who volunteer for the lunch service itself) The Company of Bards with also be there to encourage you as well as a couple of stars of the service!

To book a ticket just email Sarah on bardschool@gmail.com or call 07849 641 899. Tickets booked in advance are £25, but on the door are £30 maximum capacity 40 as we will be sitting round friendly tables with a glass and a pen in hand! www.sarahdenordwall.com

Tim Hetherington Film Club at Farm Street

Next showing: Arrupe Hall 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Thursday 30 June 2022

Cost: free with refreshments (donations welcome)

Presenting: 'The Wind that Shakes the Barley'

(126 minutes; directed by Ken Loach)

Book invited (but not necessary) at

dthurst52@gmail.com

Moving from the Pope to Politics and on the anniversary of both the Irish War of Independence (1921-21) and the Irish Civil War (1922-23), this month's important film is British director Ken Loach's 2006 film which was his biggest box office success to date.

The film is a war drama set during the Irish war of independence telling the fictional story of two County Cork brothers, played by Cillian Murphy (Tommy Shelby in Peaky Blinders) and Teddy O'Donovan, who join the Irish Republican Army to fight for their country's independence from the United Kingdom.

The film was widely praised, did well around the world winning the Palme d'Or at the 2006 Cannes Film Festival and was heavily influenced by Walter Macken's 1964 novel The Scorching Wind.

The Poetics of Liturgy and Place: An Evening of Sculpture and Music

4.30pm: The Face of Our Faith: A Sculptor's Journey - a talk by Timothy Schmalz

Timothy is a sculptor who is devoted to creating artwork that glorifies Christ, describing his sculptures as 'visual prayers'. He is perhaps best known for the *Homeless Jesus* sculpture, casts of which have been installed at many places around the world, including at Farm Street Church.

6pm: Mass (optional)

6.45pm: Musical performance of Olivier Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time

Composed in 1940 in a prisoner of war camp in Germany, this work is a moving expression of Messiaen's Catholic faith and was inspired by a line in the Book of Revelation, in which an angel announces 'there will be no more time'.

7.45pm: Wine reception (optional)

8.30pm: Close

Tickets: £15 per person excluding wine reception (£22 with wine reception)

All welcome! If you wish to attend, please buy tickets

via <http://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com>.

For tickets including the wine reception, the registration deadline is Sunday 3 July.

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



**Corpus Christi
19th June 2022**

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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

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ENTRY

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

RESPONSE

You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.

ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION

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



CORPUS CHRISTI

There is one really important word for today's feast; and that is "generosity", above all God's generosity to us, but also the generosity that the feast calls out of us who are made in the image and likeness of God, and who are functioning at our very best when we find ourselves unselfishly giving.

Look at the readings that you have just heard. The first reading is the extraordinary story of Melchisedek King of Salem (=Jerusalem?), which we don't really understand, but clearly involves the generosity of this barely known "priest of God most high" (a phrase that is three times repeated in this passage), who "brings out bread and wine". For Christians of course this "bread and wine" inevitably reminds us of the feast that we are celebrating today. It is all utterly mysterious, and we hardly know what is going on, except that there is generosity on every side: God is "creator of heaven and earth", for one thing; and you cannot get more generous than that; then there is the bread and wine, as we have said; and, equally generous, "he blessed him" (Abraham-Melchisedek?); then "he gave him a tenth of everything": another act of generosity, even if we don't quite know what is going on. God is in the story, and generosity is the name of the game.

Then the psalm, which is often quoted in the New Testament, and understood as referring to Jesus, who is also addressed as "my lord", also refers to this mysterious but generous character of Melchisedek, and we hear God saying (generously) "sit on my right, and I will make your enemies my footstool".

Our second reading is not quite so difficult to grasp; Paul is trying to stop his Corinthians from fighting, which they were always doing. So he reminds them of the generosity of that first Eucharist, "Which I received from the Lord, and passed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night when he was being betrayed, took bread and gave thanks ("did Eucharist"), and blessed and broke and said "this is my body which is on your behalf". Then he offers the same treatment for the wine, "this cup is the new covenant in my blood", and we notice the uncomfortable generosity here, as he bangs the lesson home: "whenever you eat this bread and drink the cup you are proclaiming the death of the Lord, until he comes". Today we are really invited to be generous.

Then the gospel is Luke's version of the feeding of the 5000; he starts with Jesus's generous healing, and only in Luke does it mention the explicit generosity, how he "welcomed (the idea of "welcome" is very important in Luke; it is a part of the generosity that is asked of us) them and he was healing all those who needed curing". And did you notice how the apostles behaved? They pretended to be generous and to be worried about how the crowds will eat: "send for them to go to the villages and

fields roundabout and find something to eat, because here we are in a deserted place". But Jesus shows up their ungenerosity, by telling them "give them something to eat yourselves". They think he's pulling their legs: "we've only got five loaves and two fish"; and what's the use of that?

But then we watch to see what Jesus does; he tells them to "make the crowds sit down in groups of 50". Then he continues with the gesture the priest always uses at mass: "he took the five loaves and two fish, and looked up to heaven and blessed and broke, and gave to the disciples to give to the crowd". And do you see the result of the generosity? "They all ate and were filled, and the surplus that was taken up was twelve baskets of fragments!"

You see, generosity is infectious, and extraordinary things could happen. What are you going to do today to reflect the generosity of God has given you? We are talking of an extraordinary mystery.

Fr Nicholas King SJ

Sunday Refreshments

We are happy to say that refreshments have now resumed in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30am, 11am, and 5.30pm Sunday Masses (second and fourth Sunday only for 5.30pm). All are welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship.

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

A Lamp For Our Lady

To give honour to Our Lady, a lamp will now burn before her statue in the sanctuary. The new lampstand has been generously donated by John Breck, a long-time parishioner, in loving memory of his parents, Barbara and John Breck. 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 Katerina's intentions.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Corpus Christi
Mon: St Alban, protomartyr
Tue: St Aloysius Gonzaga SJ, Religious
Wed: SS John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
Thu: Nativity of St John the Baptist
Fri: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (No Friday abstinence)
Sat: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Genesis 14:18-20; I Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17
Mon: II Kings 17:5-18; Matthew 7:1-5
Tue: II Kings 19:9-36; Matthew 7:6-14
Wed: II Maccabees 6:18-31; Matthew 24:4-13
Thu: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-80
Fri: Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5-11; Luke 15:3-7
Sat: Lamentations 2:2-19; Luke 2:41-51
Sun: I Kings 19:16-21; Galatians 5:1-18; Luke 9:51-62

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	970	Be thou my vision
Offertory	609	In bread we bring you
Communion	627	This is my body
Recessional	960	Guide me, O thou great redeemer

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Sarah Esparza, Chrissie Harkink-Mobbs, Fiona Hicks, and Erin Lillis.
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: Patrick Rice and Alan Stewart
Requiescat in pace.

Bookshop Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help in the Church Bookshop on Sundays. Could anybody interested please contact Karen Yates by e-mail at k.yates@beanthinking.org.

A Concert for Ukraine Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended the Concert for Ukraine at Farm Street Church on Thursday 26th May. £2,818 was raised to support the humanitarian response to the war in Ukraine. Thank you especially to concert pianist and Farm Street parishioner, Bobby Chen, for lending his musical talents for this event.



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.

Thursday Guided Prayer

Date: 30 June 2022
Time: 7.00-8.00pm (London time)
Level: Open to all
Summary: An opportunity to pray with a guide
Invited contribution: These sessions are free - donations are always welcome to help support the LJC programme
Venue: Online using the Zoom app
Register: Please book at www.londonjesuitcentre.org/guided-prayer
This is a monthly online session of guided prayer led by one of the spirituality team at the London Jesuit Centre. Each session will introduce a different method of prayer. Participants will be guided through the prayer, with space for silence to enter more deeply into it, followed by a few minutes of optional sharing to gain from each other's experience.

Space For Thought: Hope

Dates: Saturday 2 July, 1pm - 4:30pm (London time)
Level: Intermediate
Course tutor: Dr Stuart Jesson
Invited contribution: £45 (more information)
Venue: In person at London Jesuit Centre
Register: Please book at www.londonjesuitcentre.org/space-for-thought

Space for Thought provides a space for serious theological reflection in a prayerful mode. Participants will approach a central theological theme in a range of ways—close reading, creative response, silence, group discussion—whilst being attentively open to others as they do the same. Space for Thought is an invitation to practice theology with patient humility and attention; a "waiting on truth".