

# Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



## Corpus Christi 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### **PARISH CLERGY**

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest  
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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. Dates are subject to lockdown developments.

### **CHURCH OPENING HOURS**

**Monday to Saturday:** 7.30am - 6.30pm

**Sunday:** 7.30am – 7.00pm

### **LONDON JESUIT CENTRE**

All events are suspended until further notice. For more information, contact Anne Paolino at [apaolino@jesuit.org.uk](mailto: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.

## “DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.”

Our beautiful painting ‘In Memoriam’ by Andrew White is an unusual contemporary representation of the Last Supper, the Thursday evening gathering in the Upper Room in Jerusalem before Jesus’ crucifixion and death on the first Good Friday. Many visitors stop in front of the painting and spend time contemplating it. I often wonder what it is they see. For me it is an extraordinary inspired work of art as the apostles gathered around the table are so vividly recognisable, not as they might have been in Jesus’ time, but resemble people I’ve met. And visitors often say they too see familiar faces there. I’ve heard people say “that’s me around the table” or “that’s my friend there with Jesus”. Andrew White himself said: “Most of the models who sat for the painting were unknown to me the year I began the work. But as the hours and months passed and friendships grew, the painting became less about the disciples of 2000 years ago and more about Christ among his disciples today”.

For me ‘In Memoriam’ symbolises how the Lord wants to invite us, scattered as we are across diverse communities, nationalities, ages, backgrounds around this altar of sacrifice, around the Last Supper. That’s what we do every Sunday and every day we celebrate the Mass. Here at Farm Street that’s so tangible as we gather in folk from across London and visitors from abroad. Gathering the scattered children of God. That’s what the eucharist, what the sacrifice of the Mass is about. For me Andrew White’s painting highlights this truth. It reveals to us the eternal power of this moment in history, on the first Maundy Thursday, when Christ finally showed the full depth of his love for all his people. As he looks into the cup of his blood he says yes to his Father’s will that he die for us, his scattered flock, so we might all have eternal life.

But there is more to this. When we gather around the altar at Mass we do not do so simply as individuals. At this time, emerging – hopefully and gradually – from the pandemic, I have a strong sense of a community that has been scattered slowly being gathered in. We may not be able – quite yet – to open the Arrupe Hall for refreshments and socialising – but the community scattered across the four winds through COVID is slowly reassembling around the altar. And, gathered around that altar, Christ’s command is as it always has been to “do this” in memory of him. So when we gather around the altar we are also called, as were the first apostles, as part of Christ’s Body the Church with the mandate to bring

others closer to Christ. To gather in the scattered children of God. Every time we come to Mass we hear the words “do this in memory of me”.

This call is not just about our own parish community, however diverse and rich. When we gather around the altar we are as the first apostles called to look beyond ourselves outwards towards the peripheries, to those outside the Church. The closing words of the Mass “go in peace” do not end the Mass so much as bridge to the beginning of what the Mass is all about. We are now called to live out the eucharist in our lives. At this time there are, I am sure, many who are falling away from the practice of faith. But there are also many who are curious about faith, touched by the experience of Covid in so many ways, looking for comfort and meaning in life, and looking for a community where they feel they belong and where they can serve. Our wonderful team of stewards meet many people who peer through the glass doors at the Farm Street entrance to the church or who pop in and look around our beautiful building, often stopping to pray in front of In Memoriam, at one of our shrines, in front of Homeless Jesus, and our other art work. This presents a wonderful opportunity to simply say welcome and through a friendly smile and hospitable words to communicate that the Church is somewhere everyone is welcome and anyone can belong, where anyone can take their place around the Lord’s table of the Last Supper.

On the Feast of Corpus Christi in 2020 Pope Francis spoke in his homily of how the eucharist can heal our collective memories of the pandemic through the power of the love it signifies. The Jesus who comes to us in the eucharist, says the Holy Father, “wants to be close to us. Every time we receive him, he reminds us that we are precious, that we are guests he has invited to his banquet, friends with whom he wants to dine. And not only because he is generous, but because he is truly in love with us. He sees and loves the beauty and goodness that we are. The Lord knows that evil and sins do not define us; they are diseases, infections. And he comes to heal them with the eucharist, which contains the antibodies to our negative memory. With Jesus, we can *become immune to sadness*”. On this great feast of Corpus Christi may we know this truth in our own lives and, as we are sent out to “go in peace”, may we witness to that in our lives as his missionary disciples.

**Fr Dominic Robinson SJ**

## Liturgical Calendar

**Sun:** Corpus Christi  
**Mon:** Feria  
**Tue:** Feria  
**Wed:** Feria; St Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor; St Columba, Abbot  
**Thu:** Feria  
**Fri:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
**Sat:** The Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mary  
**Sun:** Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Daily Bible Readings

**Sun:** Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15;  
Mark 14:12-26  
**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:** Hosea 11:1-9; Ephesians 3:8-19; John 19:31-37  
**Sat:** II Corinthians 5:14-21; Luke 2:41-51  
**Sun:** Ezekiel 17:22-24; II Corinthians 5:6-10;  
Mark 4:26-34

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This Sunday is the great Feast of Corpus Christi. As we will not be having a procession this year, there will instead be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 3pm to 5pm. All are welcome to come to the church to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

## Newman Prayer & Meditation Concert

We are delighted to be hosting a free online concert titled 'Newman: Meditation & Prayer'. This event, with music provided by Harry Christophers and The Sixteen, will be streaming live from Farm Street Church on Classic FM's Facebook page on **Thursday 10 June 2021, 7pm**. The concert will feature new Genesis Foundation commissions by Sir James MacMillan and Will Todd, based on Cardinal Newman's texts, as well as readings by Alexander Armstrong. Sign up here to receive a digital concert programme and bonus film content in the lead up to the concert: <http://bit.ly/gfmailing>

## The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of June, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for those preparing to marry. Let us pray especially for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience.

## Farewell And Welcome

Fr Provincial has missioned Fr Chris Pedley, SJ, to be parish priest at St Wilfrid's, Preston, from September. It is with sadness that we say farewell to Fr Chris after so many years of service to the Parish, the Centre, and the Jesuit Community. We wish him many blessings in his new role. There will be an opportunity to thank and say farewell to Fr Chris before his departure at the end of August. Fr Chris will be replaced on the Parish Team by Fr Nicholas King, SJ, in September.

Welcome to Stephen Noon, SJ, who has joined the Jesuit Community, and who will succeed Fr Adrian Porter, SJ, as Director of the London Jesuit Centre in September".

## Have you been away from the Church and seeking a way back to your faith?

Landings, the programme for returning Catholics, is run by regular Church goers and those who themselves have returned after doing the Landings programme. Through a series of storytelling, discussion topics, and prayers returnees are able to have their voices heard through compassionate listening in a confidential space where trust and hospitality are integral.

We know that many have been away from the Church for a while and there is a great yearning to reconnect with their faith, especially after the past year of lockdown and the ensuing isolation.

If you, or anyone you know is considering reconnecting with their faith then do please email

Fr. Dominic Robinson at [landingsuk@gmail.com](mailto:landingsuk@gmail.com) or

Ruby Almeida at [landingsouth@gmail.com](mailto:landingsouth@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk)

## Scripture Speaks

*"Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever."*

John 6:53-58

## 11am Music list for Corpus Christi

**Organ** Adoro te devote - Böellmann

**Introit** Cibavit eos - Byrd

*He fed them from the fullness of wheat and sated them with honey from the rock. Alleluia. Rejoice in God our helper; sing for joy to the God of Jacob. Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.*

**Kyrie & Gloria** Missa Cum júbilo

**Alleluia Alleluia** Caro mea vere est cibus,  
et sanguis meus vere est potus;  
qui manducat meam carnem,  
et bibit meum sanguinem, in me manet, et ego in eo.

*My flesh is the true food, my blood is the true drink;  
he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.*

**Sequence Lauda Sion**

*Behold the Bread of Angels, for us pilgrims food, and token of the promise by Christ spoken children's meat, to dogs denied.*

*Shown in Isaac's dedication, in the manna's preparation: In the Paschal immolation, in old types pre-signified.*

*Jesu, shepherd of the sheep: Thou thy flock in safety keep, living bread, thy life supply: Strengthen us, or else we die, fill us with celestial grace.*

*Thou, who feedest us below: Source of all we have or know: Grant that with Thy Saints above, sitting at the feast of love we may see Thee face to face.*

**Offertory** Caro cibus - Mendelssohn

*Flesh from bread, and Blood from wine yet is Christ in either sign, all entire confessed to be.*

**Sanctus & Agnus Dei** Said

**Communion** Ave verum corpus - Byrd

*Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man, whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood, be for us a foretaste in the test of death.*

**Organ** Prelude in D-minor - Mendelssohn

## Scripture Speaks

*“Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,*

*“Hallelujah!*

*For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.*

*Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his Bride has made herself ready;  
it was granted her to clothe herself  
with fine linen, bright and pure”—*

*for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.  
And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.”*

Revelation (Apocalypse) 19:6-9

## Help the Homeless Donation Hub

The Companions of the Order of Malta's Donation hub is looking for donations for the 600 - 800 homeless supported in the hotels.

Hub address: St Joseph's Hall, Brompton Oratory, 5 Thurloe Place, Knightsbridge, London SW7 2RR.

Items required: Men's and women's clothes and shoes (not children's clothes please)

Toiletries – unopened please

Entertainment items e.g. books/crosswords/puzzles/art and craft items (No Recipe books please)

**Please see the times for dropping off donations:**

Tuesday 1.30 -4pm & 6.30 -7.30pm (by arrangement);

Wednesday 2 – 4pm; Saturday 10 – 11am

**Please contact Kate MacKenzie  
on [companions.london@orderofmalta.org.uk](mailto:companions.london@orderofmalta.org.uk) if  
you would like to deliver some donations. Please  
do not leave them at the church.**

## Face Covering Update

‘Face coverings will be mandatory in Places of Worship from Saturday 8th August 2020. All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass [or for private prayer] as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet.’ (Statement issued by the Bishops’ Conference).

## Papal Reflections

*"Adoring the Body of Christ, means believing that there, in that piece of Bread, Christ is really there, and gives true sense to life, to the immense universe as to the smallest creature, to the whole of human history as to the most brief existence. Adoration is prayer that prolongs the celebration and Eucharistic communion and in which the soul continues to be nourished: it is nourished with love, truth, peace; it is nourished with hope, because the One before whom we prostrate ourselves does not judge us, does not crush us but liberates and transforms us."*

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, 2008

## Ask your MP to sign a Parliamentary motion to stop 'DIY' abortion

Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion.

It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible sign Carla Lockhart's motion to send a clear message to the Government that they must end dangerous 'DIY' home abortion services as soon as possible.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds!

[www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion)

## 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>

## Act of Spiritual Communion

*Jesus, I believe you are present in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You and draw closer to You. Since I cannot receive Your body and blood sacramentally at this time, come to me spiritually. Help me to embrace You more deeply and unite myself more wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from Your love. Amen*

## 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](mailto:farmstreetfin@rcdow.org.uk). Thank you again for your support.