

Easter Week Schedule

From Easter Monday to Easter Friday (18th - 22nd April), the church will open at 11am and close at 1.30pm. On Easter Monday and Easter Friday, Mass will be celebrated at 1.05pm. On Easter Tuesday, Easter Wednesday, and Easter Thursday, Mass will not be celebrated, but a lay-led service of the Word and Holy Communion will be said at 1.05pm instead. Confessions will not be heard in the church during this week and there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The regular schedule will resume on Easter Saturday.

A Day with Mary

When: Saturday 23rd April 2022

Where: Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George, London Road, Enfield, EN2 6DS

9:30am Entry procession of Our Lady. Regina Caeli. Crowning. Sung Litany. Mass in honour of Our Lady. Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Daniel Humphreys. The Five Joyful Mysteries.

11.45am Lunch break *Please bring a packed lunch*

12.45pm Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Five Luminous Mysteries. Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Serafino Lanzetta. The Five Sorrowful Mysteries. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Sung).

2.50pm Tea break

3.30pm Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Serafino Lanzetta. Via Lucis. Act of Consecration. Benediction. Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal.

Finish for **5.00pm**

Throughout the day: Confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Carmine di Cesare, Marie Carroll Copestake, Michael Gill, Chrissie Harkink-Mobbs, Chris Hicks, and Alan Stewart. *The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. Psalm 41:3*

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

SAVE THE DATE

After a long hiatus, the Parish Picnic will return this year on Sunday, 12 June, starting after the 9.30am Mass and continuing into the afternoon. More details will be available in a week or two. Watch this space!

Catholic Listeners

Our journey through Lent and Holy Week culminates with the joy of Easter and Christ's victory over death, and the promise of hope and redemption for all of us.

We know that for many there is an acute sense of alienation, loneliness and anxiety brought about by the COVID restrictions over the past two years. Also, many would have drifted away from the family of the church. If you know anyone who would appreciate speaking to someone then there is the Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline. 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.

Catholic Listeners is part of Landings, an established programme based also at Farm Street. Through compassionate listening Landings offers a way back to practice of the Catholic faith for those who have been away and now wish to reengage with it. For further information contact Ruby on landingsouth@gmail.com

Jesuit Missions Job Advert

Jesuit Missions, the international mission and development office of the Jesuits in Britain based in Wimbledon, is recruiting a temporary Finance Officer. Key skills/experience include: QuickBooks online or equivalent; paying suppliers; banking; and payroll. Hours: 37.5 hours/week (£18/hr); part-time work considered. More information at www.jesuitmissions.org.uk or email Nuala Doran at info@jesuitmissions.org.uk

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Easter Sunday 17th April 2022

PARISH CLERGY

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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

I have risen and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSE

This day was made by the Lord:
we rejoice and are glad.

ACCLAMATION

Christ, our Passover has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

COMMUNION

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



RESURRECTION

Welcome to the greatest feast of the Church's year. We have been preparing for it for the last six-and-a-half weeks, with varying degrees of austerity. Now we come to the end of the most holy three days that we can imagine, days held together by the three powerful liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and last night's powerful evocation of the Resurrection in the Easter vigil service, the greatest liturgy that we know. So already we are aware this is a very special time; but there is more. For today begins the "Easter Octave", a full week of celebrating the feast, continuing the joy of Easter Sunday. Nor does it stop there: for we are starting six weeks of "Eastertide", as we explore the mystery of the Resurrection. This will take us up to Pentecost, and the birth of the church. Then, after that, we plunge abruptly back into what is known, perhaps a shade disparagingly, as "Ordinary Time". This is our customary mode of existence, when the Church will wear green vestments once more, for the first time since Shrove Tuesday.

So the Church is disposed to make a very big deal of Easter. Why is this the case? Quite simply, as Paul tells his maverick Corinthians, it is that without the Resurrection, "there is no such thing as Christianity". It is often complained about Christianity, and especially about our Catholicism, that we are very "dogmatic". "Dogma", we should always remember, means simply "that which seems good" to the Church. And the principal doctrine of Catholicism is, in the terms in which the Church first formulated it, that "God raised Jesus from the dead". And what is the big deal about this central dogma of ours?

Quite simply, Resurrection means that everything that threatens us has lost its power (though we do not always feel it that way). Consider what happened to Saint Paul: for quite good reasons he had decided that it was his duty to persecute the infant Christian movement into nonexistence. Then, however, he actually met Christ, could not deny it; and that changed everything. It is a moment that Luke, the author of Acts of the Apostles, thought so important that he recounted it no less than three times. For one thing, though Paul had never met Jesus in life, he knew, beyond any shadow of doubt, that Jesus was alive. If that was so, then it followed

Jesus' project was the project of God, and these crazy Christians were correct in proclaiming that "God raised Jesus from the dead". If that was the case, then Jesus had been sent by God, and nothing else mattered any more. Jesus was indeed the "Anointed One", "Messiah" in Hebrew, and "Christ" in Greek, as the Christians had been proclaiming. More than that, it had something to say about who Jesus was; those Christians had been using language that sounded blasphemous to Paul's Jewish ears, because it was language that had hitherto been reserved only for God. The Christians were talking as though Christ was God; But every good Jew knows that there is only one God; to imply anything else is to commit the kind of blasphemy that was frequently on the lips of ignorant pagans or gentiles. Now Paul discovered that he too had to use this language, if he were to do justice to his experience of Jesus, whom he now called the "Messiah", using the term "Christ", not as a title but as a personal name.

And something else had happened to Saint Paul. We can best describe this as the discovery that he had fallen head-over-heels in love with this Jesus whom he now knew as "Lord" and "Saviour". The result was that he spent the rest of his life going round the Mediterranean world, like a demented gadfly from big city to big city, telling anyone who would pause to listen, that Jesus was indeed Lord. It was a massive revolution in his life. This discovery drove him onwards for the rest of his life, until he had preached the gospel even in Rome, the capital of the then known world, of which Paul proudly proclaimed himself to be a citizen. There, legend tells us, he was executed by beheading, a privilege for Roman citizens, over against the horrible slave's death of crucifixion.

Was it a waste of a life? You must decide for yourself, on this great Easter Sunday.

Fr Nicholas King SJ

Happy Easter

On behalf of the parish team and the Mount Street Jesuit Community, a very happy and blessed Easter to you all.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Easter Sunday
Mon: Easter Monday
Tue: Easter Tuesday
Wed: Easter Wednesday
Thu: Easter Thursday
Fri: Easter Friday (No Friday abstinence)
Sat: Easter Saturday
Sun: Second Sunday of Easter

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9
Mon: Acts 2:14-33; Matthew 28:8-15
Tue: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
Wed: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
Thu: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
Fri: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
Sat: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
Sun: Acts 5:12-16; Apocalypse 1:9-19; John 20:19-31

Prayer for Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your will for your people is peace, not war. Pour out on our world, especially Ukraine, your Spirit of compassion and solidarity. Convert the hearts of the aggressor to the way of peace. Be with all those who endure the consequences of war, especially the widow, the orphan, the refugee and the peacemaker. Grant all those who believe in you the strength and desire to be close to those who suffer. Bind us all into the peace of your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
 Fr Damian Howard SJ,
 Provincial for the Jesuits in Britain

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London

Our brothers and sisters at the neighbouring Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral have expressed how much they appreciate the messages of support and solidarity that they have received during this traumatic time of war. We have been asked to extend an invitation to all our parishioners to drop in to the Ukrainian Cathedral to pray and show support for the people of Ukraine. Details of opening times can be found on the Ukrainian Eparchy website <https://www.ucc-gb.com/>

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). All are welcome to join us for tea and fellowship.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of April, we pray for health care workers who serve the sick and elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	290	The head that once was crowned with thorns
Offertory	601	Praise to the Lord
Communion	268	Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Recessional	267	Jesus Christ is risen today

11am Mass Music

Mass	Missa Solemnis in C major (K317)	Mozart
Motets	Laudate Dominum O panis dulcissime	Mozart Thiman
Organ	Toccata (Symphonie V)	Widor

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 Federica Fiore at ffiore@jesuit.org.uk.