

JUBILEE 175

SAVE THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

May 1 Jubilee Concert with our own Bobby Chen, piano, featuring the music of Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin and Liszt. This is a fundraiser for the Jubilee 175 Campaign, booking details available later this month.

June 7 Summer Party with dancing, at 114 Mount Street. A buffet supper will be generously provided by The Connaught Hotel and Claridge's, with a cash bar. This is also a fundraiser for the Jubilee 175 Campaign, booking details will be available in Easter Week.

June 9 Parish Picnic in Mount Street Gardens, following the 9.30 Mass and continuing into the late afternoon. Open to all, people are invited to bring a dish (main course, salad, dessert) to share. Pimm's Cups will be available for sale.

July 31 Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving on the Solemnity of Saint Ignatius, with Bishop Nicholas Hudson, principal celebrant. This Mass will celebrate the opening of the church on 31 July, 1849.

September 21 Ecumenical pilgrimage to Canterbury, with our friends at Grosvenor Chapel. The day will begin and end at Canterbury West Station, with pilgrims free to make their own arrangements for travel to and from Canterbury. There will be no charge for the day.

October 5 Jubilee Ball at the Savile Club, Brook Street. The evening will include a Champagne reception, dinner with wine, live auction, raffle and dancing until 1am. Booking details will be available in the late summer and all proceeds will go to Farm Street Church.

November 2 Walking tour of London sites important to the history of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), from the sixteenth century up to the present day.

December 9 Solemn Pontifical Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, with Vincent Cardinal Nichols, principal celebrant. This Mass will close our Jubilee Year of celebration and thanksgiving.

Job Vacancy

The London Jesuit Centre and the Jesuit Young Adults Ministries are looking for a Marketing and Communications person to maintain their websites, publicise their work, and produce short videos for social media. This is a full-time post with two days a week work for the Jesuit Young Adults Ministries and three days with the London Jesuit Centre.

Closing Date: 2nd April 2024

To apply, visit londonjesuitcentre.org/get-involved/jobs

Cana Lounge Café

We're delighted to say that the Cana Lounge Café is operating again. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, a lunchtime café operates in the Cana Lounge at 114 Mount Street. Freshly made sandwiches and soup are available for a very reasonable suggested donation. The café operates between 12 noon and 2pm.

Monthly Memorial Prayer Vigil for refugees and asylum-seekers

On the 3rd Monday of every month outside the Home Office SW1P 4DF from 12.30pm – 1.30pm. Praying for:

*Those who died trying to reach the UK

*Victims of current wars

*Those in detention & who are homeless

*The UK to be a more welcoming nation

Sign up to receive email news & alerts of changes or

cancellations at: homeofficevigil@gmail.com

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 or visit our website at www.CatholicListeners.com.

Catholic Listeners are here to listen.

Welcome

If this is your first time here, we would like to especially welcome you to Farm Street, our vibrant and engaging Catholic parish in the heart of London.

We aim to welcome all who come to our church to share in our faith and fellowship. Please do introduce yourself to a member of the clergy. You will always be most welcome here.

Fr. Dominic Robinson, SJ
Parish Priest



Jesuit Church of The Immaculate Conception

FARM STREET

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www.farmstreet.org.uk



Easter Sunday

31st March 2024

YEAR B TODAY'S RESPONSES

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. Alleluia!

COMMUNION

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

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest

Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

Fr Michael Barnes SJ; Fr David Birchall SJ;

Fr Peter Gallagher SJ

SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

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CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday: 7.30am - 6.30pm

Sunday: 7.30am – 7.00pm

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 8:00 | 13:05 | 18:00

Saturday: 8:00 | 18:00 (vigil)

Sunday: 8:00 | 09:30 (Family) |

11:00 (Solemn), 12:30 | 17:30 | 19:00 (Young Adult, 18-35)

Join us for a coffee after the 9:30 and 11:00 Mass.

Please see p.3 for Easter Week opening times and Mass schedule.

All Masses can be viewed on our livestreaming page <https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream>

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday to Friday: 12:00-13:00

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday: 12:00 – 12:55

Saturday: 11:00 to 12:00; 17:45 – 17:55

Sunday: Fifteen minutes before every Mass

Also by appointment



JESUS IS RISEN: ALLELUIA!

So it has come at last: the long dry trek through the desert of our Lenten abstentions is over, and it is our part now to rejoice with the Risen Lord. It was quite a desert, those six-and-a-half weeks of Lent, but it was a great preparation for the feast, with the richness of the readings that the Church put before us all the way through Lent, pointing to the meaning that lies beneath the surface of our Easter existence. Now we are coming to the end of the extraordinary holiness of the triduum, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and (if as I hope) you manage it both the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday morning, Now at last the Church can explode into Easter joy, for the celebration of the feast continues over the next eight days, as we go deeper into the meaning of it. Then we still have another six or seven weeks of "Eastering", learning to go deeper into our joy, and on weekdays reading and hearing those two extraordinary texts that we call "Acts of the Apostles", and "John's Gospel", which will take us up to the moment of the Church's rebirth at Pentecost, and the abrupt descent into "Ordinary Time", which is not nearly as dull as that title may make it sound.

Our task now is to grasp what it is about this great feast of Easter that demands this joyful and attentive celebration. And the central fact is that this is the very greatest feast of the Church's year. Consider the situation: Jesus has gathered around him this group of the Twelve plus those other disciples, both men and women, and they were starting to think that perhaps Jesus was after all the long-awaited Messiah, whom God was going to send to restore his kingdom on earth. It seems certain that at least some of those who entered Jerusalem with him, on that slightly unimpressive donkey, thought that this might be the moment when God would intervene and perhaps drive the Romans back into the sea, and restore Israel's lost kingdom.

Sadly, however, it turned out to be nothing of the kind. For Jesus was seen by the political and religious powers as a terrible threat. The religious authorities were horrified by his gesture of driving the money-changers out of the Temple ("my Father's House"). This will have been especially the Sadducees, who were particularly involved in that Temple. The Pharisees were also angered by Jesus because of what they saw as his rather casual attitude to the Law. And in addition to the religious groups,

the political powers were also watching nervously. They are represented in our story by the procurator, Pontius Pilate, who found himself driven reluctantly into imposing on Jesus the barbaric death sentence of crucifixion, even though he was quite clear that Jesus was not guilty; and they are also represented by the Roman soldiers jeering and shoving Jesus onwards to that appalling death, with the single odd exception of the centurion who was in charge of seeing Jesus die, and who found himself exclaiming that "this man was God's son", at least in Mark's gospel.

So no-one who really mattered could be said to be on Jesus's side, apart from the undisciplined rabble who had accompanied him on the journey from Galilee up to Jerusalem; and all of them had run away when the chips were down, including that one who committed the terrible embarrassment of running away naked; and, sadly, also including the one who had been emerging as the prominent leader in the group, Simon bar-Jonah, to whom Jesus had given the teasing nickname of "Rocky" or "Peter". One of the group had taken money from the religious authorities to make it easy to arrest Jesus in the confused darkness of the Passover crowds in Gethsemane just outside Jerusalem.

So Jesus had been utterly alone; but not quite, for the women had stuck quietly and firmly to him, and were there watching as the whole enterprise ended in ignominious failure with Jesus' death.

Or had it? For on that Sunday morning, on *this* Sunday morning, it was some of those very women who started to whisper the central Christian proclamation: "God has raised Jesus from the dead". They had seen him die, and from a death like that there is no coming back; so it could only be wishful thinking that had them saying "We have seen the Lord" But they kept on saying it, and on this day we and they are shouting at the tops of our voices that "Jesus is risen indeed" and singing loudly the ancient song of praise: It is all so unlikely, and yet it is the case: for Christians have never ceased to sing that joyful song, which is on our lips today: "Alleluia".

Fr Nicholas King SJ

Sunday Refreshments

There are **no** refreshments after Masses today. 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). Do join us next week for tea, coffee, and fellowship!

Prayer intentions

Please consider asking for particular prayer intentions at Mass and the lamp before Our Lady of Farm Street. Contact the Parish Office or speak to the sacristan for information on how to make your requests. Details of Mass intentions are on the notice board outside of the sacristy.

The lamp this week is lit for the intention of Dr Peter O'Connor & Angela O'Connor RIP

Walsingham Pilgrimage

The Farm Street Church annual pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 11th May. More information to come

Liturgical Calendar

Sun:	Easter Sunday Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9
Mon:	Easter Monday Acts 2:14-33; Matthew 28:8-15
Tue:	Easter Tuesday Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
Wed:	Easter Wednesday Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
Thu:	Easter Thursday Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
Fri:	Easter Friday (No Friday abstinence) Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
Sat:	Easter Saturday Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
Sun:	Second Sunday of Easter Acts 4:32-35; I John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

9.30am Mass hymns

Entrance	270	Christ is alive, with joy we sing
Offertory	601	Praise to the Lord
Communion	268	Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Recessional	267	Jesus Christ is risen today

Catholic Association Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Catholic Association pilgrimage to Lourdes, which includes the Stonyhurst pilgrimage, will take place from 23 to 30 August 2004. All are welcome. For more information, email contact@catholicassociation.co.uk or ask Fr Nicholas King.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from the 19th to 26th July. For more information about this, please visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or speak to Fr Dominic.

Easter Schedule

Easter Week, Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April

Church opens at 11am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions at 12 noon. Mass at 1.05pm. The church closes after the 1.05pm Mass

Saturday in Easter Week, 6th April and Low Sunday, 7th April

Normal schedule

Monday 8th April

Normal schedule

Tuesday 9th April to Friday 12th April

Due to a Jesuit Province meeting, there will be reduced services this week. Mass will be celebrated in the church at 1.05pm only.

Saturday 13th April

Normal schedule resumes.

Happy Easter

A very happy Easter to you from all the clergy and staff at Farm Street Church. May the blessings of the risen Lord come down upon you, your family, and your loved ones. Christ is risen, alleluia!