

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET

Easter Week Mass & Opening Times

A limited schedule will operate from Easter Monday to Easter Friday. The church will open at 11am. Confessions will be heard at 12 noon. Mass celebrated at 1.05pm. The church will close after the 1.05pm Mass. Normal schedule resumes on Easter Saturday (15th April).

Jesuit General Visit

Fr Arturo Sosa SJ, the thirty-first and current superior general of the Society of Jesus, will be visiting in the UK in April. As part of his visit, he will be celebrating the 1.05pm Mass on **Friday 14th April**. All are welcome to attend this significant occasion.

Walsingham, Pilgrimage

DAY trip to WALSINGHAM Saturday MAY 13th: coach departs 114 Mount St 8:30am & returns there via drop-off at Victoria Station c 8pm. Please join us on our annual pilgrimage to England's National Shrine of Our Lady in Norfolk. The day includes prayers and talks en route, visits to the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican shrines, optional walking the Holy Mile and free time. Cost: £40 inclusive of buffet lunch. To book email Walsingham@farmstreetchurch.com or 'phone Leslie Giltz on 07740 440 949

Miami University Men's Glee Club

On Friday 26th May at 7pm, there will be a free concert of sacred music in the church performed by the Miami University Men's Glee Club from Oxford, Ohio, USA. This will be part of their international tour, stopping at Oxford, Stafford, Paris, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London and Normandy. No need to book in advance.

21 April: The Big One – Climate Service and Rally.

Westminster Justice & Peace will be joining CAFOD, Faith for the Climate, Christian Aid, Christian Climate Action and many other religious and civic groups for the largest climate rally yet. Faith groups' action will centre around an ecumenical 'No Faith in Fossil Fuels' service at St Johns, Waterloo Rd, London, SE1 8TY, 12noon, after which we will walk together via the Shell HQ to join the main rally outside the Houses of Parliament. Bring prayers for climate justice on a placard, which you can hold up as we walk. Look for the Justice & Peace banner if you want to walk with us. Register your interest with CAFOD

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.

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 a person to be able to find and buy a good house in a timely manner.

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.



Easter Sunday 9th April 2023

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)

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

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.



FOCUSSING ON GOD

Well, congratulations: you have made it! During that long stretch since Ash Wednesday, you have frequently wondered whether Easter would ever come; and now it is here! No more worrying about whether this or that luxury was included in your Lenten fast, nor what counted as breaking the fast. Now our task is to focus on God, and on what God has done in and for Jesus. Of course, we should have been doing this all the time, but sometimes Christians can become a bit self-absorbed in Lent, and fail to look at God, finding their own successes or failures rather more interesting. But in fact all these last six-and-a-half weeks, especially the last dramatic week that we call “Holy Week”, have been a preparation for this moment; and this is of course not the end but only the beginning. We have before us now a complete week of celebrating Easter, when every day is Easter Day. Nor does it end there, for then six further weeks unfold leading us up to Pentecost, when the infant Church starts its mission, while we learn how to be “an Easter people”.

So we must make no mistake about it: this Easter is by a long way the greatest feast in the Church’s year; it is the centre of everything. And if it is not true, that God raised Jesus from the dead, then neither is Christianity true. So you and I have to make up our minds about this. Finally, the Easter good news gives each of us a job that we alone can do.

And how are we to find out what our job is? I suggest that we should find it enormously helpful pay attention to the readings which the church gives us at this time. First of all, read through the gospels set to be read during this coming week; each of them gives a different account of Jesus’ appearances to his disciples after the Resurrection. Read them all, slowly and reflectively, and allow them to speak to you. Try to imagine that you are there with Jesus, meeting him after his return from death; what does it feel like? What do you think he might say to you? What seems different about Jesus after his Resurrection? That will get you through the first week of Easter.

After that, the Church offers us wonderful readings, mainly taken from the Acts of the Apostles and the gospel of John. I suggest that you buy a missal and read carefully through the first reading every day. Or, better still, perhaps acquire a copy of the New Testament and read

slowly through the whole of Acts of the Apostles. Here what you are trying to do is to follow the extraordinary story turned those frightened men (you will notice that the women, as so often, were a great deal braver) into fearless proclaimers of the good news. And what is this good news? The very first formulation of it was in these terms: “God has raised Jesus from the dead”. It is also in itself a cracking good story, and, sadly, Christians do not know it as well as they might. Indeed, when we get towards the second-half of the Easter season, you will notice the compilers of our lectionary looking at their watches and thinking “we must hurry it on a bit to get to the end in time”. So if you can make a resolution to read the whole lot, you will find many wonderful stories that will not be read in church during this period. Read the entire book (it actually won’t take you all that long) and try to get a feel of what the Church was like in those early days. It is an amazing narrative.

But you must not stop there. For this is not a story of long ago, the distant times of the early Church; this is a story that is speaking to you today. It is your story, which leads us up to Pentecost, and the beginning of the Church’s mission, and then onwards into our world. Somewhere in there is the indication of what you are to do as a member of this Easter community. Ask yourself during these fifty days: “what are you calling me to do, Lord?”

And then listen to your Easter answer.

Fr Nicholas King SJ

HAPPY EASTER

On behalf of all the clergy and lay staff at Farm Street Church, a very happy Easter is extended to all parishioners and visitors. May the blessings of the risen Christ come down on you and your loved ones.

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).

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 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 34:35-48
Fri: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
Sat: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
Sun: Acts 2:42-47; I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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 List

Prelude Sarabande for the morning of Easter
Howells
 Mass Missa Solemnis in C “Coronation” K317
Mozart
 Motets Laudate Dominum *Mozart*
 Hallelujah (Messiah) *Handel*
 Postlude Final (Symphonie 1) *Vierne*

Parish Prayer List

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



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.

Catholics And The Monarchy In Britain

Thursday, 4 May 2023

7:00pm - 9:00pm

London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street

From the era of the Reformation down to the present day, the relationship between Catholics and the British monarchy has been long and fraught. On the threshold of a new era for the monarchy, with the accession of King Charles III, Catholics and non-Catholics alike are reappraising the role which the monarchy plays in the life of the nation. Do Catholics in Britain feel a sense of allegiance to King Charles? How does the history of this community affect its sense of participation in the national mythology? How will King Charles’ attitude to religious plurality affect this?

Join us for an evening of lively discussion about the past present and future of the relationship between the monarchy and Catholics in Britain, drawing on voices from the spheres of politics, journalism and history. The panellists will be Mary Kenny, Peter Stamford and Jon Crudas MP.

Guided Prayer Online (Summer Term)

Thursday, 11 May 2023

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Online - Zoom

This is a fortnightly online session of guided prayer led by the spirituality team at the London Jesuit Centre and some special guests. Each hour-long session introduces a method of prayer, such as the Examen or imaginative prayer. Participants will be guided through the prayer, with space for silence to enter more deeply into it, and a chance to share and reflect upon each other’s experience. You only need to sign up once for all 5 sessions. We usually send out further reminders with more details about each session closer to the time.