

# NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET

## Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Carmine di Cesare, Marie Carroll Copestake, Michael Gill, Chris Hicks, Danny Rutilio, and Alan Stewart.

*The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.*

*Psalm 41:3*

We also pray for the recently departed:

Alan Watson

*Requiescat in pace.*

## Panel Discussion

There will be a panel discussion at Farm Street Church on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 6.45pm to 8.15pm. The title of the event, organized by the Diocese of Westminster's Justice and Peace Commission, is 'Homelessness & the Pandemic: What have we learned?'

The panel will include:

\*Mick Clarke: CEO, The Passage

\*Jon Kuhrt: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

\*Fr Dominic Robinson SJ: Central London Catholic Churches

\*Elizabeth Wills: Caritas Westminster

\*Central London Catholic Churches Homeless Services guests

Light refreshments will follow after the discussion. All are most welcome to attend. There is no need to book. There is no charge, although donations will be accepted for homeless services.

This talk will also be livestreamed on our website.

## Paulist Pilgrimages

*Ignatius in Rome*

*June 26-July 2, 2022*

You are invited to join

Frs. Julio Giulietti SJ and Thomas A. Kane, CSP on a seven-day Ignatian pilgrimage into the heart of St. Ignatius Loyola in Rome.

We invite our pilgrims to engage fully in the Spiritual Exercises to deepen their relationship with Christ. Retreat conferences will focus on the spirituality of St. Ignatius and Jesuit history.

for Itinerary and information  
check [www.paulistpilgrimages.org](http://www.paulistpilgrimages.org)

## Society for the Protection of Unborn Children

The SPUC written to the parish to thank everyone for their generosity in donating to their White Flower Appeal. Farm Street Church raised **£541.13** for the SPUC, which assist them in their important work of defending the lives of unborn children.

## A Day with Mary

**When:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Where:** Church of Mary, Mother of God. Nags Head Road, Ponders End.

**9:30am** Entry procession of Our Lady. Angelus. Crowning. Sung Litany. Mass in honour of Our Lady. Celebrant & Preacher: Fr John Shewring. Re-consecration of the parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Five Joyful Mysteries.

**11.45am** Lunch break *Please bring a packed lunch*

**11.45pm** Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Sermon on Our Lady by Fr James Cadman. The Five Luminous Mysteries. Silent adoration Meditation on the Passion.

**2.45pm** Tea break

**3.15pm** Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Bijoy Chandra Nayaak CMF. The Five Glorious Mysteries. Act of Consecration. Benediction. Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal.

Finish for **4.30pm**

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

## Volunteers Needed For Catechesis 2022

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to share the faith and to help out with the Children's Liturgy, Holy Communion, and Teen Confirmation programme. We encourage all adults to prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you. We will provide training and support along the way.

Remember: "God does not call the qualified -- -- He qualifies the ones who are called." If you are interested, please contact us on [farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk), for att of Leninha Assis and Fr Dominic Robinson SJ.

## 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, coffee and fellowship.



***Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***27<sup>th</sup> February 2022***

## PARISH CLERGY

*Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest*

*Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ*

## REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

*Fr Damian Howard SJ; Fr Paul Nicholson SJ*

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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 - 6pm

**Sunday:** Fifteen minutes before every Mass  
Also by appointment

## BAPTISM AND WEDDINGS

By appointment.

## CHURCH OPENING HOURS

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

**Sunday:** 7.30am - 7.00pm

## YEAR C

### ENTRY

The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.

### RESPONSE

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

### ACCLAMATION

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your son.

### COMMUNION

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful  
with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord  
Most High.



## BE MERCIFUL AS YOUR FATHER IS MERCIFUL

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we have a further extract from St Luke's account of Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain".

Two weeks ago, we heard the opening of that sermon in which Jesus taught that a blessed future awaits those who, because they follow him, are poor, hungry and sad. Last week, Jesus told his disciples to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, to pray for those who treat them badly, to give their tunic as well to those who ask for their cloak and even to turn the other cheek when slapped in the face.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we hear three of the four parables with which Jesus this sermon concludes. The first is about a blind man leading a blindman with the result that both fall into a ditch; the second warns us not to complain about a speck in our brother's eye when there is a plank in our own; the third explains that no sound tree produces rotten fruit.

The Jesuit scripture scholar, Fr Peter Edmonds, has helpfully explained how these three parables relate to the content of the Sermon on the Plain. In the first one, the blind man leading the other is a disciple who ignores the teaching of Jesus which calls for love of enemies and the sharing of possessions with the result that he and the one he leads come to no good. The second, meanwhile, is a warning not to regard the standards of behaviour which Jesus teaches as applying to others only. The third reminds us that that the fruit the Christian should produce is the teaching of the Sermon put into practice. This is what good people produce from the treasure in their hearts.

The fourth parable, which is not included in this Sunday's reading, fits the same pattern. Jesus compares a house built on sand with a house built on the rock. Those who are built on Jesus and his teachings and putting them into practice are those who are firmly and thoroughly established, withstanding all that life throws at them.

Lent begins next Wednesday. Does the Sermon on the Plain tell us how we might make this the season of personal renewal it is meant to be?

The examples which Jesus provides – love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; give your tunic as well to someone who asks for your cloak – are all examples of gratuitous love. They are "gratuitous" in the sense that the other person has done nothing to earn or deserve what we do for him or her. We are to be motivated by love alone. "Be merciful", Jesus tells us in this sermon, "as your Father is merciful". Acting in this way, we are imitating God in his love for us. We can do nothing to deserve or earn his love: God loves because, as St John tells us, "God is love".

One way for us to keep Lent this year might be to include in each day acts of gratuitous kindness: by loving not because of what others can do for us in return, but only for love's sake. We might stop to talk to the man or woman begging at the stop of the steps of the tube station or we can phone or visit the older person down the road and risk getting just a little involved. Perhaps best of all, we can take the initiative, be the first, to reach out a hand in forgiveness to the one who has wronged us. And in doing so, what will we find? That we are not alone in doing this because Jesus has already done the same: he has reached out his hand in forgiveness to you and me when we have wronged him.

Keeping Lent in this way would be for us all, I would suggest, the season of renewal it is meant to be.

**Fr Michael Holman SJ**

### 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)

### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday falls this year on Wednesday 2nd March. Mass will be celebrated at Farm Street at 8am, 1.05pm, and 6pm, with imposition of ashes at each Masses. Confessions will be heard in the church from 12 noon to 1pm and from 5pm to 6pm.

### Liturgical Calendar

**Sun:** Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Mon:** Feria  
**Tue:** St David, Patron of Wales  
**Wed:** Ash Wednesday (Fast & Abstinence)  
**Thu:** Lent feria  
**Fri:** Feria (Friday abstinence)  
**Sat:** Feria  
**Sun:** First Sunday of Lent

### Daily Bible Readings

**Sun:** Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8; I Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45  
**Mon:** I Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27  
**Tue:** Philippians 3:8-14; Matthew 5:13-16  
**Wed:** Joel 2:12-18; II Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-18  
**Thu:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25  
**Fri:** Isaiah 58:1-9; Matthew 9:14-15  
**Sat:** Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32  
**Sun:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

### Pray for Peace in Ukraine

Pope Francis has called us to all to pray for peace in Ukraine. Ash Wednesday, which is already a day of fasting, is observed this Wednesday, and the Holy Father has invited us to all specifically offer up our fasting and prayers on this day for a peaceful resolution to the current conflict.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The next First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme, for children who are on year three begins on **27th of February 2022 from 10:30 - 11:30am**. The Celebration day: **16th October 2022**.

To register, please contact us: [farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk)

### CONFIRMATIONS

The programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation (teens age 14+), begins on the **16th of March 2022, 10:30 - 11:30 am**. The celebration day: 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022. To register, please contact us: [farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk)

### The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of February 2022, we pray for religious sisters and consecrated women. We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

### SVP Volunteers

The St Vincent de Paul Society organises a soup run in the local area every Monday night for the homeless. They need more volunteers to help with the soup run, starting at 7:30pm from Farm Street Church. If you might be able to help, please contact Yasko Kurahachi on [y.kurahachi@gmail.com](mailto:y.kurahachi@gmail.com)

### CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent Challenge

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So this Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200 km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day for 40 days, and you'll conquer your 200k target in time for Easter - and help people around the world to live free from hunger.

To take part, go to [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk)

### 9.30am Mass Hymns

<b>Entrance</b>	<b>694</b>	All creatures of our God and King
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>601</b>	Praise to the Lord
<b>Communion</b>	<b>643</b>	Gifts of bread and wine
<b>Recessional</b>	<b>945</b>	Now thank we all our God

### 11am Mass Music

<b>Mass</b>	Missa Brevis in C (K258)	Mozart
<b>Motets</b>	Beatus vir	Mozart
	Ave verum corpus	Mozart
<b>Organ</b>	Prelude and fugue in G major (BWV 541)	J S Bach

### 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 Anne Paolino at [apaolino@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:apaolino@jesuit.org.uk).