

# NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**18<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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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**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you:  
be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me,  
O God, my Saviour!

### **RESPONSE**

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

### **ACCLAMATION**

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

### **COMMUNION**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my  
life.

## **THE FARM STREET SUMMER PARTY**

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who came to our Summer Party at St Columba's last Thursday, which raised **£896.59** for the parish. There was a fantastic atmosphere in the hall, with a diverse mix of parishioners and friends enjoying themselves on and off the dancefloor. We are especially grateful to The Connaught, The Mayfair Chippy and Claridge's for generously providing all the food (and a chef) for the evening. It is hoped that this will now become an annual parish event.

Three raffle prizes remain unclaimed:

Dinner for two at Kiku Japanese restaurant, Mayfair - 370 (blue ticket)

Sandeman Late Bottled Vintage port – 235 (blue ticket)

Sautter Cigars ashtray – 329 (blue ticket)

Please email [FarmStreetOffice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:FarmStreetOffice@rcdow.org.uk) to arrange collection. You must present the winning ticket to claim your prize.

## **Prayer Vigil for Migrants and Refugees**

June 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 12.30-1.30pm, Opposite HOME OFFICE, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF

Join us to pray for ♦ those who have died trying to reach the UK, ♦ the many victims of current wars ♦ asylum seekers in detention centres, and those who are homeless ♦ Those who struggle to inject welcome and humanity into our legislation.

We invite you to join us every third Monday of the month, remembering those who have died, and praying for those who are struggling for safety.

Contact us for the prayer resources:  
[barbarakentish11@gmail.com](mailto:barbarakentish11@gmail.com) or  
[johanmaertens@hotmail.com](mailto:johanmaertens@hotmail.com)

## **Divine Will Conference**

The gift of living in the divine will, as presented in the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta. *"The Ultimate Fulfilment of God's Will for the Coming Era of Peace and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart"*.

Talks by Tony Hickey

Extraordinary chance to receive graces and blessings from first class relics of the following saints: St Therese of Child Jesus, St Faustina, St John Vianney, and St Thomas Aquinas

On **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June**, from 9am to 5.30pm. Mass at 6pm. At Holy Apostles Church, Cumberland Street, Pimlico. For further information contact: Lanette Aquino on 079 5649 1944 or 020 8555 6590. Everyone is welcome. There is a £15 registration fee. Light refreshments will be served. Sandwiches will be available to purchase for £1.

## **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](mailto: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 Rosina Bannon's birthday intention.**

## **Parish Prayer List**

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Diana Chadwick, Marie Carroll Copestake, Christian Engelhart, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Caroline Harkink, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, George Tabor, Francis Walsh, Natalie Williams & Michael Wymes

*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*

## **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](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com).

**Catholic Listeners are here to listen.**



## THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

*June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This week's newsletter article is a reprint of an Angelus Address delivered by Pope John Paul II to St Peter's Square on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 1979.*

1. On the day after tomorrow, Friday next, the liturgy of the Church is concentrated with particular adoration and love around the mystery of the Heart of Christ. Today, therefore, anticipating this day and this feast, already, together with you, I wish to turn the eyes of our hearts to the Mystery of that Heart. It has spoken to me ever since my youth. Every year I return to this mystery in the liturgical rhythm of the time of the Church.

It is well-known that the month of June is dedicated particularly to the Divine Heart, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We express to it our love and our adoration by means of the litany which in the single invocations speaks with particular depth of its theological contents.

I wish, therefore, at least briefly, to stop together with you before this Heart, which the Church, as a community of human hearts, addresses. I wish, at least briefly, to speak of this mystery, such a human one, in which God revealed himself with such simplicity and, at the same time, depth and strength.

2. Today let the texts of the Friday liturgy speak for us, beginning with the reading of the Gospel according to John. The Evangelist reports a fact with the precision of an eye witness.

"Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water." (Jn 19:31-34).

Not a word about his heart.

The Evangelist speaks only of the piercing of his side with a spear, and the coming out of blood and water. The language of the description is almost medical, anatomical. The soldier's spear certainly penetrated the heart, to make sure that the Condemned Man was already dead. This heart—this human heart—has stopped working. Jesus has ceased to live. At the same time, however, this anatomical opening of Christ's heart after his death—in spite of all the historical "severity" of the text—drives us to think also at the metaphorical level. The heart is not just an organ that conditions the biological vitality of man. The heart is a symbol. It speaks of the whole inner man. It speaks of the spiritual interior of man. And tradition at once re-read this meaning of John's description. In a certain sense, moreover, the Evangelist himself gave an

inducement to do so when, referring to the attestation of the eye witness that was he himself, he referred, at the same time, to this sentence of Holy Scripture:

· "They shall look on him whom they have pierced." (Jn 19:37; Zc 12:10).

So, actually, does the Church look; so does humanity look. And lo, in the One pierced by the soldier's spear all the generations of Christians have learned and learn to read the mystery of the Heart of the Crucified Man who was and is the Son of God.

3. Different is the measure of the knowledge that many disciples, men and women, of the Heart of Christ have acquired of this mystery in the course of the centuries. One of the leading figures in this field was certainly Paul of Tarsus, who, from being a persecutor, was converted and became an Apostle. He, too, speaks to us in the Friday liturgy with the words of the Letter to the Ephesians. He speaks as a man who has received a great grace, since it was granted to him "to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things" (Eph 3:8-9).

Those "riches of Christ" and at the same time that "eternal plan of salvation" of God are addressed by the Holy Spirit to the "inner man", "that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith" (Eph 3: 16-17). And when Christ, with the strength of the Holy Spirit, dwells through faith in our human hearts, then we will be able "to comprehend." with our human spirit (that is, precisely with this "heart") "what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge..." (Eph 3:18-19).

For such knowledge acquired with the heart, with every human heart, the Divine Heart of the One who was condemned and crucified on Calvary was opened at the end of his earthly life.

Different is the measure of this knowledge on the part of human hearts. Before the power of Paul's words, let each of us question himself on the measure of his own heart. "... (we shall) reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows every thing." (1 Jn 3:19-20). The Heart of the God-Man does not judge human hearts. The Heart calls. The Heart "invites". That was the purpose for which it was opened with the soldier's spear.

4. The mystery of the heart opens up through the wounds of the body; the great mystery of piety opens up, the deep feelings of mercy of our God open up (St Bernard, Sermo LXI., 4: PL 183, 1072).

Christ speaks in the Friday liturgy: "Learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart" (Mt 11:29).

Only once, perhaps, did the Lord Jesus refer to his own heart, in his own words. And he stressed this sole feature: "gentleness and lowliness": as if he meant that it is only in this way that he wishes to conquer man; that by means of "gentleness and lowliness" he wishes to be the King of hearts. The whole mystery of his reign was expressed. in these words. Gentleness and lowliness cover, in a certain sense, all the "riches" of the Redeemer's heart, of which St Paul wrote to the Ephesians. But also that "gentleness and lowliness" reveal him fully; and enable us to get to know him and accept him; they make him the object of supreme admiration.

The beautiful litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is composed of many similar words—more, exclamations of admiration for the riches of the Heart of Christ. Let us meditate on them carefully on that day.

5. Thus, at the end of this fundamental liturgical cycle of the Church—which began with the first Sunday of Advent and passed through the time of Christmas, then of Lent and of the Resurrection up to Pentecost, the Sunday of Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi—the feast of the Divine Heart, of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, presents itself discreetly. All this cycle is enclosed definitively in it; in the Heart of the Man-God. From it, too, the whole life of the Church irradiates every year.

This Heart is "A source of life and holiness".

**Pope St John Paul II**  
20<sup>th</sup> June, 1979

Liturgical Calendar	
<b>Sun:</b>	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Mon:</b>	Feria; St Romuald, Abbot
<b>Tue:</b>	St Alban, Protomartyr
<b>Wed:</b>	Sr Aloysius Gonzaga SJ, Religious
<b>Thu:</b>	SS John Fisher, Bishop, & Thomas More, Martyrs
<b>Fri:</b>	St Etheldreda, Virgin ( <i>Friday abstinence</i> )
<b>Sat:</b>	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
<b>Sun:</b>	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Daily Readings	
<b>Sun:</b>	Exodus 19:2-6; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8
<b>Mon:</b>	II Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42
<b>Tue:</b>	II Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48
<b>Wed:</b>	II Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-18
<b>Thu:</b>	II Maccabees 6:18-31; Matthew 24:4-13
<b>Fri:</b>	II Corinthians 11:18-30; Matthew 6:19-23
<b>Sat:</b>	Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-80
<b>Sun:</b>	Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

**Sunday Refreshments**

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).

9.30am Mass Hymns		
<b>Entrance</b>	694	All creatures of our God and King
<b>Offertory</b>	212	All ye who seek a comfort sure
<b>Communion</b>	938	Soul of my Saviour
<b>Recessional</b>	725	Guide me, o thou Great Redeemer

11am Mass Music List	
<b>Prelude</b>	Benedictus (Op59) Reger
<b>Mass</b>	K S A: Mass in D-minor Bruckner G: Mass in E-minor Bruckner/Goller
<b>Motets</b>	Locus iste Dupré Ave verum corpus Peeters
<b>Postlude</b>	Te Deum (Op59) Reger



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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 [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://www.londonjesuitcentre.org). For more information, contact Federica Fiore at [ffiore@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ffiore@jesuit.org.uk) or on 020 7529 4844.

**On Being Saved**  
Saturday, 1 July 2023  
10:00am - 4:00pm  
Tutor: Dr Stuart Jesson

### Course overview

In one of the earliest writings in the New Testament, the Apostle Paul wrote: "For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures...". But the question of what it means to say that "Christ died for sins"—the question of atonement theology—has been answered in many different ways throughout Christian history, and is particularly controversial within recent theology. This course explores some of these differences, and asks what this little word "for" might mean. How can one man's death be "for" anyone else, let alone all humanity? What are we saying, when we say that "Christ died for sins?"