

Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



Feast of All Saints
31st October 2021

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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 B ENTRY

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the
feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival
the angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

RESPONSE

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

ACCLAMATION

Come to me all you who labour and are
overburdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

COMMUNION

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called
children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom
of Heaven.

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

We come this weekend to the fourth universal apostolic preference of the Society of Jesus, representing another vital dimension of our worldwide mission as Jesuits over the next ten years or so. This is to care for our common home, such an urgent contemporary mission which has been outlined in particular by Pope Francis.

“Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home” proclaimed Pope Francis in his landmark encyclical letter *Laudato Si’* six years ago. At this time, reflecting on this time of pandemic, I think we need to hear these words more than ever. Francis is calling on global society to embrace a new chapter which promotes the harmony of the whole human race and of creation. And, most importantly for me, he warns us that we cannot stand by waiting for the “new normal” to arrive. Rather, as we begin to emerge from the tunnel, with all the grief, fear, anxiety and uncertainty about what that “new normal” can be, we are being called to build that future. As Christians we have a special duty and responsibility to help that new society as we learn the lessons of this time and discern the path together with all people of good will.

Pope Francis lays out his vision for building our common home in this groundbreaking document *Laudato Si’*. Here is what I take from what the Holy Father is saying to us. Society, says Francis, has been guilty of respecting the planet as a false economy. We have placed humanity over the rest of creation, using it for our own manipulative ends. We have taken our environment for granted, creating a culture of wastefulness, consumerism and indifference to the gifts God has given us. It is as though humanity has completely disregarded our natural habitat and turned in on ourselves and our own needs. A new approach is needed which sees that everything on our planet is connected. It requires a mindset which is fundamentally Christian and rooted in both biblical and Catholic teaching which turns us away from looking in at ourselves as the centre of the universe and redirects us outwards towards the reality of the world where we live.

This new mindset for a new era sees the connection between the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth. As we begin to reflect on the devastating effects of the pandemic we can surely see the challenges more clearly. The victims of the pandemic are the poorest among us – we have seen that so closely here in London with the emergency response to the homeless left on our streets and the increasing numbers using foodbanks. The reality of climate change is also

punishing the poorest around our world as extreme weather destroys whole communities.

The new way of thinking the Holy Father calls us to requires us to look outside of ourselves and towards creation as a whole. His vision is not a political gimmick focussed on a single issue. Rather it is a call to discern our call to be more selfless, more Christlike, to be stewards of the gifts we are given as humanity made in God’s image. This involves our concern for each other, especially the weakest, and at the heart of this is a call to care for the common home with a new gentleness, a rediscovered Christian tenderness in relationship to the world around us as a central mark of our common Christian vocation.

For me this call to create something new seems to be permeating so much we do at this still extraordinary time. The experience of the lockdown has been different for each individual and it is too early to draw collective conclusions. However there is a sense that questions are being asked about our very identity as human beings, about spirituality, about God. And contemplation has led to the desire to do good, to serve the most vulnerable, to care for the environment, for me to practise what I preach and aspire to.

In the midst of all this uncertainty and soul searching, of this petulance and determination to come out of the pandemic tunnel, in the darkness of depression and in the new lucidity when fires of faith, hope and love are reignited, Jesus comes to us and puts his confidence in us as his disciples, as his Church listening to the Spirit. This is for me why the Synod Pathway is a great gift at this time and I am so grateful for the work being done by Janet and her team to begin to set up this process in the Parish. It is a wonderful opportunity to listen together to the promptings of the Spirit. May it bear great fruit in helping us to respond generously to the call Christ is making of each one of us at this time to care for our common home more tenderly, more generously and more prophetically. May we be moved at this time of change to look outside of ourselves to see how our beautiful creation is in its interconnectedness such a wonderful gift from God to be nurtured for future generations all for his greater glory.

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ

Sunday Homilies & Articles

Weekly newsletter articles are uploaded to our website on a weekly basis. They can be viewed at <https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/weekly-articles>. Our website also contains an archive of previous Sunday homilies.

Social Media

Farm Street Church has an active presence on social media, and we regularly update our Twitter account and Facebook page with information relating to the parish and the wider Catholic community

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: All Saints Day [Transferred]
Mon: Feria
Tue: All Souls' Day
Wed: St Rupert Mayer SJ
Thu: St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Fri: All Saints and Blessed of the Society of Jesus
Sat: Faithful Departed of the Society of Jesus
Sun: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Revelation 7:2-4,9-14; I John:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a
Mon: Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14
Tue: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; Mark 15:33-16:6
Wed: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
Thu: Ephesians 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10
Fri: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8
Sat: Romans 16:3-27; Luke 16:9-15
Sun: I Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the Arrupe Hall after the Sunday 9.30am, 11am, and 5.30pm Masses (*refreshments after 5.30pm Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays only*). All are welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of October, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for missionary disciples. Let us pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses to a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

The Universe

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that they have launched their new online newspaper with the full support of their first subscriber none other than His Eminence Vincent Cardinal Nichols. Order your Digital copy by going to www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk or call them on 0743661 7650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer: Only £20 for 3 months.

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

11am Latin Mass Music List

Mass	Missa O quam gloriosum, <i>Victoria</i>
Motets	Justorum animae, <i>Stanford</i> Ave vigo sanctissima, <i>Guerrero</i>
Organ	Placare Christe Servulis, <i>Dupré</i>

It's Good To Talk

Are you feeling lost and alienated? Has COVID left you feeling isolated and vulnerable? And have the many months of lockdown created a sense of spiritual reawakening for you? Would you like to explore these feelings and share them with others who are also experiencing the same thing?

It's Good to Talk is where you can discuss issues about faith, and about a desire to belong to a community. *It's Good to Talk* is a non-judgemental, lay-led space. The meetings are held at Farm Street. Each meeting is informal and welcoming, with hospitality at its core.

Contact Ruby at landingsouth@gmail.com for further details.

Our Website

An online edition of the newsletter is uploaded to the website every week. Our website also contains an archive of homilies, weekly video reflections, upcoming events, and much more. Visit it at www.farmstreet.org.uk.

Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month during which we especially pray for the dead. There will be a box placed at the back of the church, with sheets of paper on which you are invited to write down the names of those you would like to be prayed for. The names will be placed on the altar during Mass.

Introducing the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus

The Universal Apostolic Preferences are the fruit of a worldwide process of discernment lasting almost two years. All Jesuits were invited to take part and in addition our mission partners. It concluded with a confirmation from Pope Francis in a special meeting with Fr General Arturo Sosa.

The Preferences give a horizon, a point of reference to the whole Society of Jesus. They capture our imaginations and awaken our desires. They unite us in our mission. The new Preferences are four areas vital for our world today. The Society of Jesus will pay special attention to them in the next ten years.

During this month of October, we invite you to learn more as each weekend the newsletter article is devoted to 1 of the apostolic preferences. In addition the particular preference that weekend will find a place in the homilies. The plan is as follows:

October 10th: To show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment

October 17th: To walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice

October 24th: To accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future

October 31st: To collaborate in the care of our Common Home

Book Signing "The Wandering Soul" by Jerry Hawthorne

Jerry Hawthorne will be signing copies of his autobiography "The Wandering Soul" in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30 and 11.00 Masses on Sunday 31st October. The book includes much about his time at school at Beaumont College and about the Jesuits more generally, as well as the time he spent in New York, Washington and Philadelphia and his many other travels overseas and his work for the Church; he also talks about his work as a solicitor for two legal firms, and as honorary solicitor for the successful visit to the UK of Pope John Paul II.

Face Covering Notice

In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to respect the safety of all, we request that you wear a face covering in the church, unless you are exempt from doing so. Thank you for your cooperation.

Candlelit Procession & Prayer for COP26

1st November 2021, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Westminster Cathedral, Victoria St, London SW1P 1LT, UK

Candle-lit procession from Westminster Cathedral to Farm Street Church to pray for the success of COP26, the UN Conference on Climate Change taking place in Glasgow from 31st October - 12th November.

Join us in the Cathedral for the 5.30pm Mass with a blessing for the procession at the end or gather on the piazza in front of Westminster Cathedral at 6.00pm. Organised by London Jesuit Centre, Jesuit Missions and Westminster Justice & Peace. Bring a candle you can carry safely or Led nightlights provided.

Sign up at <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/cop-26-candle-lit-procession>

Global Day of Action for the Climate

6 November 2021, 11:00am - 4:30pm

Westminster Justice & Peace will be joining CAFOD, other Catholic organisations and faith and civic groups around the world for a day of global action during the middle Saturday of the UN Climate Conference, COP26, which is taking place in Glasgow 1-12 November 2021.

For the London events, we will gather first with CAFOD at St Mary Moorfields, 4-5 Eldon Street, London, EC2M 7LS at 11am before joining the main rally. Register with CAFOD to receive more details as they are confirmed:

Register at

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/COP26-Day-of-Action-2021>

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.