

Camino Ignaciano Alda to Loyola

We are delighted to be organising a Camino Ignaciano from Alda to Loyola from the 5th-15th September 2022. The itinerary will be:

- Monday 5th September: Transfer from Bilbao airport to Maeztu, Alava. Overnight.
- Tuesday 6th September: Transfer to Alda. 1st stage: Alda-Opakua (15.6 km). Transfer to Maeztu. Overnight.
- Wednesday 7th September: Transfer to Opakua. 2nd stage: Opakua-Araia (10.1 km) Transfer to Maeztu. Overnight.
- Thursday 8th September: Transfer to Araia. 3rd stage: Araia-Arantzazu (18.1 km) Overnight
- Friday 9th September: 4th stage: Arantzazu-Brinkola (11 km) Transfer to Arantzazu and overnight.
- Saturday 10th September: Full day of repose in Arantzazu
- Sunday 11th September: Transfer to Brinkola. 5th stage: Brinkola-Zumarraga (11 km). Overnight
- Monday 12th September: 6th stage: Zumarraga-Loiola (16.4 km). Overnight
- Tuesday 13th September: Day in Loyola. Breakfast and overnight in Loyola.
- Wednesday 14th September: Transfer to Bilbao. Free day in Bilbao
- Thursday 15th September: Transfer to Bilbao airport and end of our services.

Pilgrimage price without flights, 2 gratuities: For a group of 10-14 pilgrims, 8-12 pilgrims paying: 1,620€/person in double room and 2,090€ in single bedroom, all of them with private bathroom.
For a group of 15 pilgrims or more, 13 or more pilgrims paying: 1,490 Euros/person in double room and 1,890 Euros in single bedroom, all of them with private bathroom.

For more information and to request a booking from, please contact George McCombe at Farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk. The booking deadline is the 31st July 2022.

Camino in the Steps of St Ignatius

A second Camino pilgrimage will also take place from the 18th to the 29th October, from Verdú to Manresa. More details for this will follow in next week's newsletter.

Sacristan Farewell

The church sacristan, Kevin De Souza, will be leaving Farm Street Church to pursue new interests. His final day will be Thursday 28th July. We wish him all the very best for the future and thank him for all his hard work over the past three years.

FARM STREET CHURCH VACANCY

Farm Street Church is a very active city centre church in the heart of Mayfair under the care of the Jesuits. We are looking for a motivated, hard-working individual to assume the position of sacristan. The position is full-time at 31 hours a week with pay being set at £13.70 an hour. Working days are Saturday, Sunday, and three weekdays to be decided. Flexibility is required and overtime may be expected. Sunday hours are set at ten hours. The successful applicant will demonstrate a commitment to the mission of Farm Street Church.

Duties include managing the sacristy; setting up for and being present at Masses, baptisms, funerals, and other services and events as required; and acting as registrar for weddings. The sacristan is also responsible for the cleaning and care of the sacristy, sanctuary, and other parts of the church as required. Additional hours will be required at Christmas and Easter. The sacristan will report directly to the parish priest.

For further information about the parish please visit our website www.farmstreet.org.uk. To apply for this position please e-mail George McCombe at farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk to request an application form. The deadline for submitting an application is 4pm on Friday 5th August. Those applicants invited to attend an interview will hear from us by Friday 12th August. Interviews will take place during the week beginning the 15th August.

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

Where? Walsingham National Catholic Shrine
When? Saturday 6th August, 12 noon.
Led by Bishop Philip Egan.
For more details contact 01858 571 242.
www.prolifepilgrimage.org

Catholic Listeners

Catholic Listeners a new service based at Farm Street. The helpline operates a confidential, listening service with a wealth of experience at compassionate listening especially to those who may be interested in reconnecting with their faith. Operating three days a week from 4pm to 7pm, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, calls are free to the Helpline on 0800 448 0704
Email Ade on catholiclisteners@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th July 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 – 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

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ENTRY

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

RESPONSE

Seek the Lord, you who are poor,
and your hearts will revive.

ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a
nest for her young:
By your altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and
my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for
ever singing your praise.



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

Today we have a remarkable gospel reading. The story appears also in Mark and Matthew, though they tell it rather differently. For Mark, the scribe, Jesus' interlocutor, is the hero of the story, and he accepts what Jesus says about the "greatest commandment"; and now we notice a real meeting of minds between him and Jesus. For Matthew, it is impossible that a scribe should be a hero, so in his version it is Jesus who names the two greatest commandments. But in Luke it is all different. As in Matthew, the "lawyer" (a favourite word of Luke's) is "testing" Jesus; so we know he's up to no good, especially when he asks Jesus, "what am I to do in order to inherit eternal life?". Jesus throws the question back at him, and asks him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?". We are slightly surprised when he responds, absolutely correctly, "you should love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself". Then Jesus says in a slightly offhand way, "A good answer. Do that and you will live".

However, the story now takes a new turn, as the "lawyer", "wishing to justify himself", asks another question: "and who is my neighbour?". This leads into one of the best stories of the entire gospel; and Luke is the finest story-teller of them all. You know how it goes: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among muggers. They took off his clothes, rained blows on him and went away, leaving him half dead". So far, so familiar; the track from Jerusalem to Jericho is a very dangerous road, and you should never, even today, attempt it alone. I have frequently done that route but always with energetic and vigorous students to discourage hostile incursions.

Now it takes a different turn, and there is something of a shock. It starts with a rare but telling phrase, which can be translated as "by coincidence"; and that should get us listening, because in God's providence there is no such thing as coincidence. And here the "coincidence" is the arrival of two religious figures, a "priest" and a "Levite". This is a surprising turn of events, and not at all what we thought might happen. On the whole we are not expecting much good of them (Jesus and religious figures do not get on very well together, as a rule); and so it proves. For instead of doing anything to help the unfortunate victim, both of them "saw, and passed by on the other side". This word, "pass-by-on-the-other-side", is not used anywhere else in the New Testament, and clearly indicates a massive avoidance strategy. We are not being invited to applaud them. Then things get even odder; for a third character appears; now Jesus' hearers might have expected this one to be "a good Jewish layman" or even "a Galilean". For Jesus was a Galilean; and that particular group was not very popular down South. Instead we get..." (and, yes, I

know that you know perfectly well what is going to happen; but before I write the name I should like you to think of whatever group you most dislike): "...A SAMARITAN"; this was a very foreign group, who had a Temple to rival that of Jerusalem, and were absolutely at daggers drawn with the set-up in Judea; and it is this unlikely group that produces the person who is going to behave impeccably.

For this alien from the Planet Zog not only does not "pass by on the other side", but makes straight for the half-dead person, careless of the consequences, binds his wounds and heals him with oil and vinegar; then he gives him a lift to the nearest hostelry, where his generosity knows no bounds, for he actually instructs the Inn-keeper to do even more for the unfortunate victim, "and I shall pay the difference"

Then we are faced with the question; it is put to the lawyer, but it also speaks to us: "which of these three in your view acted as neighbour to the victim?". The lawyer cannot bring himself to mention the hated tribal name of "Samaritan", but mumbles, "the one who did the mercy-thing with him". And Jesus, talking to us quite as much as to him, says "off you go; and you are to do the same". What is *your* answer to this?

Fr Nicholas King SJ

SAVE THE DATE!

The Farm Street Charity Ball, a dinner-dance to raise funds for the charitable works of the parish, will be held on Saturday, 29th October at The Savile Club, Brook Street, W1. The evening will include musical entertainment, a live auction, a raffle and a few surprises. More details and booking information will be available in late summer. Watch this space.

Sunday Refreshments

We are happy to say that refreshments have now resumed 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 a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship.

Feast of St Ignatius

A sung Mass will be celebrated for the Feast of St Ignatius on Friday 29th July at 6pm. All are most welcome to attend this Mass, which will be followed by a wine reception in Mount Street Gardens (weather permitting).

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Chrissie Harkink-Mobbs, Erin Lillis, Sarah Esparza Regalado, & Nathalie Richards.
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: John Hall Spencer
Requiescat in pace.

A Lamp For Our Lady

To give honour to Our Lady, a lamp will now burn before her statue in the sanctuary. A 7-day lamp will be lit every Saturday, the day traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and burn 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 recently founded law firm seeking partners

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon: St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe
Tue: Feria
Wed: Feria; St Henry
Thu: Feria; St Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Fri: St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor (*Friday abstinence*)
Sat: Feria; Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
Sun: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37
Mon: Proverbs 2:1-9; Matthew 19:27-29
Tue: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24
Wed: Isaiah 10:5-16; Matthew 11:25-27
Thu: Isaiah 26:7-19; Matthew 11:28-30
Fri: Isaiah 38; Matthew 12:1-8
Sat: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21
Sun: Genesis 18:1-10; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	970	Be thou my vision
Offertory	610	Take our bread, we ask you
Communion	938	He who would valiant be
Recessional	466	All people that on earth do dwell

Book Signing

Gerry Hawthorne will be signing copies of his first novel "Trainee Solicitors' Loves, Lives and Tribulations" after the 9.30 and 11.00 Masses on Sunday 10th July in the Arrupe Hall. Gerry worked for the Church and was a solicitor for two legal firms and was involved with the visit of Pope John Paul II to the UK.

The Poetics of Liturgy and Place: An Evening of Sculpture and Music

Tuesday 12th July

4.30pm: *The Face of Our Faith: A Sculptor's Journey - a talk by Timothy Schmalz*

Timothy is a sculptor who is devoted to creating artwork that glorifies Christ, describing his sculptures as 'visual prayers'. He is perhaps best known for the *Homeless Jesus* sculpture, casts of which have been installed at many places around the world, including at Farm Street Church.

6pm: Mass (optional)

6.45pm: Musical performance of Olivier Messiaen's *Quartet for the End of Time*

Composed in 1940 in a prisoner of war camp in Germany, this work is a moving expression of Messiaen's Catholic faith and was inspired by a line in the Book of Revelation, in which an angel announces 'there will be no more time'.

7.45pm: Wine reception (optional)

8.30pm: Close

Tickets: £15 per person excluding wine reception (£22 with wine reception)

All welcome! If you wish to attend, please buy tickets

via <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com>.

For tickets including the wine reception, the registration deadline is Sunday 3rd July.

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

Governors Needed

Foundation Governors needed for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Maida Vale, The governing body of St Joseph's, with the Headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have an interest in Governance and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work.

However, we would particularly welcome nominations from parishioners with the following skills: project management, human resources and finance. Training is available for all governors and this governing body has an expectation that those new to being a governor attend free induction training.

If you would like to apply please contact Mrs Dunphy ddunphy@stjosephsschool.org.uk