

### How to be a Synodal Church

Pope Francis calls for all the baptised to be involved in the Synodal Process – are you? Join people from a range of parishes and backgrounds for a day of reflection, conversation, and action to prepare for the October 2024 Synodal Assembly in Rome.

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024

10am (refreshments) for 10.30am – 4pm  
*Light refreshments provided – bring a packed lunch*

The Aula Magna, London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street

RSVP – [Farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk)  
020 8986 0807

### Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 2.30pm, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Annual Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes at Westminster Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered. Tickets must be booked for this via the parish. If you would like to attend this Mass, please contact Fr Dominic or George at [farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk).

### Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life

Dates: 16-18 February 2024

Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

### Monthly Memorial Prayer Vigil for refugees and asylum-seekers

On the 3rd Monday of every month outside the Home Office SW1P 4DF from 12.30pm – 1.30pm. Praying for:

\*Those who died trying to reach the UK

\*Victims of current wars

\*Those in detention & who are homeless

\*The UK to be a more welcoming nation

Sign up to receive email news & alerts of changes or

cancellations at: [homeofficevigil@gmail.com](mailto:homeofficevigil@gmail.com)

### Laudate Deum Discussion

Westminster Cathedral Interfaith group will be meeting for a discussion on Pope Francis' Laudate Deum. The dates are:

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Chapters 1 & 2

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Chapters 3 & 4

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Chapters 5 & 6

1.30pm – 3pm in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, SW1P 1EP.

For more information, contact [woodhousesopten@btinternet.com](mailto:woodhousesopten@btinternet.com).

### 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) or visit our website at [www.CatholicListeners.com](http://www.CatholicListeners.com).

**Catholic Listeners are here to listen.**

### Welcome

If this is your first time here, we would like to especially welcome you to Farm Street, our vibrant and engaging Catholic parish in the heart of London.

We aim to welcome all who come to our church to share in our faith and fellowship. Please do introduce yourself to a member of the clergy. You will always be most welcome here.

**Fr. Dominic Robinson, SJ**  
Parish Priest



Jesuit Church of The Immaculate Conception

# FARM STREET

Welcome to Farm Street Church, our vibrant and engaging Catholic Parish in the heart of London

[www.farmstreet.org.uk](http://www.farmstreet.org.uk)

### PARISH OFFICE

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### PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest

Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

### REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

Fr Michael Barnes SJ; Fr David Birchall SJ;

Fr Peter Gallagher SJ

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

Debbie Martin, Email:

[farmstreetsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstreetsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

### CHURCH OPENING HOURS

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

**Sunday:** 7.30am – 7.00pm

### MASS TIMES

**Monday to Friday:** 8:00 | 13:05 | 18:00

**Saturday:** 8:00 | 18:00 (vigil)

**Sunday:** 8:00 | 09:30 (Family) |

11:00 (Solemn), 12:30 | 17:30 | 19:00 (Young Adult, 18-35)

Join us for a coffee after the 9:30 and 11:00 Mass.

All Masses can be viewed on our

livestreaming page

<https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream>

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday to Friday:** 12:00-13:00

### CONFESSIONS

**Monday to Friday:** 12:00 – 12:55

**Saturday:** 10:00 to 12:00; 17:45 – 17:55

**Sunday:** Fifteen minutes before every Mass

Also by appointment



### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### YEAR B TODAY'S RESPONSES

#### ENTRY

*O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.*

#### RESPONSE

*Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

#### ACCLAMATION

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.*

#### COMMUNION

*Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.*



## TO MAKE HIS GLORY PRAISED

For His greater glory”, “To make His glory praised”; we find both of these phrases in St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians. Where else have we heard something like that before? Surely it recalls the Jesuit motto: To the Greater Glory of God.

Many of you may have written that in an abbreviated form at the top of your homework at school: A.M.D.G. – in Latin, Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam. If you look at the statue of St. Ignatius Loyola beside the entrance of the Ignatius Chapel you will see those words written on the book he is holding up, either the Constitutions of the Jesuit order he founded or the Spiritual Exercises, the source of our Ignatian Spirituality you often hear about.

What is the glory of God? It is the wonder of God’s being, God’s power, God’s holiness, God’s love. In the psalms and the prophets it is described as a great light, shining in heaven, lighting up the whole earth. It is like the sun which gives light and warmth to all creation. This glory of God also shines in us, and through us to others, from the grace of our baptism. It grows in us through all the sacraments, and through our prayer and good deeds. To give glory to God is to give praise and worship. We hear that frequently in the psalms, like this one ( Psalm 33 ) : I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips....Glorify the Lord with me, together let us praise his name.

But, surely, God does not need anything from us. God is all perfect, absolutely complete in His being. Yet He asks us to give Him glory. How can that be? How can God delight in us and in anything we do? It is because God loves us as His children, as a father loves his children, and calls for our love in return. Isn’t that truly amazing? Doesn’t it show the respect and care God has for us human beings? Doesn’t it show the dignity and significance of each person in God’s eyes, made for God, to give Him glory and praise? Our Lord puts it in a simple and endearing way: ‘Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why? Because every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; “you are worth more than many sparrows.”

A bishop who lived in the early days of the Church and wrote a very inspiring account of our faith, St. Irenaeus, has expressed it like this:

“The glory of God is the living human being (literally, man fully alive) and the human being has true life only in the vision of God.”

Put briefly, it is what we often hear at the end of Mass, a version in English of the Ite, Missa Est: “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.”

It is what Our Lord has said in the Sermon on the Mount: “Let your light so shine before men (and women) that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

**Fr Tony Nye SJ**  
*From the archives. First published on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018.*

### Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30am, 11am and 5.30pm Sunday Masses (second & fourth Sunday only for 5.30pm). Do join us for tea, coffee, and fellowship!

### Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year observed on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Mass with imposition of ashes will be celebrated at the usual times of 8am, 1.05pm, and 6pm. Organ music will accompany the 1.05pm Mass and the Farm Street Choir will accompany the 6pm Mass. Lent is a solemn period in the Church’s calendar and a good start will help all of us as we observe this penitential season. Due to its penitential significance, Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. All Catholics are bound to abstain from meat and Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. Ash Wednesday falling on St Valentine’s Day this year does not remove this obligation. Further details about fasting and abstinence can be found at [www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Penance/Abstinence.pdf](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Penance/Abstinence.pdf)

### Marriage Week 2024

*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February*  
Marriage Week is an annual celebration offering the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. It is celebrated this year from 7-14 February.  
For more information and for resources from the Bishops’ Conference, visit [www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week-2024/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week-2024/)

### Liturgical Calendar

**Sun:** **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Job 7:1-7; I Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39  
**Mon:** **St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**  
I Kings 8:1-13; Mark 6:53-56  
**Tue:** **St Paul Miki SJ & Companions, Martyrs**  
I Kings 8:22-30; Mark 7:1-13  
**Wed:** **Feria**  
I Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23  
**Thu:** **Feria; St Jerome Emiliani, Priest; St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**  
I Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30  
**Fri:** **Feria (Friday abstinence)**  
I Kings 11:29-12:19; Mark 7:31-37  
**Sat:** **St Scholastica, Virgin**  
I Kings 12:2-13:34; Mark 8:1-10  
**Sun:** **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Leviticus 13:1-46; I Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45;

### 11am Music List

**Prelude** Trio in D-minor (BWV583) *JS Bach*  
**Mass** Mass in A-minor *Eberlin*  
**Motets** Beati pauperes *Sweelinck*  
Ave verum corpus *Milani*  
**Postlude** Prelude in E-minor (BWV548) *JS Bach*

### 'The Good Friday Agreement Twenty Five Years On' by Lord Murphy of Torfaen

*Sunday 25 February 2024, 4-5pm, St Mary’s Church, 4 Holly Walk, Hampstead, London NW3 6QU*

Lord Murphy, KCMCO, KSG, PC is a British Labour Party politician who was the Member of Parliament for Torfaen from 1987-2015. He served in the Cabinet in the roles of Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Welsh Secretary. He was largely responsible for negotiating the so called 'strand two' ('North-South' or 'Island of Ireland') arrangements agreed in the Good Friday Agreement.

It promises to be a fascinating insight into negotiating peace through politics.

If you are planning on attending in person please email the Parish Administrator at [hampstead@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:hampstead@rcdow.org.uk) to book your place. You are welcome to livestream the lecture by visiting <https://www.churchservices.tv/hampstead/>

### Prayer intentions

Please consider asking for particular prayer intentions at Mass and the lamp before Our Lady of Farm Street. Contact the Parish Office or speak to the sacristan for information on how to make your requests. Details of Mass intentions are on the notice board outside of the sacristy.  
**The lamp this week is for the intention of the Roch Family**

### Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Ian Bookey, Marie Carroll Copestake, Margaret Cartledge, Felicity Ann Croft, Natalie Dennehy-Caddick, Kyllikki Edelshain, Christian Engelhart, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Christopher Halliday, Caroline Harkink, Andrea Kelly, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Donald Mathieson, Robert McCormack, Millon Nigusie, Ottilie, Graziella Pirovano, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, Ian Rice, George Tabor, Francis Walsh, Natalie Williams, Anna Wright, & 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*

### Praying the Passion - Living the Gospel. The Passion Through the Eye of Mark and John - 1-Day course

*Saturday, 2 March 2024*  
*10:00am - 4:00pm*

*London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street*

Each year during Holy Week the Church reads two different accounts of Jesus’ passion. On Palm Sunday the account is from one of the first three Gospels (this year it is from Mark), while on Good Friday it is always from John. Thus the liturgy makes it possible to note how very different the Gospel passions are, each offering a unique vantage point from which to see and understand a crucified Christ.

This short course will begin with an introduction to the passion narratives and will be followed by two sessions offering an accessible guide to the passion account in Mark and two on the account in John. It is hoped that reflection on these texts will reveal fresh and striking insights into many familiar stories and enrich the experience of Holy Week for those who participate in the liturgy.

To book visit [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://www.londonjesuitcentre.org)