

SAVE THE DATE

After a long hiatus, the Parish Picnic will return this year on Sunday, 12 June, starting after the 9.30am Mass and continuing into the afternoon. More details will be available in a week or two. Watch this space!

Conversation in Colour; A Mother - Daughter Exhibition by Margaret Campbell (1936 - 2017) and Fiona Campbell Hicks (1973 -) of poems and images

In a thread running from the 1950s to present day, Margaret Campbell and her daughter work(ed) in seeking to create a joyous private imagery that was at its high point a conversation around the beauty of God through art. Caught up in the Troubles in Northern Ireland in the 1970s, the family, a Catholic - Protestant mixed faith family, left for the safety of England. Both Margaret and her daughter were traumatised by the violence. Aged 3 at the time, Fiona Campbell Hicks was unable to create any art until she reached her twenties. Art became part of their healing through colour and nature. The show is an exploration of their journey from conflict to recovery, and hopes to be an evocation of the infinite beauty, colour and delight of God, as well as examining the mother daughter relationship. The exhibition features egg tempera icons, water colours, pastels, calligraphy, poetry and photographic prints on glass.

The exhibition explores the close and at times co-dependent relationship between parent and child, and between artists. Both address(ed) themes of catholic spirituality and a love of nature. Encompassing ideas of ecumenism, recovery and relationship, the exhibition creates a colourful world with a bestiary of watercolours, icons of Christ and the saints, as well as poetry and large scale photographic prints of lakes.

On display in the Ground-Floor Corridor at 114 Mount Street from Thursday 19 May to Tuesday 7 June.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Carmine di Cesare, Marie Carroll Copestake, Michael Gill, Chrissie Harkink-Mobbs, Erin Lillis, and Alan Stewart. *The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. Psalm 41:3*

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

Walsingham Pilgrimage

DAY trip to WALSINGHAM Saturday MAY 28th: coach departs 114 Mount St 8:30am & returns there via drop-off at Victoria Station c 8pm. Please join us on our annual pilgrimage to England's National Shrine of Our Lady in Norfolk. The day includes prayers and talks en route, visits to the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican shrines, optional walking the Holy Mile and free time. Cost: £40 inclusive of buffet lunch. To book please e-mail farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk or 'phone Leslie Giltz on (020)-7408-1234.

Catholic Listeners

Our journey through Lent and Holy Week culminated with the joy of Easter and Christ's victory over death, and the promise of hope and redemption for all of us.

We know that for many there is an acute sense of alienation, loneliness and anxiety brought about by the COVID restrictions over the past two years. Also, many would have drifted away from the family of the church. If you know anyone who would appreciate speaking to someone then there is the Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline. 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.

Catholic Listeners is part of Landings, an established programme based also at Farm Street. Through compassionate listening Landings offers a way back to practice of the Catholic faith for those who have been away and now wish to reengage with it. For further information contact Ruby on landingsouth@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Fifth Sunday of Easter 15th May 2022

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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

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations for he has shown his delivered, alleluia.

RESPONSE

I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.

ACCLAMATION

Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.'

COMMUNION

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



REGINA CÆLI ADDRESS

Today's Gospel shows us Jesus during the Last Supper, in the moment He knows His death is close at hand. His 'hour' has come. For it is the last time He is with His disciples, and now He wants to impress firmly a fundamental truth in their minds: even when He will no longer be physically present in the midst of them, they will still be able to remain *united to Him in a new way*, and thus bear much fruit. Everyone can be united to Jesus in a new way. If, on the contrary, one should lose this unity with Him, this union with Him, would become sterile, or rather, harmful to the community. And to express this reality, this new way of being united to Him, Jesus uses the image of the vine and the branches: Just "as a branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches" (Jn 15:4-5). With this image He teaches us how to abide Him, to be united to Him, even though He is not physically present.

Jesus is the vine, and through Him — like the sap in the tree — the *very love of God, the Holy Spirit* is passed to the branches. Look: we are the branches, and through this parable, Jesus wants us to understand the importance of remaining united to him. The branches are not self-sufficient, but depend totally on the vine, in which the source of their life is found. So it is with us Christians. Grafted by Baptism in Christ, we have freely received the gift of new life from Him; and thanks to the Church we are able to remain in vital communion with Christ. We must remain faithful to Baptism, and grow in intimacy with the Lord through prayer, listening and docility to His Word — read the Gospel —, participation in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

When one is intimately united to Jesus, he enjoys the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are — as St Paul tells us — "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5:22). These are the gifts that we receive if we remain united in Jesus; and therefore a person who is so united in Him does so much good for neighbour and society, is a Christian person. In fact, one is recognized as a true Christian by this attitude, as a tree is recognized by its fruit. The fruits of this profound union with Christ are wonderful: our whole person is transformed by the grace of the

Spirit: soul, understanding, will, affections, and even body, because we are united body and soul. We receive a new way of being, the life of Christ becomes our own: we are able to think like Him, to act like Him, to see the world and the things in it with the eyes of Jesus. And so we are able to love our brothers, beginning with the poorest and those who suffer the most, as He did and love them with His heart, and so bear fruits of goodness, of charity, and of peace in the world.

Each one of us is a branch of the one vine; and all of us together are called to bear the fruits of this common membership in Christ and in the Church. Let us entrust ourselves to the intercession of the Virgin Mary, so that we might be able to be living branches in the Church and witness to our faith in a consistent manner — consistency of one's own life and thought, of life and faith — knowing that all of us, according to our particular vocations, participate in the one saving mission of Christ.

Pope Francis

Delivered to St Peter's Square on the 3rd May 2015.

Sunday Refreshments

Please note that there will be no Sunday refreshments this week due to an existing booking in the Arrupe Hall. Refreshments are normally 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 and fellowship.

Prayer for Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your will for your people is peace, not war. Pour out on our world, especially Ukraine, your Spirit of compassion and solidarity. Convert the hearts of the aggressor to the way of peace. Be with all those who endure the consequences of war, especially the widow, the orphan, the refugee and the peacemaker. Grant all those who believe in you the strength and desire to be close to those who suffer. Bind us all into the peace of your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.

Fr Damian Howard SJ,
Provincial for the Jesuits in Britain

A Concert for Ukraine

Join us at 7pm on Thursday 26th May for an evening of music provided by concert pianist (and Farm Street parishioner) Bobby Chen. The programme for the evening will include music by Ukrainian composers and all proceeds will go towards supporting the work of Caritas Ukraine.

Guest of Honour: Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

There will be a wine reception following the concert in the Arrupe Hall.

Tickets are £50 and can be purchased online or in the sacristy after Mass. To purchase an online ticket, visit www.farmstreet.org.uk/events.

As this is a ticketed event, it will not be shown via the livestream page on the church website.

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family

Our brothers and sisters at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral have expressed how much they appreciate the messages of support that they have received during this traumatic time. We have been asked to extend an invitation to all our parishioners to drop in to the Ukrainian Cathedral to pray and show support for the people of Ukraine. Details of opening times can be found on the Ukrainian Eparchy website <https://www.ucc-gb.com/>

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of May, we pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	831	In Christ there is no east or west
Offertory	609	In bread we bring you, Lord
Communion	908	Blest are the pure in heart
Recessional	772	Lord Jesus Christ

Flores de Mayo

The celebration of Flores de Mayo, organised by the Farm Street Filipino Community, will be celebrated in the church at 2.30pm on Saturday 28th May. This celebration, 'The Flowers of May', is a devotion to Our Blessed Lady. All are most welcome to attend.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mon: Easter feria; St Andrew Bobola SJ
Tue: Easter feria
Wed: Easter feria; St John I, Pope & Martyr
Thu: Easter feria
Fri: Easter feria; St Bernadine of Siena, Priest (Friday abstinence)
Sat: Easter feria; St Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Anniversary of the installation of Vincent Cardinal Nichols, Eleventh Archbishop of Westminster (2009)
Sun: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Acts 14:21-27; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35
Mon: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26
Tue: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31
Wed: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thu: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11
Fri: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Sat: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21
Sun: Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Apocalypse 21:10-23; John 14:23-29

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 Federica Fiore at ffiore@jesuit.org.uk.