

God Save the King!

We send King Charles our assurances of prayers for his happiness, good health, and success as he begins his reign as our newly crowned King.

Dómine salvum fac Regem nostrum Cárolum. Et exáudi nos in die, qua invocáverimus te.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

DAY trip to WALSINGHAM Saturday MAY 13th: 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 email Walsingham@farmstreetchurch.com or 'phone Leslie Giltz on 07740 440 949

Landings Spring Programme

It's Good To Talk on the 21st May at 12.30pm. This regular one-off ninety minute session is for people considering faith related matters.

* Landings 1 and 2 programmes start 4th June. Laity-run programmes for those seeking a way back to their faith practice.

* Landings 1 programme This eight-week programme is aimed at those who have decided that they wish to re-engage with their faith. In a confidential and welcoming space, participants share their faith journeys, choose a prayer, and discuss faith topics. This is run by the laity.

* Landings 2 programme This six-week programme is a follow on from the Landings 1 programme and focuses on the Acts of the Apostles, and follows a similar structure to the Landings 1 programme asking participants what they can give back to the Church. For further details please email Ruby at landingsouth@gmail.com

'Love the Stranger'

7pm Wednesday 24th May
Farm Street Church

Rooting our response to refugees and migrants in the innate worth of each human person.

London Churches Refugee Fund
With Bishop Paul McAleenan

(lead bishop for Migrants and Refugees, Catholic Bishops' Conference)

And Bishop John Perumbalath
(Bishop of Liverpool, Chair of Churches Refugee Network)

Speakers from frontline projects supported by the London Churches Refugee Fund.

Citizens of the World choir.

Followed by refreshments, meeting and greeting.

Further details: info@lcrf.org.uk

Hildegard in Concert

On the **Wednesday 10th May** at 7pm, the London Jesuit Centre and Farm Street Church is hosting an evening of St Hildegard von Bingen, featuring a lecture and a concert by Scotland's premier early music ensemble, Canty, accompanied on period instruments by Bill Taylor. Hildegard was a German medieval woman mystic, and is known for her theology, medicine, and perhaps most of all, music. Come enjoy an evening of music and theology, including a talk by seasoned Hildegard performer, Rebecca Tavener, and a performance by Canty with Bill Taylor (medieval harp and synfonie). You can attend both in person and via live stream. For more information, please see the LJC website, as well as the leaflets and posters in the church - and feel do free to share this with anyone who might be interested!

Canty is Scotland's only professional medieval music ensemble. Formed by Rebecca Tavener to celebrate Hildegard's 900th anniversary in 1998, they explore a unique repertoire combining Medieval music and contemporary works written specially for them, along with ongoing research and experimentation in performance practice for Medieval music from Celtic homelands.

Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture at Maria Fidelis School, London

Is there a Christian answer to the problems of the Criminal Justice System?

The Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture is held most years by Pact as an opportunity to celebrate the life and memory of a great friend and champion, the late Sir Harold Hood. This lecture is an opportunity to consider together the intersection of faith and criminal justice.

We are delighted to announce that our Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture 2023 will take place on 24th May at Maria Fidelis Catholic School, London, with our lecture delivered by Dr Chijioke Nwalozie.

Our event will be lifted by the presence of Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir, who spread a message of faith, hope, and love with performances full of life-affirming joy and soulful celebration.

We will deepen our reflections through a panel discussion and contributions from voices of lived experience. Panel members include Governor Emily Thomas and Anglican Prison Chaplain Rev Beverly Fraser. We will be able to talk further over a canape reception. To book a ticket, visit <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk>. Suggested donation is £25.

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 20th May. This celebration, 'The Flowers of May', is a devotion to Our Blessed Lady. All are most welcome to attend.

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Fifth Sunday of Easter 7th May 2023

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest
Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman 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 – 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

Please Note:

Monday 8th May is a Bank Holiday, and so the church will be open from 11am to 2pm on this day. 1.05pm Mass only will be celebrated.

YEAR A

ENTRY

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

RESPONSE

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

ACCLAMATION

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

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.



REFLECTIONS ON THE CORONATION

Fr Dominic thought that I would be a good person to set down a few thoughts on the coronation of King Charles. He thought, correctly, that I had been alive for the past two coronations, those of George VI in 1936, and in 1953 of Queen Elizabeth II, and thus would have some memories worth recording. Alas, my only recollection as a child in a primary school in north London in 1936 is that we were all given a mug (unless that was to celebrate the foundation of Edmonton as a London borough...). It was easier to celebrate the coronation of 1953. We were still able to bask in a certain sense of heroism that the whole country had exercised in the recently concluded World War. Pageantry was in order. Now there is, I imagine, a great deal of ambiguity in our sense of royalty and pageantry. There is a religious quality about the ceremony in the Abbey, a sense of transcendence, of God's presence, which most of the country are not at ease with.

Surprisingly, perhaps, there is a similar ambiguity of a king and kingship in the Bible. At first, God alone was King in Israel. But when things were going badly for the Israelites, they asked Samuel to give them a king 'like other nations'. God warns Samuel against a King for Israel: 'He will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots', 'He will take your daughters and make them his perfumers, cooks, and bakers'. But eventually God relented and first Saul, then David, and then Solomon were anointed as kings of Israel.

At their best, the kings kept Israel together and in particular looked after the poor, who had no one else to defend them. Have a look at Psalm 72 as an example, 'The kings delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. He has pity on the weak and needy, and saves the lives of the needy.' The prophet Jeremiah defined what it meant to be a king who will, 'know God', by favouring the poor and doing justice for the needy. By the time you come to read this, you will, along with the rest of the country, have taken whatever part you are ready and able to take in the ceremony of the King's coronation. What will our largely secular country make of the coronation, with its religious ceremonies, in its cathedral, with the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury performing the rites and proclaiming the prayers?

The King himself clearly understands the sacredness of the role, as it was clear that his mother did. He sees his role through the anointing as a call from God, as a vocation. In a way, he has been preparing for his part all his life. It is as something of his role as King that he has put his whole self into the Princes' Trust, with its practical work for the young and for the whole environment, and for his other charities. And, in his admittedly slightly vague words, that he wishes to be a defender of 'all faiths' rather than simply the Christian faith. And in this, he

was prepared to lead a nation that is multicultural, made up of people of many faiths and of none.

What about the secular majority of the nation? What hints will the anointing, ceremony, the music, the architecture, the pageantry, give them? What can we hope for? Can we hope that the ceremony will give us all of a sense of the unity of the nation under God? A hint of the importance of showing special care for the poor, those on the edge, the outcast? And is it just possible that as the King accepts his own vocation from God, we may, each of us, get a small sense that God has created each of us with our own special service, with our own special calling, as grandmothers, cleaners, or hedge-fund managers?

Those of us who are Christian can help to convey these hints to others, in a more confident way. We too, like the King, have been anointed at our baptism and at our confirmation to accept our special task in the world, and to be something of a focus of unity and reconciliation. And finally, what about the relics of Christ's cross that Pope Francis has given as a present to King Charles, and which have been placed in the processional cross? Will there be a hint to us of the true source of service, reconciliation, and sacrifice?

Fr Michael Bossy SJ

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mon: Easter feria; Blessed John Sullivan, SJ
Tue: Easter feria
Wed: Easter feria; St John of Avila, Priest & Doctor
Thu: Easter feria
Fri: Easter feria; Ss Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St Pancras, Martyr (*Friday abstinence*)
Sat: Easter feria; Our Lady of Fatima
Sun: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Daily Readings

Sun: Acts 6:1-7; I Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12
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 8:5-17; I Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

Sunday Refreshments

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).

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

11am Mass Music List

Prelude Coronation March "Crown Imperial" (1937)
Walton
Mass Missa Sanctae Mariae Magdalenae
W Lloyd Webber
Motets I was glad (1902, 1911) *Parry*
 Intende voci orationis meae (1911) *Elgar*
 Te deum (1902) *Stanford*
Postlude Coronation March "Orb and Sceptre" (1953)
Walton

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) with your requested week and intention as well as how you wish it to be published.

The lamp this week is lit by Tadi Kassaya in 'thanksgiving to the Lord for all my blessings'.

Volunteering

Volunteers are required to staff the Blessed Sacrament Food Bank in King's Cross on Thursdays. Non-perishable food and toiletries also always needed as demand increases. Please contact Sr Miriam Bruder SND at ssnd27@yahoo.co.uk; tel: (020)-7837-8378

Volunteers also required on Volunteer Monday of the Coronation Weekend, May 8th, to help with the Sant'Egidio high tea at St Cuthbert's, Earl's Court. Contact Emanuela at emanuela@santegidio.org.uk

Parish Prayer List

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

Catholic Listeners are here to listen.

Miami University Men's Glee Club

On Friday 26th May at 7pm, there will be a free concert of sacred music at Farm Street Church performed by the Miami University Men's Glee Club from Oxford, Ohio, USA. This will be part of their international tour. No need to book.

A Day with Mary

When: Saturday 20th May 2023

Where: Our Lady of the Rosary & St Dominic, Southampton Road, Haverstock Hill,

9:35am Entry procession of Our Lady. Regina Caeli. Crowning. Sung Litany. Mass in honour of Our Lady. Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Lawrence Lew OP. The Five Joyful Mysteries.

11.45am Lunch break *Please bring a packed lunch*
12.45pm Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Five Luminous Mysteries.. Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Lawrence Lew OP. The Five Sorrowful Mysteries. Silent adoration. Via Lucis.

3.00pm Tea break

3.45pm Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Thomas Crean OP. The Five Glorious Mysteries. Act of Consecration. Benediction. Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal.

Finish at 5.15pm. Throughout the day: Confession and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.