

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICE TIMES

Palm Sunday 2nd April

As normal, with the addition of an ecumenical procession with the Grosvenor Chapel before the 11am Mass. Meet at the palm tree in the Mount Street Gardens at 10.45am.

Monday to Wednesday in Holy Week

3rd - 5th April

Normal Mass schedule

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross in the church at 7pm on Holy Tuesday.

Maundy Thursday 6th April

No 08:00 or 13:05 Mass

12:00 Confessions

18:30 Confessions

19:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper

Watch at the Altar of Repose until Midnight

23:45 Compline

Good Friday 7th April

12:00 Confessions

12:00 Stations of the Cross

14:30 Confessions

15:00 Liturgy of the Passion

18:30 Confessions

19:00 Seven Last Words

20:00 Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross until Midnight

Holy Saturday 8th April

10:00-12:00 Confessions

20:00 Confessions

20:30 Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 9th April

08:00 | 09.30 (Family) 11:00 (Latin) | 12:30 | 17:30 |

19:00 (Young Adults, 18-35)

Easter Week

Limited schedule from Easter Monday to Easter

Friday. The church will open at 11am. Confessions

will be heard at 12 noon. Mass celebrated at 1.05pm.

The church will close after the 1.05pm Mass.

Normal schedule resumes on Easter Saturday (15th April).

Fr Michael Beattie Memorial Mass

A memorial Mass will take place for the late Fr Michael Beattie SJ at Farm Street Church at 6pm on **Tuesday 13th June**. Many of you will remember Fr Beattie, who served as parish priest at Farm Street from 1991 to 1998. Please do mark this date in your diary. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Arrupe Hall.

Collection

Last Sunday's collection came to £1,758.24

Tim Hetherington Film Club at Farm Street

114 Mount St W1K 3AH

Next showing: Arrupe Hall 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Thursday 30 March 2023

Cost: free - with drinks and refreshments (donations welcome)

Presenting: 'Tree of Life' (2011, 2 hours 19 minutes)

Booking invited (but not necessary) at dthurst52@gmail.com

True to our word, this month the film club moves away from stories of murder and civil war to the more reflective theme of 'the meaning of life!' 'The Tree of Life' is a 2011 American experimental coming-of-age drama written and directed by Terence Malik ('Days of Heaven' and 'The Thin Red line') and featuring Brad Pitt, Sean Penn and Jessica Chastain. The film chronicles the life origin and the meaning of life by way of a middle-aged man's childhood memories of his family living in the 1950s Texas, interspersed with imagery of the origins of the known universe and the inception of life on Earth. With three Oscar nominations, in 2011 the film won the Palm d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival and featured highly in the BBC's poll of the Greatest American Films.

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.

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday 26th March 2023

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest

Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

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Fr Damian Howard SJ; Fr Paul Nicholson SJ;

Fr Laco Sulik 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 Thursday: 12 noon to 1pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (LENT)

Friday: 12.30pm

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

YEAR A ENTRY

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

RESPONSE

With the Lord there is mercy and fulness of redemption.

ACCLAMATION

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

COMMUNION

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.



O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?

To I've have little chats with God about my death from time to time! When I want to die, how I'd like to die, etc. No! I'm not depressed or in despair. As a son, grandson, uncle, friend, Jesuit and priest death has been an inescapable part of my life. Death gives my life a certain impetus: to live as fully as possible, to have no regrets. Those rather popular books entitled books, "100 things before I die: see, do, eat, visit, etc., capture something of a vague orientation to life because of death.

To know death is to restore it to its rightful place. Is living well and dying well not one? Death is part of the life cycle. Death is inevitable. Haven't we all tasted death? Don't we talk about being dead to the world? What about being dead beat? And isn't there over my dead body? Is the loss of a spouse or a child not death? Redundancy?

Do you think about your own death? Do you deny death? Are you afraid of death? How do you feel pondering these questions? Perhaps you are like Simeon after encountering Jesus, "Now Master, you can let your servant go in peace.... (Lk2: 29). Do you wish God would hurry up and call you?

"Please continue to live well, I can't be home for a while...." a poignant message to his wife from one of the Fukushima 'Fifty', i.e., one of 300 technicians, soldiers and fire fighters risking their lives to avert a nuclear disaster and subjected to uncommon levels of radiation, explosions and fire. This man meets the possibility of death with a certain equilibrium, perhaps, tranquillity, acceptance. Do you wish you could meet death with such poise?

Freud encapsulates the attitude of many towards death as the denial of death. Though we know that death is natural, inevitable, unavoidable, do we behave as if it were otherwise? Do we "eliminate it from life" (Freud, 1915 Thoughts for the times on war and death). With actual death, reality breaks through our defensive armour plated denial. It is painful....Psychoanalysis, too, has a history of bringing death into the foreground only to push it away, repress it! Death seems to be confined to the hospital or undertaker's parlour. As Freud (1915) puts it, we "hush it up".

As Christians, death should be in our horizons. So, our successive individual choices (substantial and nondescript) prepare us for our final choice, for our final, "Amen" our final "Yes" to God, our surrender. That final "Yes" is a summation of all our choices for God made in the Spirit. All those choices are a practice or rehearsal for saying, "Yes" to God and perhaps mitigate the fear of death which has many facets including loss of control, guilt... Our choices educate our liberty for Life.

To die is to leave this existence. We pray in the Preface of the Mass for the Dead, "Life is changed not, not ended". The life and death of Christ leads us away from the concrete, corporeal, our biological plight towards Transcendence, Transfiguration, Resurrection and Life. Eternal life does not begin with death, but begins now. Jesus goes beyond Martha's conviction that her dead brother would "rise again at the resurrection on the last day". Jesus has life and He is life because that Holy Spirit, that Spirit who gives life, is His Spirit. This Spirit of life, He gives to us. We die spiritually only if and when the Spirit of life leaves us. Eternal life is not simply the life we lead after death. Eternal life is the life we are living now, the choices we make today, everyday, if through love we and God are one. In that union with God there is such intimacy that we cannot help but live and love out of that love. So, we share in God's very life.

Fr Lawrence Nam SJ
From the archives. First published on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, 2011 (10th April).

Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30am, 11am, and 5.30pm Sunday Masses (second and fourth Sunday only for 5.30pm).

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Mon: Lent feria
Tue: Lent feria
Wed: Lent feria
Thu: Lent feria
Fri: Lent feria (*Friday abstinence*)
Sat: Lent feria
Sun: Palm Sunday
(*Holy Week begins*)

Daily Readings

Sun: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45
Mon: Daniel 13:1-62; John 8:1-11
Tue: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wed: Daniel 3:14-28; John 8:31-42
Thu: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Fri: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Sat: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56
Sun: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Jesuit General Visit

Fr Arturo Sosa SJ, the thirty-first and current superior general of the Society of Jesus, will be visiting in the UK in April. As part of his visit, he will be celebrating the 1.05pm Mass on **Friday 14th April**. All are welcome to attend this significant occasion.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Lady Antonia Fraser, Erin Lillis, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, George Tabor, Nick Walker, & Francis Walsh
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.
Charles Curran-Kelly, Maggie Danby
Requiescant in pace

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	969	Lord of all hopefulness
Offertory	604	Lord accept the gifts we offer
Communion	212	All ye who seek a comfort sure
Recessional	801	Love divine all love's excelling

11am Solemn Latin Mass Music

Mass	Missa canonica	<i>Brahms</i>
Motets	Eripe me	<i>Rheinberger</i>
	Agnus Dei	<i>Brahms</i>

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 will not be lit for a specific intention during Passiontide.

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life, Ealing Green nr. Pitshanger Manor, London W5 5AS - 8am-8pm
By offering love and support to women and babies, 1 million volunteers for 40 Days for Life have saved the lives of over 20,000 babies from abortion in 64 counties worldwide.
Public prayer to end abortion and outreach to expectant mothers and all affected by abortion (nearest tube Ealing Broadway).
Call or email to sign up Sarah 07776 256838
London40daysforlife@hotmail.com
For other local vigils in this country and worldwide see www.40daysforlife.com
For details of the ongoing daily vigil in Ealing and for the story of the London abortion centre that closed down see;
www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/prayer-vigils



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Below is a sampling of some upcoming events. 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.

Catholics And The Monarchy In Britain

Thursday, 4 May 2023
7:00pm - 9:00pm
London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street

From the era of the Reformation down to the present day, the relationship between Catholics and the British monarchy has been long and fraught. On the threshold of a new era for the monarchy, with the accession of King Charles III, Catholics and non-Catholics alike are reappraising the role which the monarchy plays in the life of the nation. Do Catholics in Britain feel a sense of allegiance to King Charles? How does the history of this community affect its sense of participation in the national mythology? How will King Charles' attitude to religious plurality affect this?
Join us for an evening of lively discussion about the past present and future of the relationship between the monarchy and Catholics in Britain, drawing on voices from the spheres of politics, journalism and history. The panellists will be Mary Kenny, Peter Stamford and Jon Crudas MP.

Guided Prayer Online (Summer Term)

Thursday, 11 May 2023
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Online - Zoom

This is a fortnightly online session of guided prayer led by the spirituality team at the London Jesuit Centre and some special guests.
Each hour-long session introduces a method of prayer, such as the Examen or imaginative prayer. Participants will be guided through the prayer, with space for silence to enter more deeply into it, and a chance to share and reflect upon each other's experience.
You only need to sign up once for all 5 sessions. We usually send out further reminders with more details about each session closer to the time.