

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Fifth Sunday of Lent 3rd April 2022

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Holy Week and Easter Mass Times

Holy Monday to Spy Wednesday (11th - 13th April)

As normal, with the addition of ecumenical Stations of the Cross in the church at 7pm on Spy Wednesday.

Maundy Thursday (14th April)

No 8am or 1.05pm Mass.
12 noon to 1pm - Confessions
6.30pm - Confessions
7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Watching at the Altar of Repose will follow the Mass until Midnight. Compline will be said at 11.45pm

Good Friday (15th April)

12 noon to 1pm - Confessions
12 noon - Stations of the Cross
2.30pm - Confessions
3pm - Liturgy of the Passion
6.45pm - Confessions
7pm - Seven Last Words & Veneration of the Cross
Following veneration of the Cross, the church will remain open until Midnight for prayers for the people of Ukraine.

Holy Saturday (16th April)

The church will open at 10am.
10am to 12 noon - Confessions
8pm - Confessions
8.30pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday (17th April)

8am - Mass
9.30am - Family Mass with hymns
11am - Sung Latin Mass
12.30pm - Mass
5.30pm - Mass
7pm - Young Adults Mass (18-35)

Easter Monday to Easter Friday (18th -22nd April)

The church opens at 11am and closes at 2pm. On Easter Monday and Easter Friday, Mass will be celebrated at 1.0pm. On Easter Tuesday, Easter Wednesday, and Easter Thursday, Mass will not be celebrated, but a lay-led service of the Word and Holy Communion will be celebrated at 1.05pm instead. Confessions will not be heard in the church this week and there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Easter Saturday (23rd April)

Return to normal schedule.

Living Stones Tour of the Church

Join the Living Stones group at Farm Street Church on Sunday the 3rd of April at 4:15pm for a guided visit of Johann Petz's beautifully restored Stations of the Cross. The contemplative visit will last around 45 minutes. The visit is free. All are welcome. Meet at the back of the church for the start of the visit

The Little Way Association

The Little Way Association, a Catholic missionary charity in Clapham, is seeking experienced administrative staff with proven written communication skills (to deal with correspondence from donors and missionaries). The Association supports spreading the Gospel and ministry to the sick and destitute overseas. If you have the skills required and would like to join their small team, your assistance would be invaluable. Please e-mail maria.grcar@littlewayassociation.com with details of experience and availability. Please include your contact details.

St. Mary's University

St. Mary's University, the UK's oldest Catholic university, has just launched an MA in Social Justice and Public Service. The programme can be taken full time or part time. It has two unique aspects. The first is that it requires participants to undertake service to the community through a UK charity. That service will be related to the taught part of the programme in an assessed portfolio. Secondly, there is a very wide range of modules with a social justice and charity management orientation from which participants can choose. These include modules on human trafficking; education, development and social justice; Catholic social teaching; bio-ethics; and charity marketing and a range of other possibilities. A number of these modules can be taken either by distance learning or face-to-face, whichever students prefer. The programme can be taken by people who are already working or volunteering for a charity and the charitable service that they are already doing will fulfil the "service-learning" aspect of the programme. The charitable service does not have to be unpaid. As such, the programme is helpful for those who wish to learn more about the academic side of their charitable work, for those who might wish to develop their career within a charity or for those who are looking for a Masters programme that will combine practical and taught elements. We expect that one full-free scholarship will be available for full-time students. Further details of the course can be found

at: <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses-london/social-justice-and-public-service>

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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: 12.15pm to 12.45pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday: 12 noon - 1pm;
5.45pm - 5.55pm
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 C 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

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

ACCLAMATION

Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.

COMMUNION

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.



COMMAND OF SELF

Imagine this: you are surrounded by a crowd of people, most of them strangers. You've just said something which has caused a bit of a shock amongst them and there is silence where once there was convivial conversation. The atmosphere of the group you sense is changing from being one of benign or friendly interest into something else but you're not quite sure what that will be. At this moment you are the cause of the change and there is a palpable sense of something approaching a questioning or even a hostile response. What you said you are sure of, convinced of, and it has caused you to be isolated and all eyes are fixed on you.

This kind of event happens to us all. In particular, people who profess faith in God and in Christ and the Church can meet this type of situation at work, at a party, whilst sharing a meal or even at home amongst friends and relatives. You have stated categorically what you think and, perhaps to your surprise, your comment has not met with universal approval but with something approaching its opposite. How long could you keep your silence? Not very long, I would venture to guess.

Almost immediately your heart rate would begin to increase; the sense of being alone would result in the onset of panic and the symptoms of your systems nervous reaction to such isolation would entail that you very quickly qualify your remarks with something you hope will cover the awkwardness you have caused. Perhaps you would seek to lessen your original statement by saying something else which you hope is more acceptable, thus providing the means for your re-admittance into the group and the beginning of the end of your rather awful sense of becoming the target for a response you do not wish to have to deal with, be it direct questioning or even an argument.

It takes a strong person to hold their own in such a situation and the presence of the waves of awkwardness would seem to you to require some sort of fix as soon as possible. But this is not how Jesus responds in today's Gospel. Quite the contrary, in fact.

In such a situation, he does something quite extraordinary and, when we think about it, extremely brave. Finding himself in such a position as I have described, he keeps his own counsel and says nothing. There is the woman caught in adultery with the baying crowd seeking her condemnation and indeed death at their hands and they are waiting for him to respond. But he doesn't. Instead, he almost pokes fun at them, takes his time and, after a while, begins to play with the sand in

front of him, not even giving the crowd the time of day. And only when he is ready does he speak to them and does so to devastating effect: one by one they drop their stones and walk away. No-one approaches him, says anything to him, questions him, or challenges him. He has rendered them literally speechless.

This command of himself which Christ had is most impressive. It takes a very strong sense of self to be able to do what he did in those circumstances and yet this quality of his character is part of what we are invited to embody for ourselves. We see Christ free from fear, able to take on a hostile crowd and defeat them in his own way and in his own time and we can follow him in this way.

As we then seek to take on more and more the mantle of Christ during Lent, let us too become people of faith who are also people of courage. Let us take command, following the example of Jesus, and seek to emulate his command of himself for our own selves.

Fr James Campbell SJ

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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

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). All are welcome to join us for tea and fellowship.

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, Chris Hicks, and Alan Stewart. *The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. Psalm 41:3*

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Mon: Lent feria; St Ididore, Bishop & Doctor
Tue: Lent feria; St Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Wed: Lent feria
Thu: Lent feria; St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
Fri: Lent feria (Friday abstinence)
Sat: Lent feria
Sun: Palm Sunday

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11
Mon: Daniel 13:1-62; John 8:12-20
Tue: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wed: Daniel 3:13-28; John 8:31-42
Thu: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Fri: Jeremiah 20:1-13; John 10:31-42
Sat: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56
Sun: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

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. Amen.

Fr Damian Howard SJ,
Provincial for the Jesuits in Britain

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London

Our brothers and sisters at the neighbouring Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral have expressed how much they appreciate the messages of support and solidarity that they have received during this traumatic time of war. 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 April, we pray for health care workers who serve the sick and elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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 Mass Music

Mass	Mass in G minor	Vaughan Williams
Motets	Sancte Deus	Tallis
	Ave verum corpus	Philips

Pro-Life Witness

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants reach out in love and compassion to pregnant mothers who are in crisis and to those who have suffered the effects of abortion. Please come and join us and help to hold out God's Hand of Love and Mercy? The next Rosary Procession Vigil, led by Father Juniper Adams, CFR, will be held on Saturday 9th April 2022 at St. Mellitus Church, Tollington Park, N4 3AG. 10.00am Mass, 10.45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. 10.50am Rosary Procession following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to BPAS abortion centre, 12-14 Upper Tollington Park, N4 3EL, where we pray 20 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns, returning at approx.12.30pm to the church for Benediction followed by refreshments. Full details on poster in church porch or contact tel. 01727 763832 or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org

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 Anne Paolino at apaolino@jesuit.org.uk.