

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Carmine di Cesare, Marie Carroll Copestake, Michael Gill, Chris Hicks, Danny Rutilio, and Alan Stewart.

The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.

Psalms 41:3

Panel Discussion

There will be a panel discussion at Farm Street Church on Monday 28th March from 6.45pm to 8.15pm. The title of the event, organized by the Diocese of Westminster's Justice and Peace Commission, is 'Homelessness & the Pandemic: What have we learned?'

Light refreshments will follow after the discussion. All are most welcome to attend. There is no need to book. There is no charge, although donations will be accepted for homeless services.

This talk will also be livestreamed on our website.

Quiet Room

In the past parents often made use of the St Ignatius Chapel when one or more of their children needed just a bit of quiet time and space during Mass. Although this chapel is used for confessions for about 15 minutes before Masses, it is available throughout the liturgy to anyone who wishes to use it and it does enjoy both sound-proofing and a clear view into the sanctuary.

The London Walk

The Passage invites you to take part in The London Walk, organised in association with the London Homeless Collective. This walk brings charities working in homelessness in the city together, to walk as one. Together we aim to raise £100,000 to fight against homelessness and support those currently experiencing it. This is a night walk on Saturday 19th March 2022 – we need you to bring colour, passion and FUN to the route. Wear bright colours, bring a flag, throw on a feather boa. We want YOU to show how vibrant and giving this city is, and raise lots of funds along the way. Distance: 6.2 miles or a full marathon (26.2 miles). Full details at <https://passage.org.uk/events/the-london-walk-2022>

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

Ukraine Emergency Appeal

A few words from Anna Dezyk, organiser of this fundraising appeal on behalf of Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB).

Millions of people in Ukraine are facing an imminent humanitarian crisis. They are in urgent need of medical supplies and relief as they face the prospect of renewed conflict. Please help them now.

A further Russian invasion will be catastrophic for the civilian population. The elderly, vulnerable, children and families are at risk of losing their homes and access to medical and other vital services. The psychological trauma of war will affect generations.

We are working with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war.

Donate today to the **#HelpUkraine Emergency Appeal.**

Your donation will be used to fund immediate emergency and ongoing needs.

The more we collect, the more we'll be able to help - particularly with the longer-term impacts of hostilities, displacement and poverty on families, children, the elderly and those with special needs.

The food hygiene and medical packs comply with specifications set by the World Food Programme, UNICEF and the World Health Organisation (IEHK 2017).

If the crisis passes, the emergency medicine/ food/ hygiene packs that you have helped to buy will be released to hospitals and to Ukrainian accredited charitable organisations for distribution to those in desperate need.

Please donate today to the **#HelpUkraine Emergency Appeal !**

We will continue to adjust our fundraiser goal as needs continue.

To donate and for more information, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine>

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



First Sunday of Lent
6th March 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 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

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ENTRY

When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

RESPONSE

Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

ACCLAMATION

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

COMMUNION

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



LENTEN TEMPTATION

Very many years ago, I used to try to give up smoking during Lent. Sometimes I made it almost to midday on Ash Wednesday before despairingly lighting up; and one year, when things were going a bit better, there was a disaster, because someone told me that Sunday doesn't count, so it was alright to smoke on Sunday; and of course Sunday really meant the weekend, so on Saturday it was permissible to smoke; but the weekend really begins on Friday...you see how it went: eventually smoking was allowed on every day but Wednesday afternoon...

The difficulty about Lent is that if we succeed in giving up gin or chocolate we get very pleased with ourselves, and complacency is not what Lent is really about. And if we fail in our austerity, we fall into the deepest gloom: "I'm no good at this; so what's the point?"

Today's readings offer another approach that is a bit more profitable. What they do is to tell the story of our history. Moses in Deuteronomy is instructing the people how to make the presentation of the first-fruits; it starts with alliteration: 'Arami 'obed 'abi: my father was a wandering Aramean...' and a memory: "who went down into Egypt and lived there as an immigrant with his tiny tribe, and turned into a great nation powerful and numerous". And then the remembering starts: "those Egyptians..." and what they did to Israel, imposing harsh slavery on the people. And then how they were rescued: "the Lord heard and saw", and made us "come out of Egypt, with a mighty hand and outstretched arm with signs and portents". Then we hear the upshot: "he led us into this place and gave us this country, a country flowing with milk and honey". This is the story of the birth of a nation; and so our task today is not so much to worry about our own failures as remember where God has been at work in our lives, and most importantly in the life of this community.

Hence the confident tone of the psalm: "my refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust", and the certainty of being "protected against danger and misfortune". Then comes the line that the devil quotes in today's gospel: "he gives a mission to his angels to guide you in all your ways". Once again, this is the story of Israel.

The second reading meditates on a line from Deuteronomy, about the word or "message of faith that we are proclaiming". The mouth and the heart come together to proclaim the gospel, and the two key Christian doctrines: the mouth "proclaims that Jesus is Lord"; and the heart that "God raised him

from the dead". The story here of course is the story of Israel taken up in Jesus. From there he goes on to continue the argument of Romans: "there is therefore no distinction between Jews and Gentiles"; and very much in the terms of the Jewish belief, "all have the same Lord", so that "anyone who invokes his name will be saved". This ancient story means that we can start our Lenten journey with some enthusiasm.

The gospel as always on the first Sunday of Lent, is the story of Jesus' temptations. We should notice how it begins: like John the Baptist and both of his parents and Simeon in the Temple before him, Jesus is "filled with the Holy Spirit and led in the Spirit". Now in the desert he fasts, (echoing the old story of Israel) – and as a result he was hungry.

Then we should notice the key question, which starts two of the temptations: "if you are the Son of God", a very important part of the history of Israel. The first temptation is to do selfish magic: "turn a stone into a loaf of bread"; this is effortlessly rebuffed by Jesus, quoting Deuteronomy.

The second temptation is to commit idolatry: "worship before me", says Satan; and again Jesus quotes Deuteronomy: "the Lord your God shall you worship". The third temptation is one that we all know: to perform a spectacular gesture, and here, remarkably, the Devil quotes the Psalms. Once again, Jesus deals with temptation by quoting from Deuteronomy (a book in which we hear Israel rereading its own story): "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test".

So what is the secret of Lent? It is to keep our eyes and ears firmly on God, and remember what God has done in our story.

Fr Nicholas King SJ

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.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of February, we pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: First Sunday of Lent
Mon: Lent feria; Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs
Tue: Lent feria; St John of God, Religious; Women's World Day of Prayer
Wed: Lent feria; St Frances of Rome, Religious
Thu: St John Ogilvie SJ, Martyr
Fri: Feria (Friday abstinence)
Sat: Feria
Sun: Second Sunday of Lent

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13
Mon: Leviticus 19:1-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Tue: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wed: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
Thu: Esther 4:17-end; Matthew 7:7-12
Fri: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
Sat: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48
Sun: Genesis 15:5-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

Guest Preacher

A warm welcome is extended to Fr Michael Lang C.O., parish priest of the London Oratory, who will be delivering the homily at the 11am Mass today.

Welcome to Laila Asfoura from Bethlehem
Friends of the Holy Land have arranged for Laila Asfoura, a member of the Charity's local Committee in Bethlehem, to speak at all Masses on 26/27 March about the special challenges in Bethlehem, arising from COVID and the work of FHL. There will be a retiring collection to support the most needy Christians in the West Bank. Gaza, Israel and Jordan. For more information on the work of FHL or to make a donation, visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or telephone 01926 512980.

A unique Prayer Resource for Lent from Friends of the Holy Land

Holy Week Voices from The Holy Land – Poems and Reflections for Lent and Easter brings together 15 poems, written by Fr Richard Nesbitt in White City Parish with 15 reflections by modern day Christian voices from the Holy Land. Forewords by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Justin Welby. Hard copy or e-book available from www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/shop/lenten-book where you can peruse the first chapter before purchase or telephone 01926 512980 to order copies.

Novena of Grace

We will be praying the Novena of Grace to St Francis Xavier at every Mass from Friday 4th to Saturday 12th March. The text the prayers we will be using can be found on the livestream page of our website. We will be welcoming a number of guest celebrants and preachers to the 1.05pm daily Mass during this period..

Prayer for Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your will for your people is peace, not war. Pour out on our world, especially in Eastern Europe, your Spirit of compassion and solidarity. Grant all those who believe in you the strength to be close to those who suffer and the courage to resolve their differences and conflicts in truth and without resort to arms. Be with the widow, the orphan, the refugee and the peacemaker. Bind us all into the peace of your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr Damian Howard SJ,
Provincial for the Jesuits in Britain

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	180	Led by the Spirit of our God
Offertory	840	God of mercy and compassion
Communion	752	My song is love unknown
Recessional	206	Forty days and forty nights

11am Mass Music

Mass	Missa in Honorem Sancti Dominici	Rubbra
Motets	Eripe me Miserere mei	Malcolm Byrd

London Jesuit Centre

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