

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: 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

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

Metamorphosis Icon Exhibition

We are delighted at Farm Street Church to be hosting 'Metamorphosis', an icon exhibition by Dr Irina Bradley. Irina is one of the leading iconographers in the UK and her works have been exhibited at Buckingham Palace, Christchurch Cathedral in Oxford, and other prestigious venues.

There are approximately 75 pieces in this new exhibition, including a new icon of St Magnus Erlendsson, which can be viewed in the Art Corridor at 114 Mount Street. The exhibition is open to the public at the following times:

Saturdays – 11am to 8pm
Sundays – 11am to 8pm
Weekdays – 8am to 8pm

Dr Bradley will also be giving a lecture in the church on Monday 7th of February at 6.45pm. The title of the lecture is, 'Symbolism of Colour in Icon Painting'. To buy tickets via Eventbrite, visit the Eventbrite website and type in the lecture title into 'search events'.

The exhibition is absolutely beautiful and is sure to lift the hearts of anyone who views it. Some photographs of the exhibition are available to view on the parish website.

SVP Volunteers

The St Vincent de Paul Society organises a soup run in the local area every Monday night for the homeless.

They need more volunteers to help with the soup run, starting at 7:30pm from Farm Street Church. If you might be able to help, please contact Yasko Kurahachi on y.kurahachi@gmail.com

Faith Journeys in Science

Farm Street Church is delighted to be hosting 'Faith Journeys in Science: Exploring the Relationship between Science and Faith from a Christian Perspective'. This event is organised by Radio Maria England and will take place on the evening of **Saturday 5th February**. The event will consist of:

5:00pm Rosary
6:00pm Vigil Mass
7:30pm A talk titled, 'Faith Journeys in Science in the Conference Centre'.

The event will include stories and testimonies from scientists and theologians. There will be the opportunity to discuss the topic presented and ask questions of the speaker(s).

For more information and to book a free ticket, please visit www.radiomariaengland.co.uk

London Catholic History Walks

www.catholichistorywalks.com

Monday Feb 7th meet 6pm Corpus Christi Church Maiden Lane London WC2E 2NB. We'll explore The Strand, and Covent Garden and head towards Smithfield and St Paul's Cathedral.

Wednesday February 16th meet 6pm at The Monument Fish Street Hill London EC2R 8AH. Nearest tube: MONUMENT London We'll learn about the Great Fire and walk along the river to the Tower of London.

Friday February 18th meet 3pm (note time) steps of St Paul's Cathedral EC4M 8AD. We'll walk to Smithfield and then down Fleet Street to St Bride's church, with its crypt telling the story of Roman and Saxon London.

Sunday February 20th Meet 3pm main gate, St Mary's University, Twickenham TW1 4SX. Nearest tube: Strawberry Hill. We'll discover the story of St Mary's and walk along the river to Richmond.

The walks are led by Joanna Bogle, historian and author. No need to book, just turn up! We suggest a donation of £5.00p. Children should be accompanied by an adult with responsibility for them. Each Walk lasts 1-2 hours, but of course people can leave at any time, and we are always within reach of a bus, Tube or railway station. Wear suitable clothing and shoes – we walk whatever the weather! We are happy to organise specific walks for groups or schools. Contact us on catholichistorywalks@gmail.com



***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
30th January 2022***

PARISH CLERGY

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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 – 6pm
Sunday: Fifteen minutes before every Mass
Also by appointment

BAPTISM AND WEDDINGS

By appointment.

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday: 7.30am - 6.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am – 7.00pm

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ENTRY

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

RESPONSE

My lips will tell of your help.

ACCLAMATION

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life,
says the Lord; no one can come to the Father
except through me.

COMMUNION

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me
in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be
put to shame, for I call on you.



ANGELUS ADDRESS

Today's Gospel account once again, like last Sunday, brings us to the synagogue of Nazareth, the village in Galilee where Jesus was brought up in a family and was known by everyone. He, who left not long before to begin his public life, now returns and for the first time presents himself to the community, gathered in the synagogue on the Sabbath. He reads the passage of the Prophet Isaiah, who speaks of the future Messiah, and he declares at the end: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (Lk 4:21). Jesus' compatriots, who were at first astonished and admired him, now begin to look sideways, to murmur among themselves and ask: why does he, who claims to be the Lord's Consecrated, not repeat here in his homeland the wonders they say he worked in Capernaum and in nearby villages? Thus Jesus affirms: "no prophet is acceptable in his own country", and he refers to the great prophets of the past, Elijah and Elisha, who had worked miracles in favour of the pagans in order to denounce the incredulity of their people. At this point those present are offended, rise up, indignant, and cast Jesus out and want to throw him down from the precipice. But he, with the strength of his peace, "passed through the midst of them and went away" (cf. v. 30). His time has not yet come.

This passage of Luke the Evangelist is not simply the account of an argument between compatriots, as sometimes happens even in our neighbourhoods, arising from envy and jealousy, but it highlights a temptation to which a religious man is always exposed — all of us are exposed — and from which it is important to keep his distance. What is this temptation? It is the temptation to consider religion as a human investment and, consequently, "negotiate" with God, seeking one's own interest. Instead, true religion entails accepting the revelation of a God who is Father and who cares for each of his creatures, even the smallest and most insignificant in the eyes of man. Jesus' prophetic ministry consists precisely in this: in declaring that no human condition can constitute a reason for exclusion — no human condition can constitute a reason for exclusion! — from the Father's heart, and that the only privilege in the eyes of God is that of not having privileges, of not having godparents, of being abandoned in his hands.

"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (Lk 4:21). The 'today', proclaimed by Christ that day, applies to every age; it echoes for us too in this Square, reminding us of the

relevance and necessity of the salvation Jesus brought to humanity. God comes to meet the men and women of all times and places, in their real life situations. He also comes to meet us. It is always he who takes the first step: he comes to visit us with his mercy, to lift us up from the dust of our sins; he comes to extend a hand to us in order to enable us to return from the abyss into which our pride made us fall, and he invites us to receive the comforting truth of the Gospel and to walk on the paths of good. He always comes to find us, to look for us.

Let us return to the synagogue. Surely that day, in the synagogue of Nazareth, Mary, his Mother, was also there. We can imagine her heart beating, a small foreboding of what she will suffer under the Cross, seeing Jesus, there in the synagogue, first admired, then challenged, then insulted, threatened with death. In her heart, filled with faith, she kept every thing. May she help us to convert from a god of miracles to the miracle of God, who is Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis

Address delivered to St Peter's Square on Sunday, 31st January 2016.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022

The next First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Programme, for children who are on year three begins on **27th of February 2022 from 10:30 - 11:30am**
The Celebration day: **16th October 2022.**
To register, please contact us:
farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk

CONFIRMATIONS 2022

The programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation (teens age 14+), begins on the **16th of March 2022, from 10:30 - 11:30 am.**
The celebration day: 3rd July 2022
To register, please contact us:
farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk

Sunday Refreshments

We are happy to say that refreshments have now resumed 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 a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon: St John Bosco, Priest
Tue: Feria
Wed: The Presentation of the Lord
Thu: Ss Laurence, Dunstan, & Theodore; Archbishops of Canterbury; St Blaise
Fri: Feria; St John de Brito SJ & Companions, martyrs
Sat: St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
Sun: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19
I Corinthians 12:31-13:13;
Luke 4:21-30
Mon: II Samuel 15:13-16:13; Mark 5:1-20
Tue: II Samuel 18:9-19:3; Mark 5:21-43
Wed: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 2:22-40
Thu: I Kings 2:1-12; Mark 6:7-13
Fri: Ecclesiasticus 47:2-13; Mark 6:14-29
Sat: I Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34
Sun: Isaiah 6:1-8; I Corinthians 15:1-11;
Luke 5:1-11

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of January 2022, we pray for true human fraternity. Let us pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Living Stones Tours of the Church

The next Living Stones Tours of Farm Street Church will take place on **Sunday 30th January at 1.30 and 3.30pm.** This month the Living Stones group will give tours focusing on the chapel of our Lady of the Seven Dolours, and the feast of the Presentation in the Temple. Tours will last approximately 45 minutes. These tours are free and all welcome to attend. Those wishing to attend should meet at the back of the church.

White Flower Appeal 2022

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the weekend of the **6th February.** SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life Speech. Pro-life witness is being restricted now more than ever; we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn babies. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC protect unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

Journey Through Lent with

St Ignatius of Loyola

2nd March – 17th April

Journey through Lent with St Ignatius of Loyola the theme for this year's Lent Retreat created by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow to mark the 500th anniversary of his conversion. Visit www.onlineprayer.net for details

A Day with Mary

When: Saturday 19th February 2022
Where: Holy Apostles, Winchester Street, SW1V

10:00am Entry procession of Our Lady. Angelus. Crowning. Sung Litany. Mass in honour of Our Lady. Celebrant & Preacher: Canon Pat Browne. The Five Joyful Mysteries.

12.15pm Lunch break *Please bring a packed lunch*

1.15pm Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Five Luminous Mysteries. Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Pius Collins. The Five Sorrowful Mysteries. Meditation on the Passion.

3.30pm Tea break

4.15pm Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Charles Soyombo. The Five Glorious Mysteries. Act of Consecration. Benediction. Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal.

Finish for **5.30pm**

Throughout the day: Confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

Face Covering Notice

In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to respect the safety of all, we request that you wear a face covering in the church, unless you are exempt from doing so. Thank you for your cooperation.