

Parish Accounts Summary

The newsletter next week will contain a summary of the parish accounts for 2022 with an accompanying letter from the parish priest.

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

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

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 in advance

Hildegard in Concert

On the Thursday 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.

Mass for Migrants

Monday 1st May, 12:00
St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate, E7 9QB
The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark, and Westminster invite you to a celebration of the annual Mass for Migrants

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.

'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

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Fourth Sunday of Easter 30th April 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 1st 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

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

RESPONSE

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

ACCLAMATION

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.

COMMUNION

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

We are now a little over halfway through the Easter season. An austere colleague of mine used to say at about this time that if he were made to sing just one more "Alleluia", he would scream. Presumably no one who is reading these words is of that view. What you might be well advised to do is to reflect that today is "Vocation Sunday" or "Good Shepherd Sunday"; that can make things feel a bit better. By now, we ought to have got into the joy of this season, and are happy celebrating God's victory over death, which is the centre of our faith. What you need now, perhaps, is the discovery that because God raised Jesus from the dead, *you* have a job to do. Your "vocation", which is the name we give to the job that God gives us, is to go out and preach that central fact of our faith. And what is this "central fact"? It is the stunned realisation that the awfulness of Good Friday was not, after all, the last word on the Jesus story; it was not, after all, a failure by God or by Jesus, but the greatest possible triumph. If that is the case, then we must make sure that we are listening out for where God might be calling us at this time. For there is one job, one "vocation", that is ours alone, and that vocation will have to do with preaching the Resurrection of Jesus. Now that does not mean that you must walk down Oxford Street or Piccadilly, proclaiming at the top of your voice that "God raised Jesus from the dead"; that might get you arrested. What you do have to do, is to live as though it were all true. And today's readings give you a few clues about how you might do that.

In the first reading, Peter is offering a possible model, courageously preaching to his fellow-Jews in Jerusalem, that because of what God has done, they must "turn it around", and get baptised. Astonishingly, we learn that 3000 people got baptised on that day! Then the psalm shows us what shepherds do, namely to care for the needs of all their people, so they will not be afraid even if they walk "through the Valley of the Shadow of Death", as the poet puts it, dramatically. Then the second reading, once again presenting Peter, and, more importantly, Jesus, as "Shepherd", tells the young Christian Church in Asia Minor that "you were wandering like sheep, but have now been healed by Christ's wounds". They have, he tells them, turned back to your "Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls". Then in the gospel, the theme of Jesus as Shepherd is played loud and clear. It is quite the opposite of the one who is "thief and bandit". In the case of Jesus, the sheep, that is to say you and I, recognise his familiar accents. He calls each one of us by name, it seems, and leads us out. Now most shepherds, if you watch them, stay behind the flock, to keep the stragglers from getting lost; this one, however, because they recognise his accent, can go ahead of them, knowing that they will follow. This is the first image; the second image is as of Jesus, not as "shepherd", but as "gate", so that it is through

him that they make their entry into the Kingdom, and there find pasture. He says to his audience that once upon a time, "you were wandering like sheep, but for now you have turned back to your shepherd". And that of course means that we, like Simon Peter, have a job to do, namely to bring others to the encounter with Jesus. What is the job that, this week, you are being called to do in order to go even deeper into the mystery of Easter?

Fr Nicholas King SJ

Priest Training Fund

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood.

There are currently 48 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 14 of whom are from our own Diocese, as well as two men studying in Rome and two in Valladolid. Last year five men were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests.

The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mon: Easter feria; St Joseph the Worker
Tue: St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor
Wed: SS Philip and James, Apostles
Thu: The English Martyrs
Fri: Easter feria (*Friday abstinence*)
Sat: Easter feria
Sun: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Daily Readings

Sun: Acts 2:14-41; I Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10
Mon: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18
Tue: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wed: I Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14
Thu: Acts 7:55-60; Matthew 10:17-20
Fri: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Sat: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
Sun: Acts 6:1-7; I Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

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 804 The King of love my Shepherd is
Offertory 600 All that I am
Communion 938 Soul of my Saviour
Recessional 970 Be thou my vision

11am Mass Music List

Prelude Prelude and fugue in G (Op37)
Mendelssohn
Mass Mass in Bb *Schubert*
Motets Surrexit pastor bonus *Mendelssohn*
 Bone pastor (Lauda Sion) *Mendelssohn*
Postlude Allegro Maestoso; Fuga (Sonata 2)
Mendelssohn

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 for the sanctification of marriage of André & Genevieve Gansel.

A Triduum of Prayer for the King

The Bishops' Conference has decided that our Catholic Communities should mark the Coronation of the King by praying for his intentions in preparation for his Crowning on the 6th May. A triduum of prayer will take place between Wednesday and Friday, and will include morning prayer after the 8am Mass and evening prayer at 5.45pm on these three days. The 6pm Mass on Friday 5th May, the eve of the coronation, will be celebrated for the intention of the King.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Mrs J Deverell, Christian Engelhart, 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.

The Sunday collection

Last week came £1,550.81. Thank you.

THE FARM STREET SUMMER PARTY

With dancing with our own Nick Kelly, world show-dance champion and Master DJ

Thursday, 8th June from 7pm
St Columba's Church, Pont Street, Knightsbridge

Come on your own or with a partner to this fun-filled fundraising evening, with all proceeds going to Farm Street Church

Tickets £45 (includes a light buffet) booked on www.farmstreet.org.uk

Cash bar and raffle

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