

SAVE THE DATE

After a long hiatus, the Parish Picnic will return this year on Sunday, 12 June, starting after the 9.30am Mass and continuing into the afternoon. More details will be available in a week or two. Watch this space!

Meet the Neighbours

From 6.30 – 8pm on Tuesday, 10th May 2022. All are invited for a visit to The American International Church at 79A Tottenham Court Road, W1Y 4TD.

The visit will include:

- A Brief History of the churches on Tottenham Court Road and its international congregations
- An overview of their community-based ministries, especially their support of refugees and people experiencing homelessness
- Light refreshments

Free – All are welcome. This event is organised by Churches Together in Westminster.

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, Erin Lillis and Alan Stewart. *The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.*

Psalm 41:3

We also pray for those who have died recently: Fr Tony Nye SJ.
Requiescat in pace

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

Walsingham Pilgrimage

DAY trip to WALSINGHAM Saturday MAY 28th: 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 please e-mail farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk or 'phone Leslie Giltz on (020)-7408-1234.

Catholic Listeners

Our journey through Lent and Holy Week culminated with the joy of Easter and Christ's victory over death, and the promise of hope and redemption for all of us.

We know that for many there is an acute sense of alienation, loneliness and anxiety brought about by the COVID restrictions over the past two years. Also, many would have drifted away from the family of the church. If you know anyone who would appreciate speaking to someone then there is the Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline. Catholic Listeners a new service based at Farm Street. The helpline operates a confidential, listening service with a wealth of experience at compassionate listening especially to those who may be interested in reconnecting with their faith. Operating three days a week from 4pm to 7pm, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, calls are free to the Helpline on 0800 448 0704 Email Ade on catholiclisteners@gmail.com.

Catholic Listeners is part of Landings, an established programme based also at Farm Street. Through compassionate listening Landings offers a way back to practice of the Catholic faith for those who have been away and now wish to reengage with it. For further information contact Ruby on landingsouth@gmail.com

"Inspiration, Stress, and Play in the Poetry of G. M. Hopkins" by Professor Michael Hurley

Sunday 8 May, 4-5pm, St Mary's Church, Hampstead, London.

It is with great pleasure that we are delighted to announce that Professor Hurley will deliver his talk in person. Come and join us for what promises to be a fascinating insight into the poetry of an innovative and groundbreaking Catholic Poet.

If you are planning on attending in person please email the Parish Administrator at hampstead@rcdow.org.uk to book your place. You are welcome to livestream the lecture by visiting <https://www.churchservices.tv/hampstead>

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Fourth Sunday of Easter 8th May 2022

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 - 1pm
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

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

RESPONSE

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

ACCLAMATION

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my 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, alleluia.



THE SOUND OF GOD

We are surrounded by noise. The cacophony of daily life leaves us sometimes bewildered, confused and annoyed by its persistent presence and we long for some peace and quiet to recollect ourselves. This is a good instinct in us for if we are continually bombarded by noise, we can easily become disorientated and can even lose sight of what is of vital importance in our lives. The inventions of technology can help or hinder us in that regard but there really is no substitute for quiet reflection.

The life stories of many of the Saints bears witness to how they came to realize that God Himself was, in a sense, speaking to them through the events which occurred in their lives and that by "listening" to this, they could attune their lives more in keeping with their deeper and truest nature, which is where we can discover how God does indeed "speak" to us. However if our lives are so busy that we have no time to spare, we run the risk of remaining somewhat deaf to this sound of God.

St Ignatius of Loyola discovered in his own life the way that God was addressing him and he stumbled across this rather unexpectedly. During his recuperation from a severe injury incurred in a battle, he realized that he reacted very differently to reading various kinds of literature. His normal human reaction to historical romances was to experience an emotional high but he found this didn't last very long and it left him feeling somewhat depressed afterwards.

However when he read the lives of some of the Saints and imagined himself doing something similar, he noticed that his reaction was less a high than before but now more joyful and satisfying and he experienced this reaction for a considerably longer period of time. Here then we can say that St Ignatius experienced the sound of God within him but it was a chord which was buried and which he could only hear by reflecting in silence within himself. In a very real sense, he found sanctuary by tuning into his different reactions to reading literature. This indicated to him the way God wanted him to live his life and so he decided to turn his back on his former way of life, a process which took many years.

We too can follow suit but it does require being willing and able to listen to what is going on within us and realizing what in fact gives us a sense of joy and satisfaction over a sustained

period of time. Given our uniqueness, this will express itself in different ways in each of us.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is speaking to us all the time but that we have to be searching for truth in our lives - this means filtering out all the untruths which we hear and indeed which may be living by. However once we become more aware of what is going on we find that little by little we can change and can begin to hear more the voice of God within us. There is no doubt He is there so let us search for truth and live in the hope that in time God's sound will strike a chord in us.

Fr James Campbell, SJ

From the archives. First published on the 26th April, 2007.

Fr Tony Nye SJ Funeral

The funeral of Fr Tony Nye SJ will take place at Farm Street Church on Tuesday 10th May at 2.30pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the Arrupe Hall. Many of you will remember Fr Tony from his time as parish priest at Farm Street Church and his subsequent years as a member of the parish clergy team. All are welcome to attend his funeral. Please continue to pray for the repose of Fr Tony's soul.

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.

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.

Fr Damian Howard SJ,
Provincial for the Jesuits in Britain

A Concert for Ukraine

Join us at 7pm on Thursday 26th May for an evening of music provided by concert pianist (and Farm Street parishioner) Bobby Chen. The programme for the evening will include music by Ukrainian composers and all proceeds will go towards supporting the work of Caritas Ukraine.

Guest of Honour: Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

There will be a wine reception following the concert in the Arrupe Hall.

Tickets are £50 and can be purchased online or in the sacristy after Mass. To purchase a ticket online, visit www.farmstreet.org.uk/events

As this is a ticketed event, it will not be shown via the livestream page on the church website.

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family

Our brothers and sisters at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral have expressed how much they appreciate the messages of support that they have received during this traumatic time. 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/>

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mon: Easter feria
Tue: Easter feria; St John of Avila, Priest & Doctor
Wed: Easter feria
Thu: Easter feria; St Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St Pancras, Martyr
Fri: Easter feria; Our Lady of Fatima (Friday abstinence)
Sat: St Matthias, Apostle
Sun: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Apocalypse 7:9,14-17; John 10:27-30
Mon: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
Tue: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5; John 12:44-50
Thu: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Fri: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Sat: Acts 1:15-26; John 15:9-17
Sun: Acts 14:21-27; Apocalypse 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of May, we pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Priests Training Fund Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Priests Training Fund. The money donated will go towards educating and training a new generation of priests.

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

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 28th May. This celebration, 'The Flowers of May', is a devotion to Our Blessed Lady. All are most welcome to attend.

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 Federica Fiore at ffiore@jesuit.org.uk.