

CAFOD Collection

The total raised for the CAFOD collection taken on the weekend of the 24th/25th February was £1178. Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Association Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Catholic Association pilgrimage to Lourdes, which includes the Stonyhurst pilgrimage, will take place from 23 to 30 August 2004. All are welcome. For more information, email contact@catholicassociation.co.uk or ask Fr Nicholas King.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from the 19th to 26th July. For more information about this, please visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/>

Job Vacancy

The London Jesuit Centre and the Jesuit Young Adults Ministries are looking for a Marketing and Communications person to maintain their websites, publicise their work, and produce short videos for social media. This is a full-time post with two days a week work for the Jesuit Young Adults Ministries and three days with the London Jesuit Centre. Closing Date: 2nd April 2024
To apply, visit londonjesuitcentre.org/get-involved/jobs

Cana Lounge Café

We are offering the opportunity for individuals to operate independently the sandwich and beverage service for the Cana Lounge Café in the LJC. This is for 3 days per week (Tues – Thurs) for approximately 3 hours per day (11 – 2pm). A food handling certificate and experience with food preparation is required. Individuals. keep all donations. For more information please speak with Fr. Dominic. This is an opportunity to use and develop skills in hospitality.

'Politics and religion: on the same path?' - a talk by the Lord Speaker

Wed, 20 Mar 2024 at 6.30pm at 114 Mount Street.
Why does politics matter? And what does the future of politics look like?
The Speaker of the House of Lords, Lord McFall, will seek to answer these big questions as part of a talk hosted by international development organisation Jesuit Missions.
Join us in the stunning Aula Magna at the London Jesuit Centre for what promises to be an engaging evening, which will include a Q&A session and light refreshments.
Tickets must be booked via Eventbrite.

Disability and the Divine

Farm Street Church is currently hosting an exhibition titled 'Disability and the Divine' by artist Marc Bratcher. The pictures, depicting the Holy Family in the context of physical disability, are displayed on the side altars of the church. It is hoped that this exhibition will contribute to a positive conversation around disability and the church. The exhibition will run until the 2nd April.

Monthly Memorial Prayer Vigil for refugees and asylum-seekers

On the 3rd Monday of every month outside the Home Office SW1P 4DF from 12.30pm – 1.30pm. Praying for:
*Those who died trying to reach the UK
*Victims of current wars
*Those in detention & who are homeless
*The UK to be a more welcoming nation
Sign up to receive email news & alerts of changes or cancellations at: homeofficevigil@gmail.com

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 or visit our website at www.CatholicListeners.com.

Catholic Listeners are here to listen.

Welcome

If this is your first time here, we would like to especially welcome you to Farm Street, our vibrant and engaging Catholic parish in the heart of London.
We aim to welcome all who come to our church to share in our faith and fellowship. Please do introduce yourself to a member of the clergy. You will always be most welcome here.
Fr. Dominic Robinson, SJ
Parish Priest



Jesuit Church of The Immaculate Conception
FARM STREET

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www.farmstreet.org.uk



Fourth Sunday of Lent

10th March 2024

YEAR B TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

RESPONSE

*O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not!*

ACCLAMATION

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
God loved the world so much that he gave his
only Son;
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

COMMUNION

*Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one
together. It is there that the tribes go up, the
tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the
Lord*

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH CLERGY

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Fr Michael Barnes SJ; Fr David Birchall SJ;
Fr Peter Gallagher SJ

SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

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CHURCH OPENING HOURS

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

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 8:00 | 13:05 | 18:00

Saturday: 8:00 | 18:00 (vigil)

Sunday: 8:00 | 09:30 (Family) |
11:00 (Solemn), 12:30 | 17:30 | 19:00 (Young
Adult, 18-35)

Join us for a coffee after the 9:30 and 11:00
Mass.

All Masses can be viewed on our livestreaming
page <https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream>

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday to Thursday: 12:00-13:00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent: 12:30-13:00

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday: 12:00 – 12:55

Saturday: 11:00 to 12:00; 17:45 – 17:55

Sunday: Fifteen minutes before every Mass
Also by appointment



Laetare Sunday

So here we are: the 4th Sunday of Lent has arrived, which means that today you can relax the savage austerities that you have undoubtedly been following during the first half of Lent. The principle here is not to abandon all discipline, but to reflect on where we have come from and where we are going. Because today it is headed into the darkness. You will notice that in the readings from now on the tone is a good deal darker. Where up to now we have been invited to look at ourselves and our sinfulness, from here on in the focus is on Jesus, and inevitably on the grim fact that Jesus is going to die on Good Friday. So you will notice that readings in the next two or three weeks are much more about Jesus, much less about ourselves. The Office of Readings finishes on Saturday with Exodus as its scriptural text, and sets off on a rather rapid gallop through the next few books of the Pentateuch. Next Sunday we go into the darkness of Passiontide. Tomorrow we shall start reading John's gospel during the week, and we shall remain with that extraordinary gospel almost all the way through until Pentecost. And even today, Laetare though it is, the readings are not all that bright and cheerful; for in the first reading we are given the end of the books of the Chronicles, stressing that we thoroughly deserve the punishment that is coming to us, because we have been so inattentive to the call of God; but it is God who is going to rescue us. The unimaginable evil had taken place, the walls of Jerusalem, God's Holy City, had been torn down, and the Temple, where God had been supposed to dwell had been utterly destroyed. And the people of Israel, a people that we thought was holy in the eyes of God, had been dragged off into Exile. None of this has been on the agenda – so did this mean that God was not God? That will have been the question on the lips of the chosen people (were they really “Chosen”, after all?); and of course there are many people today who sing that same song, and who have decided that since the world is in such a terrible mess, there cannot possibly be a God. In that first reading, the Chronicler sings a song of rescue; so he believes that all will be well. You can feel that same song being sung also in the psalm for today. This is one of the few biblical texts that has been turned into a box office hit: “by the waters of Babylon, we sat down and wept...”, with its terrible memories of exile. But of course, being able to sing about it means that the disaster will not be the end of the story, for God is at work. Something of the sort is there also in today's first reading, with its certainty that “God, being rich in mercy because of his great love, has in turn loved us – you have been saved by grace”. “We are God's poem”, he continues, “created in Christ Jesus”. So it is indeed permitted to rejoice on this Laetare Sunday. That gracious certainty continues in the gospel reading for today, where we gaze upon the exaltation of Jesus on the cross. Nothing was worse than that terrible crucifixion; and yet, as the NT

frequently makes it utterly clear, it was because of that crucifixion, that “everyone who believes in him might have life eternal”. Then we get that lovely reassurance: “for God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that everyone who believes in him might not be destroyed”.

There is both darkness and light on this Laetare Sunday.

Fr Nicholas King SJ

Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30am, 11am and 5.30pm Sunday Masses (second & fourth Sunday only for 5.30pm). Do join us for tea, coffee, and fellowship!

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: **Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**
II Chronicles 36:14-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

Mon: **Lent feria**
Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54

Tue: **Lent Feria**
Ezekiel 47:1-12; John 5:1-16

Wed: **Lent feria**
Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

Thu: **Lent feria**
Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

Fri: **Lent feria (Friday abstinence)**
Wisdom 2:1-22; John 7:1-30

Sat: **Lent feria**
Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-52

Sun: **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

9.30am Mass hymns

<i>Entrance</i>	302	Breathe on me breath of God
<i>Offertory</i>	601	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
<i>Communion</i>	204	Lord Jesus, think on me
<i>Recessional</i>	861	Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

Lazos de Amor Mariano

(Bonds of Marian Love) Praying Group takes place every Friday in the Arrupe Hall at 114 Mount Street from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. We meditate on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary, the virtues of a Saint and the Sunday Gospel. It is held in Spanish. All are welcome.

Prayer intentions

Please consider asking for particular prayer intentions at Mass and the lamp before Our Lady of Farm Street. Contact the Parish Office or speak to the sacristan for information on how to make your requests. Details of Mass intentions are on the notice board outside of the sacristy.

The lamp this week is lit for the repose of the soul of Charles Curran Kelly

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: King Charles, Debra Minty Baker, Camilla Blower, Ian Bookey, Marie Carroll Copestake, Margaret Cartledge, Felicity Ann Croft, Natalie Dennehy-Caddick, Kyllikki Edelshain, Christian Engelhart, Maria Fernandez, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Christopher Halliday, Caroline Harkink, Andrea Kelly, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Donald Mathieson, Robert McCormack, Millon Nigussie, Otilie, Graziella Pirovano, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, Ian Rice, George Tabor, Francis Walsh, Natalie Williams, John Wooloughan, Anna Wright, & Michael Wymes
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.*

Peter's Way of the Cross

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a performance of *Peter's Way of the Cross* at Farm Street Church on the evening of **Friday March 22nd at 7pm** preceded by Mass at 6pm. Peter's Way of the Cross is a 60-minute reflection which imagines St. Peter following the path of Jesus on his way to Calvary whilst reflecting on his journey as a disciple and as a witness to Christ's teachings. Peter begins his journey confused by the events of Gethsemane, the trial and is distressed and ashamed by his denial. At each station, the scene is described, and Peter reflects on Christ's teaching or actions from the three years of ministry. In each case the gospel passage used has been set to music. The words were written by Bernard Lavery KSG and the music composed by Giovanni Marseglia BM. The work has been performed in Westminster Cathedral, Killarney Cathedral, The Old Bailey and many parishes in the diocese. It was also used as the centrepiece of an evening celebration during the 2017 Westminster Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes and was enthusiastically received.

This event is free and does not require booking. A collection will be taken to support the work of The Westminster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage. His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will be in attendance.

Holy Week and Easter 2024

In preparation for Holy Week, confessions will be heard in the church from 2pm to 5pm on Saturday 23rd March.

Palm Sunday, 25th March

Normal schedule, with addition of United Service with Exchange of Palms at 10.45am at the palm tree in Mount Street Gardens.

Monday in Holy Week, 25th March

Normal schedule and 7pm sung Tenebrae.

Tuesday in Holy Week, 26th March

Normal schedule and 7pm Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Spy Wednesday, 27th March

Normal schedule and 7.15pm Aid to the Church in Need Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday, 28th March

12 noon - Confessions (1 hour)
6pm - Confessions
7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watch of the Passion until Midnight.
11.45pm – Compline

Good Friday, 29th March

11.30am - Confessions
12 noon - Stations of the Cross
2.30pm - Confessions
3pm - Liturgy of the Passion with veneration of the True Cross
6.30pm - Confessions
7pm - Seven Last Words followed by veneration of a relic of the True Cross.

Holy Saturday, 30th March

11am - Confessions (1 hour)
6pm - Confessions
7pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, 31st March

Normal schedule.

Easter Week, Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April

Church opens at 11am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions at 12 noon. Mass at 1.05pm. The church closes after the 1.05pm Mass

Saturday in Easter Week, 6th April and Low Sunday, 7th April

Normal schedule

Monday 8th April

Normal schedule

Tuesday 9th April to Friday 12th April

Due to a Jesuit Province meeting, there will be reduced services this week. Mass will be celebrated in the church at 1.05pm only.

Saturday 13th April

Normal schedule resumes.