

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET

Fr Michael Beattie Memorial Mass

A memorial Mass will take place for the late Fr Michael Beattie SJ at Farm Street Church at 6pm on **Tuesday 13th June**. Many of you will remember Fr Beattie, who served as parish priest at Farm Street from 1991 to 1998. Please do mark this date in your diary. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Arrupe Hall.

Tim Hetherington Film Club at Farm Street

114 Mount St W1K 3AH

Next showing: Arrupe Hall 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Thursday 30 March 2023

Cost: free - with drinks and refreshments (donations welcome)

Presenting: 'Tree of Life' (2011, 2 hours 19 minutes)

Booking invited (but not necessary) at dthurst52@gmail.com

True to our word, this month the film club moves away from stories of murder and civil war to the more reflective theme of 'the meaning of life'! 'The Tree of Life' is a 2011 American experimental coming-of-age drama written and directed by Terence Malik ('Days of Heaven' and 'The Thin Red line') and featuring Brad Pitt, Sean Penn and Jessica Chastain. The film chronicles the life origin and the meaning of life by way of a middle-aged man's childhood memories of his family living in the 1950s Texas, interspersed with imagery of the origins of the known universe and the inception of life on Earth. With three Oscar nominations, in 2011 the film won the Palm d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival and featured highly in the BBC's poll of the Greatest American Films.

'Can Faith be Reconciled with Science? Escaping the Snow Queen's Palace.

Sunday 19 March 2023, 4-5pm, St Mary's Church, 4 Holly Walk, Hampstead, London NW3 6QU

Fr Andrew Pinsent is Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at the University of Oxford. Formerly a particle physicist on the DELPHI experiment at CERN, he is a philosopher, theologian, and Catholic priest. It promises to be a fascinating insight into science and faith from a leading scientist.

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/>

[Conference] Jesuits and the Natural World

Organisers: Laudato Si' Research Institute & Campion Hall

Date: 23 - 24 March 2023

Venue: Pembroke College (Harold Lee Room)

Overview: The two-day conference will draw together and critically reflect on knowledge about Jesuit perspectives on the natural world from a wide diversity of disciplines, assessing its ongoing relevance for today. The conference will also showcase artefacts from the rich collections of Stonyhurst College and the British Jesuit Province through a pop-up exhibition held at Campion Hall.
For more information and to register: <https://lsri.campion.ox.ac.uk/events/conference-jesuits-and-natural-world>

Help The Passage

Help The Passage to serve homeless people through raising funds from public collecting. The Passage is holding a public collection on Thursday 16 March in Kings Cross Underground Station from 7.00 - 22.00 and does not have enough volunteer collectors. If you can help, please contact collections@passage.org.uk by Tuesday 14 March to be added to the rota, full instructions and equipment will be provided. If you cannot help on this occasion but would like to join our happy band of volunteer collectors on a future occasion, then do get in touch we collect most weeks in a variety of underground and mainline stations generally on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday

19th March 2023

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 Thursday: 12 noon to 1pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (LENT)

Friday: 12.30pm

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

YEAR A ENTRY

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

RESPONSE

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

ACCLAMATION

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

COMMUNION

The Lord anointed my eyes;
I went, I washed, I saw and believed in God.



LAETARE SUNDAY

Today, "Laetare Sunday", is also known as "Mother's Day". This is sometimes thought to be because servants were permitted to go home to their mothers ahead of the busy-ness of the Easter festival. An alternative, rather more pious, explanation is that people would go on that day to visit their mother church, where they had been baptised. But it has also turned into a day when we remember our own mothers, as well as all those who function as mothers in various different ways in the world. You will do well, today, to think of those people, and to thank God for them. (And perhaps send them a Mother's Day card).

For us, it might be a good day to ask how our Lent is going. Indeed, if you are still trying to make up your mind what to do for Lent this year, it is not too late to begin. We should notice, however, that this is not so that we should feel that we are failures because we have not quite managed to "do" Lent this year. Nor is it meant to be a time for complacent self-satisfaction, reflecting that God is jolly lucky to have us on the team, given the austerity of our Lenten performance. For "Laetare" is a Latin word that means "rejoice", and it was the first word of the Introit for the day on the 4th Sunday of Lent. Traditionally this fourth Sunday of Lent was a day when people would briefly moderate their Lenten fast before plunging back into the darkest time of Lent, when the readings concentrate more on Jesus, his identity, and on the death that he is shortly to undergo, to bring us into a sense of where we are. For on Monday (normally, that is to say; this year the pattern is broken by the displaced feast of St Joseph), we start the reading of John's gospel which will continue, with very few exceptions, right to the end of the Easter season.

And what is going on? We shall be missing the point if we simply concentrate on the awfulness of it all, and we just emphasise the darkness of the readings. For this mid-Lent Sunday needs to function as a reminder of where we are headed. And where we are headed is the great feast of Easter, the most important celebration of the Church's year; the point of Lent is to get us into a place where we can celebrate that joyful feast. Today's "rejoicing" is allowing us a hint of the Resurrection which we shall be celebrating in just three weeks' time. So important is this feast that the Church devotes no less than six and a half weeks of (Lenten) preparation to it, and then a gloriously joyful week of celebration, followed by (in all) seven weeks of Alleluias.

So we should allow ourselves at least a hint of rejoicing today, making ready for what will happen at the end of Lent, and allowing Easter to break in. And the all-important point is that our attention at this point needs to be not on ourselves: "how am I managing my Lent? Am I a religious success?". All our attention, today and always, must be on what God

is doing as he guides his people to the joy of Easter. And there is a related question: "who is this Jesus?" That is a question of major importance; and we must never let go of it. The discovery of who Jesus is lies right at the heart of the Easter season, and therefore at the heart of the time of Lent. There is the challenge to us today. Are you ready for it?

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).

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mon: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church, Society of Jesus, and Diocese of Westminster
Tue: Lent feria
Wed: Lent feria
Thu: Lent feria; St Tiribius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Fri: Lent feria (*Friday abstinence. Abstinence ends after first vespers*)
Sat: The Annunciation of the Lord
Sun: Fifth Sunday of Lent (*Passiontide begins*)

Daily Readings

Sun: I Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
Mon: II Samuel 7:4-16; Romans 4:13-22; Matthew 1:16-24
Tue: Ezekiel 47:1-12; John 5:1-16
Wed: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thu: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
Fri: Wisdom 2:1-22; John 7:1-30
Sat: Isaiah 7:10-8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
Sun: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Lady Antonia Fraser, Erin Lillis, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, George Tabor, Nick Walker, & Francis Walsh
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.
 Charles Curran-Kelly, Maggie Danby
Requiescant in pace

9.30am Mass Hymns

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

11am Solemn Latin Mass Music

Prelude Mein Jesu, der du mich *Brahms*
Mass Mass in A-minor *Eberlin*
Motets Laetatus sum *M Haydn*
 Laudate Dominum quia benignus est *Goll*
Postlude Fugue in g-minor (BWV 578) *J S Bach*

Charity Concert

A fundraising concert at Farm Street Church featuring renowned pianist Bobby Chen in aid of Jesuit Missions' Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal and Jesuit Refugee Services in Syria. This will take place on Monday, **20th March at 7pm**. It will be followed by a wine reception in the Arrupe Hall. Tickets are £50. To purchase a ticket, please visit www.farmstreet.org.uk.

Coffee Morning

Newcomers to Farm Street are warmly invited to a Coffee Morning (homemade cakes included) on Saturday, 25th March from 10am until midday at 114 Mount Street. It is very informal, simply a way to meet a few parishioners and perhaps to find out a bit more about the parish. There is no need to book, just come and stay for as little or as long as you like

A Lamp For Our Lady

To give honour to Our Lady, a lamp will now burn before her statue in the sanctuary. A 7-day lamp will be lit every Saturday, the day traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and burn 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 intention of a legal firm to find good lawyers, good people to join a firm as partners and employees, and for the firm to take on good clients

Jesuit General Visit

Fr Arturo Sosa SJ, the thirty-first and current superior general of the Society of Jesus, will be visiting in the UK in April. As part of his visit, he will be celebrating the 1.05pm Mass on **Friday 14th April**. All are welcome to attend this significant occasion.

Collection

Last Sunday's collection came to £1,474.26.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICE TIMES

Holy Week 2023

Palm Sunday to Wednesday in Holy Week 2nd - 5th April
 Normal Mass schedule

Maundy Thursday 6th April

No 08:00 or 13:05 Mass
 12:00 Confessions
 18:30 Confessions
 19:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Watch at the Altar of Repose until Midnight
 23:45 Compline

Good Friday 7th April

12:00 Confessions
 12:00 Stations of the Cross
 14:30 Confessions
 15:00 Liturgy of the Passion
 18:30 Confessions
 19:00 Seven Last Words
 20:00 Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross until Midnight

Holy Saturday 8th April

10:00-12:00 Confessions
 20:00 Confessions
 20:30 Easter Vigil Mass
 Easter Sunday 9th April
 08:00 | 09.30 (Family) 11:00 (Latin) | 12:30 | 17:30 | 19:00 (Young Adults, 18-35)

Easter Week

Limited schedule from Easter Monday to Easter Friday. The church will open at 11am. Confessions will be heard at 12 noon. Mass celebrated at 1.05pm. The church will close after the 1.05pm Mass.

Normal schedule resumes on Easter Saturday (15th April).

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life, Ealing Green nr. Pitshanger Manor, London W5 5AS - 8am-8pm
 By offering love and support to women and babies, 1 million volunteers for 40 Days for Life have saved the lives of over 20,000 babies from abortion in 64 counties worldwide.
 Public prayer to end abortion and outreach to expectant mothers and all affected by abortion (nearest tube Ealing Broadway).
 Call or email to sign up Sarah 07776 256838
London40daysforlife@hotmail.com
 For other local vigils in this country and worldwide see www.40daysforlife.com
 For details of the ongoing daily vigil in Ealing and for the story of the London abortion centre that closed down see;
www.goodcounselnet.co.uk/prayer-vigils