

Panel Discussion

There will be a panel discussion at Farm Street Church on Monday 28th March from 6.45pm to 8.15pm. The title of the event, organized by the Diocese of Westminster's Justice and Peace Commission, is 'Homelessness & the Pandemic: What have we learned?'

Light refreshments will follow after the discussion. All are most welcome to attend. There is no need to book. There is no charge, although donations will be accepted for homeless services.

This talk will also be livestreamed on our website.

Tim Hetherington Film Club at Farm Street

Location: 114 Mount St W1K 3AH
Next showing: Arrupe Hall 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Thursday 31 March 2022

Cost: free with refreshments (donations welcome)

Presenting: 'Francesco – Inspiring Hope' (1hr 56min) Book at dhurst52@gmail.com

Following the last club meeting where we showed the Jesuit-related 1973 classic 'The Exorcist, the film club continues with an excellent papal documentary.

'Francesco' is the 2020 headline-making Pope Francis documentary from Hollywood based, Russian director and producer, Evgeny Afineevsky. The making of this groundbreaking film granted unprecedented access to His Holiness, providing an intimate look at a global leader who approaches challenging and complex issues including climate change, migration and refugees, women's empowerment, sexual abuse, the global pandemic, border walls and others with tremendous humility, wisdom and generosity towards all.

The director, who achieved Oscar and Emmy nominations for his 2016 documentary, 'Winter on Fire – Ukraine's Fight for Freedom' may be joining us.

With a Covid-limited attendance, please register to attend with David at dhurst52@gmail.com
We look forward to welcoming you.

Ukraine Emergency Appeal

A few words from Anna Dezyk, organiser of this fundraising appeal on behalf of Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB).

Millions of people in Ukraine are facing an imminent humanitarian crisis. They are in urgent need of medical supplies and relief as they face the prospect of renewed conflict. Please help them now.

A further Russian invasion will be catastrophic for the civilian population. The elderly, vulnerable, children and families are at risk of losing their homes and access to medical and other vital services. The psychological trauma of war will affect generations.

We are working with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war.

Donate today to the **#HelpUkraine Emergency Appeal.**

Your donation will be used to fund immediate emergency and ongoing needs.

The more we collect, the more we'll be able to help - particularly with the longer-term impacts of hostilities, displacement and poverty on families, children, the elderly and those with special needs.

The food hygiene and medical packs comply with specifications set by the World Food Programme, UNICEF and the World Health Organisation (IEHK 2017).

If the crisis passes, the emergency medicine/food/hygiene packs that you have helped to buy will be released to hospitals and to Ukrainian accredited charitable organisations for distribution to those in desperate need.

Please donate today to the **#HelpUkraine Emergency Appeal!**

We will continue to adjust our fundraiser goal as needs continue.

To donate and for more information, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine>

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) 27th March 2022

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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: 12.15pm to 12.45pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday: 12 noon - 1pm;
5.45pm - 5.55pm
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 C ENTRY

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

RESPONSE

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

ACCLAMATION

I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you'.

COMMUNION

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.



REFRESHMENT SUNDAY

Today is mid-Lent Sunday, when you can briefly relax your penitential austerity; if it makes you feel any better, we are in fact past the mid-point of our journey to Easter, and today marks a brief pause in the fasting before we plunge back into Deep Lent, our final run-in to the celebration of the feast.

It is also of course Mothering Sunday, when, very appropriately, we reflect on and perhaps make contact with our mothers. The origin of this day seems to be that domestic servants were given this Sunday off to go home and have a bit of a rest before the demanding labour that would accompany the celebration of Easter. In other cultures, commercial interests have dictated that Mother's Day should be shifted to the time of year when respectable weather might be hoped for, and cards might be more readily purchased; but we celebrate on the traditional day.

We should also notice, however, that we cannot escape the grim imminence of the drama of Holy Week, which will very soon be upon us, so that any relaxation of our penitential activities can only be provisional and temporary. How are we to cope with it?

Well, one thing we might do, is what we should always do, namely to look at the readings for today. In the first reading we watch as the people of God have finally entered the promised land and for the first time celebrated Passover in the country for which they have been aiming for the last 40 years. They eat food that Israel's soil has produced for them; and that great sign and symbol of God's benevolent care for them, the manna, has ceased to fall; in other words they have been invited to grow up and live on what God and the Holy Land have produced for them.

Something of the same is going on in the second reading, where Paul is trying to persuade his Corinthians, who have pots of money but rather deep pockets, to part with some of their stuff to enable the Jerusalem Christians to have enough to eat. This is a fresh new idea which Paul describes as a "new creation", because of what Christ has done, "God in Christ reconciling the world to himself", Then, in a remarkably daring expression, Paul goes on to argue that "God made the sinless one into sin, in order that in Christ we might become the goodness of God".

This is a daring expression, one that we hardly understand, but he captures something of both the joy and the challenge on this stage of Lent.

Then the gospel is the last of three extraordinary stories in chapter 15 of Luke's gospel; they are told in response to the disapproving reaction of Jesus' opponents to the fact that he has such terrible friends. You will remember the stories, of course: the first is the shepherd who loses a sheep from a flock of 100, and abandons the rest to go and look for the lost one. This is rather shocking, since no shepherd in their right mind would ever sacrifice the 99 for the wanderer. The second story is that of a woman who lost one of the ten coins that made up her housekeeping allowance, then swept the floor until she found it (the point here is that sweeping the floor enables you to listen for the chink of the coin that is invisible against a dark floor). Then she throws a party for her girlfriends that very likely cost more than the value of the missing-and-recovered coin. Finally, there is today's gospel, the even less probable story of the two sons; the youngest son demands his rights, and virtually sentences his father to death ("I want the money coming to me in your will; and I want it *now*"). These are three very challenging stories; and there is a fourth, of course, in the shape of the unappealing elder brother who is furious at the reception given to his sibling, and refuses to join the party.

Do you think that Jesus' opponents will have been convinced by these tales?

Fr Nicholas King SJ

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

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.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Fourth Sunday of Lent
(*Laetare Sunday*)
Mon: Lent feria
Tue: Lent feria
Wed: Lent feria
Thu: Lent feria
Fri: Lent feria (Friday abstinence)
Sat: Lent feria; St Francis of Paola, Hermit
Sun: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Joshua 5:9-12; II Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-32
Mon: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
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: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-52
Sun: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

Prayer for Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your will for your people is peace, not war. Pour out on our world, especially the 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. Amen.

Fr Damian Howard SJ,
Provincial for the Jesuits in Britain

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London

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

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, Chris Hicks, and Alan Stewart.
The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.
Psalms 41:3

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of March, we pray for a Christian response to bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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 Mass Music

Mass	Missa Brevis in D minor (K65)	Mozart
Motets	Laudate pueri Angelis suis	Mendelssohn Rheinberger
Organ	Allegro maestoso e vivace (Sonata IV)	Mendelssohn

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.