

# JUBILEE 175

## SAVE THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

**May 1** Jubilee Concert with our own Bobby Chen, piano, featuring the music of Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin and Liszt. This is a fundraiser for the Jubilee 175 Campaign, booking details available later this month.

**June 7** Summer Party with dancing, at 114 Mount Street. A buffet supper will be generously provided by The Connaught Hotel and Claridge's, with a cash bar. This is also a fundraiser for the Jubilee 175 Campaign, booking details will be available in Easter Week.

**June 9** Parish Picnic in Mount Street Gardens, following the 9.30 Mass and continuing into the late afternoon. Open to all, people are invited to bring a dish (main course, salad, dessert) to share. Pimm's Cups will be available for sale.

**July 31** Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving on the Solemnity of Saint Ignatius, with Bishop Nicholas Hudson, principal celebrant. This Mass will celebrate the opening of the church on 31 July, 1849.

**September 21** Ecumenical pilgrimage to Canterbury, with our friends at Grosvenor Chapel. The day will begin and end at Canterbury West Station, with pilgrims free to make their own arrangements for travel to and from Canterbury. There will be no charge for the day.

**October 5** Jubilee Ball at the Savile Club, Brook Street. The evening will include a Champagne reception, dinner with wine, live auction, raffle and dancing until 1am. Booking details will be available in the late summer and all proceeds will go to Farm Street Church.

**November 2** Walking tour of London sites important to the history of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), from the sixteenth century up to the present day.

**December 9** Solemn Pontifical Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, with Vincent Cardinal Nichols, principal celebrant. This Mass will close our Jubilee Year of celebration and thanksgiving.

### 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

To apply, visit [londonjesuitcentre.org/get-involved/jobs](http://londonjesuitcentre.org/get-involved/jobs)

### Cana Lounge Café

We're delighted to say that the Cana Lounge Café is operating again. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, a lunchtime café operates in the Cana Lounge at 114 Mount Street. Freshly made sandwiches and soup are available for a very reasonable suggested donation. The café operates between 12 noon and 2pm.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.CatholicListeners.com](http://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

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Welcome to Farm Street Church, our vibrant and engaging Catholic Parish in the heart of London

[www.farmstreet.org.uk](http://www.farmstreet.org.uk)



### PARISH OFFICE

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### PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest

Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

### REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

Fr Michael Barnes SJ; Fr David Birchall SJ;

Fr Peter Gallagher SJ

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

Debbie Martin, Email:

[farmstreetsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstreetsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

### 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.

**The schedule this week will be different from normal. Please see page 3 for more details.**

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

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday to Friday:** 12:00-13:00

### 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

## Second Sunday of Easter

**7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

### YEAR B

### TODAY'S RESPONSES

#### ENTRY

*Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.*

#### RESPONSE

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

#### ACCLAMATION

*Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!'*

#### COMMUNION

*Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.*



## MOTHER MARY AT EASTER

Farm Street is, of course, a Jesuit church dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus. In this Easter time we might reflect for a moment or two on how St Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits, understood the part which Mary played in the Resurrection story.

In his Spiritual Exercises, Ignatius has the risen Jesus appear first to his mother. This is curious since nowhere in the Gospels is there a record of any such event. Indeed, one commentator points out that the phraseology used suggests that the resurrection and the appearance were almost simultaneous events. Why does Ignatius place such importance on this?

It certainly seems fitting that Jesus should first have appeared to his mother, but not so much as an exercise of filial duty. Rather, as Mary was the one to whom the coming of the Saviour was first announced, it might be thought appropriate that his victory over death should be announced to her first too. In doing this, moreover, he comes to console his mother who surely felt the pain of his death like no other.

But where did Ignatius get this idea from if not from the Gospels? It seems agreed that he is following an ancient tradition recorded in the "Life of Christ" by the fourteenth century Carthusian Ludolph of Saxony which he read while convalescing in the castle at Loyola after he was injured in the battle of Pamplona in 1521. Ludolph has Jesus and his mother talking to one another "full of joy while lovingly delighting in the Lord's paschal victory".

Furthermore, in the basilica at Manresa, which Ignatius will have known, there is a magnificent medieval altarpiece which depicts in one of its many panels Mary present at the resurrection. It is possible this also may have influenced him.

However, the best explanation of Ignatius having Jesus appear to his mother first of all that I have heard came, as I recall, from a fellow Jesuit, Fr Howard Grey, who led my final year of training, the "tertianship", many years ago.

He focussed our attention on the "grace" which Ignatius asks us to pray for at this stage of the Spiritual Exercises. We are "to ask for grace to feel gladness and to rejoice intensely over the great glory and joy of Christ our Lord". Note,

that we are not asking to rejoice and be glad in ourselves so much as to rejoice and be glad at the rejoicing and gladness of Jesus as he rises from the dead.

This is very important. Our own feelings of joy and gladness inevitably come and go. Consequently, they do not have the stability which is essential to sustain any man or woman who has given over their life to following Jesus. On the other hand, the joy and gladness of Jesus is constant. Our participation in the joy and gladness of the risen Jesus, therefore, provides any disciple with the stability needed. Sharing in his joy, we are founded on rock.

Jesus' appearance first of all to his mother can be understood in the light of what we are praying for at Easter. Not everyone has the capacity for rejoicing in someone else's joy, but mothers often do: they can rejoice in the joy of their children. We are praying, therefore, for a grace which has already been given to Mary.

In this, as in so many other ways, Ignatius presents us with Mother Mary at Easter as the model of our discipleship of her son.

**Fr Michael Holman 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 next week for tea, coffee, and fellowship!

### 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 intention of the family of Madge Caulfied.**

### Liturgical Calendar

- Sun:** **Second Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 4:32-35; I John 5:1-6;  
John 20:19-31
- Mon:** **The Annunciation of the Lord**  
Isaiah 7:10-8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10;  
Luke 1:26-38
- Tue:** **Tuesday in Eastertide**  
Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7-15
- Wed:** **Wednesday in Eastertide**  
Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
- Thu:** **St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr**  
Apocalypse 12:10-12; Matthew 7:21-29
- Fri:** **Friday in Eastertide**  
*(Friday abstinence)*  
Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
- Sat:** **Saturday in Eastertide**  
Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
- Sun:** **Third Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 3:13-19; I John 2:1-5;  
Luke 24:35-48

### 9.30am Mass hymns

<i>Entrance</i>	<b>278</b>	Now the green blade riseth
<i>Offertory</i>	<b>271</b>	Battle is o'er
<i>Communion</i>	<b>650</b>	The son of God proclaim
<i>Recessional</i>	<b>644</b>	Alleluia sing to Jesus

### Walsingham Pilgrimage

DAY trip to WALSINGHAM Saturday MAY 11th: 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](mailto:Walsingham@farmstreetchurch.com) or 'phone Leslie Giltz on 07740 440 949

### 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](mailto: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/> or speak to Fr Dominic.

### Schedule This Week

**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.** Normal schedule will resume on Saturday 13th April.

### First Belong to God

On Saturday 20th April, from 11am to 3pm, Austen Ivereigh, author of 'The Great Reformer' and 'Wounded Shepherd' on Pope Francis, presents his new book, a retreat with Pope Francis, 'First Belong to God'.

Few people know Pope Francis better than Austen Ivereigh, and in this day he will consider the reason behind the Pope's desire for a 'Synodal Church' and how the Pope is influenced by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Our day will include time for prayer, reflection and some synodal exchanges.

Retreat Day is in the LJC, 114 Mount St - A sandwich lunch will be provided.

To sign up for this event, visit the events page on the London Jesuit Centre website.



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 [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://www.londonjesuitcentre.org).

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