

Liturgical Calendar	
Sun:	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time I Kings 19:9-13; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33
Mon:	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest & Martyr Wisdom 3:1-9; John 15:12-16
Tue:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Apocalypse 11:19-12:10; I Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56
Wed:	Feria; St Stephen of Hungary Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20
Thu:	Feria Joshua 3:7-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1
Fri:	St Alberto Hurtado SJ (Friday abstinence) Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12
Sat:	Feria; St John Eudes, Priest; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15
Sun:	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 56:1-7; Romans 11:13-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Feast of the Assumption
The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Tuesday 15th August. **This is a holy day of obligation.** Mass will be celebrated at Farm Street at 6pm vigil on Monday 14th and, on Tuesday, at 8am, 1.05pm, and 6pm.

Sunday Refreshments
Refreshments are normally served in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30am, 11am and 5.30pm Sunday Masses (second & fourth Sunday only for 5.30pm).

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, requesting prayers and grace to protect our families

The Power of Life and Nature
There is currently an exhibition of paintings by Alex Roch displayed in the Ground Floor Gallery at 114 Mount Street. It is titled, "The Power of Life and Nature" and will be displayed until Tuesday 22nd August 2023, at 114 Mount Street W1K 3AH. All are invited to come and see this exhibition. All paintings are on sale, with prices indicated. For information about sales, contact Alex at alexroch4art@aol.co.uk.

Becoming a Catholic
RCIA is aimed at anyone who has been considering becoming a Catholic. The programme based at Farm Street, Mayfair is conducted by experienced lay parishioners, priests and religious sisters. There are twelve sessions held twice a month beginning on 21st October and finishing on 23rd March. If you are interested in doing RCIA, please email rcia.farmstreet@gmail.com for an application form.

MARCH FOR LIFE
The annual UK March for Life will take place on **Saturday 2nd September**. The theme this year is 'Freedom to Live'. 'Many are concerned about restrictions on freedoms but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Sadly, those who have their most fundamental freedom taken from them, by abortion, cannot speak for themselves – this is why we march. For our nation to be truly free, no one can be denied the number one freedom, the freedom to live!' (*Taken from the March for Life UK website*). With evermore legislation being proposed to criminalise pro-life witness, it is vital that advocates for the unborn in the UK continue to make their voices heard. The March for Life is a major opportunity to do so.

Morning events: 10.30am – 1.30pm
The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW

Mass: 10.30am
Westminster Cathedral

The March: 1.30pm
*From The Emmanuel Centre
Ends at Parliament Square 4.30pm*

For more information visit
www.marchforlife.co.uk

HELP WANTED
We are looking for volunteers to steward in the church from 2pm until 4pm on Sunday afternoons. If you are able to help out, please email Steven Fachada on farmstreetppchair@rcdow.org.uk.

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.

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



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www.farmstreet.org.uk



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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 (Latin), 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 Friday: 12:00-13:00

CONFESSIONS
Monday to Friday: 12:00 – 12:55
Saturday: 10:00 to 12:00; 17:45 – 17:55
Sunday: Fifteen minutes before every Mass
Also by appointment

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th August 2023

YEAR A TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY
Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forgot not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forgot not the cries of those who seek you.

RESPONSE
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

ACCLAMATION
Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

COMMUNION
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



ORDINATION HOMILY

Given at the ordination to the priesthood of Peter O'Sullivan SJ, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, on 29th July 2023.

It is always said that the best appetiser for a good meal, or the most tasty sauce, is hunger. It makes the moment all the more enjoyable. And there is a keen hunger that lies at the heart of this ceremony, this ordination to the priesthood of Peter.

And by this I am not thinking of the long time of extensive preparation and formation that is a characteristic of the life of a member of the Society of Jesus. No, there is a deeper longing that is before us this afternoon: the hungers that are presented in the Gospel passage we have just heard.

First we heard of the hunger of the disciples for some rest, some time of peace in the company of Jesus, their Master. But then we heard of the hunger of the crowd, seeking out Jesus, not letting him escape from their midst. These two hungers, these two desires, are known to us all. And they are a crucial part of every pathway of discipleship and certainly of the life of the priest.

To be called to the priesthood is to know a hunger for the Lord, a desire to spend time in his company, to give oneself, wholeheartedly, to him, above all else. It is a hunger, a call, that cannot be ignored, not without deep discomfort. It has to be embraced. Then the lasting joy of the life of the priest opens up. Yet, at the same time, this call is marked by deep desire, a hunger, to serve God's people, recognising the inner hunger, often unnamed, that moves people to seek out the Lord and the light, meaning, hope, that he alone can bring. The priest is a missionary disciple who longs to proclaim his Lord and share the joy of knowing and loving him. He is eager to respond to the hunger of the people of his time and place.

In this Gospel passage we are given a powerful image of these dynamics: the image of the Good Shepherd and his care for the flock. Jesus is moved with pity by the desire of the crowd to be with him. This compassion overcomes his weariness and by his example he teaches the disciples, as well as you Peter, and me, and all of us, to overcome every frustration when we are asked to give a response to those in need, a moment of our time, a word of comfort or blessing.

Then, in the second part of the Gospel, all of this is made real in a miracle, the miracle of the loaves and fishes. This miracle takes us to the heart of the mission of Jesus, a mission which he passes on to us. It is the only miracle that appears in all four Gospels, such is its importance. Sheep without a shepherd risk getting lost. They are unprotected from danger. And they may not find food. It is the shepherd's task to feed his flock. In the account of this miracle that task seems impossible. The very immensity of the task of feeding five thousand people, and the poverty of the resources available, lie at the very core of this miracle. Notice the reaction of the disciples to the hunger of the crowd: 'Send them away!' Jesus says: 'You feed them!' 'We can't!' And there it is! What we have, what we are, in our eyes is never enough. But in the eyes of the Lord it is more than enough!

And this is where we stand at this moment, imploring the Lord to give to Peter the gift of the priesthood and all that goes with it. He knows he is not worthy, just as we all know we are not worthy. This is something utterly beyond our capacity and power. But the Lord assures us: what we have is enough, indeed more than enough. If we hand it all over to him, the fruit will flow by his power, with our humble cooperation.

Now we must remember the words of St Peter: 'Humility is the garment you must wear... Bow down then before the power of God.' This expresses perfectly the disposition of

our hearts at this moment. And not just here and now, but habitually in our lives. St Peter tells us that such humility permits God to do his work within our lives, the work of confirming, strengthening and supporting us. Without that we are lost, make no mistake!

These are three powerful words: the word here translated as 'confirm' can also be translated as 'restore' for it is the word used for setting a broken bone, or repairing a torn net. Only the Lord can lift us from our brokenness and fit us for his work. And the word 'strengthen' implies, in its original meaning, being made as solid as granite, not flabby, but tried and tested and reliable.

The third word describing God's work in us is 'support', sometimes translated as 'settle' as it implies a laying, or even relaying of foundations.

So this is our prayer for Peter today: that the Lord will constantly repair the weaknesses that may surface during his ministry; that he will strengthen him, like firm rock on which others can indeed depend; and settle in him, ever anew, strong foundations through those times of intimacy with the Lord for which he certainly longs.

Peter, may the Lord fashion you as a true shepherd, readily moved with pity and always generous in every service entrusted to you.

Now we are ready to proceed with this joyful ordination.

✠ **Cardinal Vincent Nichols**
Archbishop of Westminster

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	694	All creatures of our God and King
Offertory	762	At the name of Jesus
Communion	938	Soul of my Saviour
Recessional	960	Guide me O thou great redeemer

11am Solemn Latin Mass Music

The choir are on well-deserved holiday leave for the month of August.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Christiane, Marie Carroll Copestake, Kyllikki Edelshain, Christian Engelhart, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Mary Frances Giltz, Caroline Harkink, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Otilie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, George Tabor, Francis Walsh, Natalie Williams & 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.
Donald Rutherford
Requiescant in pace

Collection Figures

30/07/23 Collection: £1,627.92
06/08/23 Collection: £1,774.49
Thank you for your generosity.



JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FARM STREET

The pleasure of your company is requested at

THE FARM STREET CHARITY BALL

on Saturday, 7th October 2023

The Savile Club

69 Brook Street, London W1K 4SR



CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION 7.00PM · DINNER 7.45PM · FOLLOWED BY DANCING

CARRIAGES AT 1AM · DRESS: BLACK TIE

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MENU

Starter

Butternut squash tortelloni finished with black trumpet mushrooms, sage butter and feta cheese

Choice of main course

Petit filet mignon of beef served with baby courgettes, rosemary-roasted Hasselback potatoes, sautéed cavolo nero and Old Winchester cheese

Fillet of lemon sole Meunière served with a quenelle of potato and caper mousseline, crispy fennel, anchovy and dill beurre blanc

Confit potato cake served with white asparagus, aged Parmesan-flavoured pearl barley and a zucchini blossom

Dessert

Pistachio cream frangipane tart with fresh raspberries, rosewater jelly and lychee sorbet



A **DINNER TICKET** (£160) INCLUDES THE CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION, WINE WITH DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT, LIVE AUCTION, RAFFLE, DANCING UNTIL 1 AM.

A **DANCING-ONLY TICKET** (£45) INCLUDES DANCING FROM 10PM UNTIL 1AM, ONE GLASS OF HOUSE WINE, RAFFLE.

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT WWW.FARMSTREET.ORG.UK

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE BALL, BUT WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT OUR CHARITIES, YOU MAY ALSO MAKE A DONATION ONLINE ON THE BALL PAGE.

SPONSORSHIP OF FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS:

A TABLE ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS, DESIGNED BY HELEN ARISTIDOU, FARM STREET CHURCH'S FLORIST, MAY BE SPONSORED FOR £50. A CARD ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR DONATION WILL BE PLACED ON THE TABLE OR, IF YOU PREFER, YOU MAY WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS ('FLOWERS DONATED BY A PARISHIONER').

PROCEEDS OF THE EVENING WILL BENEFIT THESE CHARITIES

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