

MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual UK March for Life will take place on **Saturday 3rd September**. The theme this year is '10 Million Too Many'. Since the legalisation of abortion in England and Wales in 1967, a staggering 10 million* abortions have taken place in the UK. In 2020, more than one baby was lost to abortion every two and a half minutes; twenty-five lives ended every hour. With the success of the pro-life movement in overturning Roe v. Wade in the USA and the subsequent vilification of pro-life campaigners by many politicians and media outlets, 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: 11am

St George's Cathedral, Southwark

The March: 2pm

From The Emmanuel Centre

Ends at Parliament Square 4.30pm

“Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court, or kill you.”

— Pope Francis

For more information visit
www.marchforlife.co.uk

*Calculated at 9,900,961 on 27th April 2022

St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society organises a soup run in the local area and they need practical donations including nappies, clothes, changing mats, etc for a homeless woman's new-born baby who is due in early September. Any help will be gratefully appreciated. Please contact Yasko on y.kurahachi@gmail.com

France Muragan's Funeral

The funeral for France ('Francis') Muragan will take place at Farm Street Church at **10.30am on Tuesday 16th August**. Many of you will have known France as he was a long-standing parishioner at Farm Street Church and for many years sat on the parish pastoral council. All are invited to attend to his funeral. The family have requested no flowers but are grateful for any Masses said for France, his family, and for the forgotten Holy Souls. May he rest in peace.

Catholic Listeners

Catholiclisteners, the new confidential helpline launched this year during Holy Week. The service which is part of the Diocese of Westminster, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith as well as to support those who need someone to talk to. 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, there is a professional team trained in signposting callers to other services and agencies. For further information please email Catholiclisteners@gmail.com or call us on 0800 448 0704. Catholiclisteners are here to listen.

Save the date: Oratorian, Carmelite and Jesuit Joint Picnic – Sat 17th Sept 2022

In 1622, Saints Philip Neri, Teresa of Ávila, Ignatius Loyola, Francis Xavier and Isidore the Farmer were canonised by Pope Gregory XV. To celebrate the 400th anniversary of their canonisation, the Oratorian Fathers are hosting a joint picnic to which the Farm Street and Carmelite faithful are invited. The picnic will take place in the Garden of Oratory House, Brompton Road SW7 2RP, on Saturday 17th September 2022, 3-6pm. Attendees are asked to bring their own food; drinks and some snacks will be provided. During the afternoon, Fathers from each of the three Communities will give short talks about the lives of the five Saints. The event is free to attend, but because space is limited, registration is requested. Registration details will be circulated in early September, but do save the date if you would like to come.

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th August 2022

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest

Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

Fr Damian Howard SJ; Fr Paul Nicholson SJ

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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 Friday: 12 noon to 1pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday: 12 noon - 1pm

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

ENTRY

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

RESPONSE

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

ACCLAMATION

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

COMMUNION

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



ANGELUS ADDRESS

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Lk 12:13-21) begins with the narrative of a man who stands up among the multitude and asks Jesus to settle a legal matter concerning a family inheritance. However, Jesus does not address the matter in his reply, but rather urges the people to eschew covetousness, that is, the greed of possession. In order to divert his listeners from this exhausting search for wealth, Jesus tells the parable of the foolish rich man who believes he is happy because he has had the good fortune to reap an exceptional harvest and he feels secure thanks to the goods he has accumulated. It would do you good to read it today; it is in the 12th Chapter of Saint Luke, verse 13. It is a beautiful parable that teaches us a great deal. The narrative comes to the fore in the contrast between what the rich man plans for himself and what God plans for him instead.

The rich man puts three considerations before his soul, that is, himself: the accumulated goods, the many years that these goods appear to ensure him, and thirdly tranquility and unrestrained enjoyment (cf v. 19). But the word that God addresses to him nullifies his plans. Instead of "many years", God points to the immediacy of "this night; tonight you will die". Instead of the "enjoyment of life", He presents him with "surrendering his life; you will render your life to God" with the ensuing judgment. Regarding the reality of the ample goods accumulated on which the rich man had based everything, it becomes shrouded in sarcasm by the question: "and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" (v. 20). Let us think about quarrels over inheritance, many family quarrels. And how many people; we all know some stories about many people, who turn up at the time of death: nephews, grandchildren come around to see: "what is my share?", and they cart everything away. It is within this contrast that the term "fool" — because he thinks about things that he believes to be concrete but that are fantasy — with which God addresses this man, is justified. He is foolish because in practice he has denied God, he has not taken Him into account.

The end of the parable as recounted by the Evangelist is uniquely effective: "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (v. 21). It is a warning which reveals the horizon towards which we are called to look. Material goods are necessary — they

are goods! —, but they are a means to live honestly and in sharing with the neediest. Today, Jesus invites us to consider that wealth can enslave the heart and distract it from the true treasure which is in heaven. Saint Paul also reminds us of this in today's second reading. It says "seek the things that are above.... Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (Col 3:1-2).

It is understood that this does not mean estranging oneself from reality, but rather seeking the things that have true value: justice, solidarity, welcome, fraternity, peace, all things that make up the true dignity of mankind. It is a case of leading a life that is fulfilled not according to a worldly manner, but rather according to the style of the Gospel: to love God with all one's being, and love one's neighbour as Jesus loved him, that is, in service and in giving oneself. Covetousness of goods, the desire to have goods, does not satisfy the heart, but rather causes more hunger! Covetousness is like those tasty candies: you take one and say: "Ah! It is so good", and then you take another; and one follows the other. Such is covetousness: it never satisfies. Be careful! Love that is understood and lived in [the style of the Gospel] is the source of true happiness, whereas the exaggerated search for material goods and wealth is often a source of anxiety, adversity, abuse of power, war. Many wars begin from covetousness.

May the Virgin Mary help us not to be attracted by forms of security that fade, but rather to be credible witnesses of the eternal values of the Gospel, each day.

Pope Francis
Delivered to St Peter's Square on Sunday 4th August 2019.

Sunday Refreshments

In order to give a well deserved break to our volunteers, coffee and tea will not be served after the 9.30 and 11.00 Masses during the month of August. This service will resume on Sunday, 4th September.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Chrissie Harkink-Mobbs, Erin Lillis, Sarah Esparza Regalado, & Nathalie Richards.
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: Diane Marie Hirsh (Ryden), Francis Muragan Fr Joseph Munitiz SJ
Requiescat in pace.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon: St Dominic, Priest
Tue: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr, Patron of Europe
Wed: St Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
Thu: St Clare, Virgin
Fri: Feria; St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious (*Friday abstinence*)
Sat: Feria; Ss Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Martyrs; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
Sun: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-19; Luke 12:32-48
Mon: Ezekiel 1:2-28; Matthew 17:22-27
Tue: Hosea 2:16-22; Matthew 25:1-13
Wed: II Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26
Thu: Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1
Fri: Ezekiel 16:1-15; Matthew 19:3-12
Sat: Ezekiel 18:1-32; Matthew 19:13-15
Sun: Apocalypse 11:19-12:10; I Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

SAVE THE DATE!

The Farm Street Charity Ball, a dinner-dance to raise funds for the charitable works of the parish, will be held on **Saturday, 29th October** at The Savile Club, Brook Street, W1. The evening will include musical entertainment, a live auction, a raffle and a few surprises. More details and booking information will be available in late summer. Watch this space.

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

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 Vladimir's intention.

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	934	Dear Lord and Father
Offertory	601	Praise to the Lord
Communion	627	This is my body
Recessional	945	Now thank we all our God

Faith MOT

What? This week-long summer school is for those who want to take time with God to give their faith a check-up and perhaps to develop it in a new way. Sessions focus on prayer, discernment and decision-making, synodality, scripture and relationships with some of those on the margins of society. The course is designed to allow participants to attend all, some or only one of the sessions depending on their needs and availability. **Each session includes table fellowship over a simple meal, the course itself (there will be a choice of options per session) and a time of communal prayer to end the day.**

When? Evenings Mon. 8th till Fri. 12th August 2022, and the morning of Sat. 13th August.

Where? The London Jesuit Center (LJC).

Who? A team of Jesuits in formation and LJC staff.

How? Follow the link to sign up, either for individual sessions or for the whole week. <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/ljc-summer-school>