

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: 2nd April 2024

To apply, visit 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

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 or visit our website at 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

FARM STREET

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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

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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 (Solemn), 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 Thursday: 12:00-13:00

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent: 12:30-13:00

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

Palm Sunday

24th March 2024

YEAR B TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

Hosanna to the son of David: blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

RESPONSE

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory: Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

COMMUNION

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



A TIME OF JOYFUL HOPE AND PUBLIC WITNESS

On Palm Sunday 2005, in one of his last public appearances, St John Paul II addressed his beloved young people gathered to celebrate International World Youth Day. He invited them to respond to a very high calling, namely to joyfully embrace the cross. "Dear young people", he said, "I realize more and more how *providential and prophetic* it was that this very day, Palm Sunday and the Passion of the Lord, should have become your Day. This feast possesses a special grace, that of *joy united to the Cross*, which in itself sums up the Christian mystery."

Rejoicing in the cross, in the passion and death of Our Lord, is what we are all called to do as we recall His triumphant entry into Jerusalem this day. As we enter this most sacred week of the year we are called to rejoice in what is about to happen. That seems strange as this is a tragic story in itself. But we celebrate it with the benefit of hindsight. Indeed with the gift of faith. As we now journey to Gethsemane, the Last Supper, Calvary and to the Sepulchre we do so as joyful pilgrims celebrating the most sacred of all mysteries of the Christian faith we know gives real meaning to our lives.

Celebrating Holy Week, however, is not just an act of personal devotion or one which is confined to our own parish community or where we worship. Rather, giving joyful witness to our faith as Christians together in Holy Week and Easter has real value for our society. That's why the increasing number of Good Friday processions of witness and passion plays around our city is such a heartening development. In witnessing publicly to our faith in the cross we proclaim our faith in a God of hope who is for all people. A God who challenges us to love and serve more generously and to be reconciled to our enemies. In an increasingly fractious, fearful, multireligious and multicultural society, public witness to our faith on the streets of London is more and more vital. But we are invited to reflect on why. Not to glory in our distinctiveness as Christians but to witness to a faith which can build bridges in our society. Not to separate but to unite. Not to condemn but to be reconciled.

Holy Week, then, is a wonderful week to engage in what the Church calls the 'new evangelisation', simply by making our faith

known in the workplace, among our friends, with those we meet of whatever religion or none. We can do this by being upfront about how special this week is for us and for our world; and why. Why we bother to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday to 'watch' with Christ in Gethsemane; why on Good Friday we fast and take part in public witness on our streets and worship the cross with joy; why we spend Holy Saturday in quiet expectation as we sit at the tomb. Why the resurrection is the heart of our faith and gives us true hope. There is so much we can share to witness to what Christianity is really about.

As we raise our palms today to welcome the Lord into Jerusalem let us commit ourselves to following him closely this Holy Week by finding the space to give witness to the greatest mysteries of our faith in a world yearning for the new life they bring.

Fr Dominic Robinson, S.J.

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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 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 Sangetha to find a job and a home

Walsingham Pilgrimage

The Farm Street Church annual pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 11th May. More information to come

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 15:1-39

Mon: Monday of Holy Week
Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11

Tue: Tuesday of Holy Week
Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:33-38

Wed: Wednesday of Holy Week
Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 26:14-25

Thu: Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-14; John 13:1-15

Fri: Good Friday (Fasting & abstinence)
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-5:9; John 18:1-19:42

Sat: Holy Saturday
Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-28; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-8

Sun: Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

9.30am Mass hymns

<i>Entrance</i>	229	All glory, laud and honour
<i>Offertory</i>	982	O Jesus Christ, remember
<i>Communion</i>	898	Make me a channel of your peace
<i>Recessional</i>	230	Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

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 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.

Holy Week and Easter 2024

In preparation for Holy Week, confessions will be heard in the church from 2pm to 5pm on Saturday 23rd March.

Palm Sunday, 25th March

Normal schedule, with addition of United Service with Exchange of Palms at 10.45am at the palm tree in Mount Street Gardens.

Monday in Holy Week, 25th March

Normal schedule and 7pm sung Tenebrae.

Tuesday in Holy Week, 26th March

Normal schedule and 7pm Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Spy Wednesday, 27th March

Normal schedule and 7.15pm Aid to the Church in Need Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday, 28th March

12 noon - Confessions (1 hour)
6pm - Confessions
7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watch of the Passion until Midnight.
11.45pm - Compline

Good Friday, 29th March

11.30am - Confessions
12 noon - Stations of the Cross
2.30pm - Confessions
3pm - Liturgy of the Passion with veneration of the True Cross
6.30pm - Confessions
7pm - Seven Last Words followed by veneration of a relic of the True Cross.

Holy Saturday, 30th March

11am - Confessions (1 hour)
6pm - Confessions
7pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, 31st March

Normal schedule.

Easter Week, Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April

Church opens at 11am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions at 12 noon. Mass at 1.05pm. The church closes after the 1.05pm Mass

Saturday in Easter Week, 6th April and Low Sunday, 7th April

Normal schedule

Monday 8th April

Normal schedule

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.

Saturday 13th April

Normal schedule resumes.