

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICE TIMES

### Palm Sunday to Wednesday in Holy Week

2nd - 5th April

Normal Mass schedule

*Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, due to take place on Tuesday in Holy Week, has been cancelled.*

### Maundy Thursday 6th April

No 08:00 or 13:05 Mass

12:00 Confessions

18:30 Confessions

19:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper

Watch at the Altar of Repose until Midnight

23:45 Compline

### Good Friday 7th April

12:00 Confessions

12:00 Stations of the Cross

14:30 Confessions

15:00 Liturgy of the Passion

18:30 Confessions

19:00 Seven Last Words

20:00 Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross until

Midnight

### Holy Saturday 8th April

Church opens at 10am

10:00-12:00 Confessions

20:00 Confessions

20:30 Easter Vigil Mass

### Easter Sunday 9th April

08:00 | 09.30 (Family) 11:00 (Latin) | 12:30 | 17:30 |

19:00 (Young Adults, 18-35)

### Easter Week

Limited schedule from Easter Monday to Easter

Friday. The church will open at 11am. Confessions

will be heard at 12 noon. Mass celebrated at 1.05pm.

The church will close after the 1.05pm Mass.

Normal schedule resumes on Easter Saturday (15th

April).

### Fr Michael Beattie Memorial Mass

A memorial Mass will take place for the late Fr

Michael Beattie SJ at Farm Street Church at 6pm on

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.** Many of you will remember Fr

Beattie, who served as parish priest at Farm Street

from 1991 to 1998. Please do mark this date in your

diary. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in

the Arrupe Hall.

### Jesuit General Visit

Fr Arturo Sosa SJ, the thirty-fist and current superior

general of the Society of Jesus, will be visiting in the

UK in April. As part of his visit, he will be celebrating

the 1.05pm Mass on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April.** All are

welcome to attend this significant occasion.

## An invitation to join the London to Walsingham

*Camino from Andy Bull*

Should you happen to spot half a dozen well-wrapped, heavily-booted, back-pack wielding strangers at the 8am Mass at Farm Street on April 11 you might wonder: could they be pilgrims? Indeed, they will be.

After Mass we shall be setting off for Walsingham. Should you be tempted to join us, for either a short or long stretch of this 180-mile walk, you would be most welcome.

The route I and my fellow pilgrims will be following is a modern adaptation of the pre-Reformation path from the Capital to England's greatest Holy Shrine, and Fr Dominic has been enormously supportive of our efforts to encourage and enable walking pilgrimage there.

As I researched the route, I was surprised to learn that Walsingham was far more important as a pilgrim destination than Canterbury, and that the road there was the most important in the land. Yet it led not to a major city, but to a little village in Norfolk.

I have written a book, *London to Walsingham Camino: The Pilgrimage Guide*, which is available at Farm St, or from the publishers at [trailblazer-guides.com](http://trailblazer-guides.com), from Amazon or any bookshop.

That first day will see us transfer from Farm St by tube to the official start of the route, at the church of St Magnus the Martyr, alongside London Bridge.

We shall gather before the shrine to Our Lady of Walsingham in that church. Here we will get the first stamps for our pilgrim passports. So far, 20 churches along the path to Walsingham have agreed to host such stamps, so that pilgrims can record their journeys. From St Magnus we walk down-Thames to the Royal Foundation of St Katharine, at Limehouse, before a canal-side path takes us to the Lea Valley, where we are able to proceed out of London, barely putting foot to tarmac.

Our first day's walk ends, after 16 miles, at Waltham Abbey, but there are numerous points along the way at which you might hop on a train to return home, so it does offer a very flexible introduction to the path and, indeed, to walking pilgrimage, if that is something you have not tried.

The full walk will take us 14 days, including a rest day at Bury St Edmunds, the half-way point. Fr Dominic hopes to join us for a day as we walk on from there. Bury is a remarkable pilgrim town, in which the present cathedral was built as a church by a twelfth-century abbot, Anselm. Unable to make a pilgrimage to Santiago, he instead dedicated his church to St James. There are many more pilgrimage highlights along the way, as we progress through Waltham Abbey, Ware, Saffron Walden, Thetford, Brandon and Castle Acre to our destination.

If you would like to know more, contact me at [andyzbull@gmail.com](mailto:andyzbull@gmail.com) and I can send you a copy of the full itinerary, which details our schedule and recommends accommodation along the way. If you would prefer to follow us from your armchair, there is a dedicated Facebook page, @LondonToWalsinghamCamino were we plan to post daily updates on our journey.

# NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



## Palm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

### PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest

Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

### REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

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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 Thursday: 12 noon to 1pm

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS (LENT)

Friday: 12.30pm

### CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday: 12 noon – 12.55pm

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 A

#### ENTRY

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you who have come in your abundant mercy.

### RESPONSE

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

### ACCLAMATION

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.

### COMMUNION

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



## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

I remember how, when teaching religious education to 13 year-olds in one of our Jesuit schools many years ago, I would give them one explanation (there are no doubt many) of the origins of the Stations of the Cross.

In the Middle Ages, men and women longed to go to Jerusalem and to follow Jesus as he walked through the streets of the city carrying his cross on the way to his crucifixion on Calvary. For all but the most fortunate few, this was a dream never to be fulfilled. Instead, they sought to make the way of the cross processing around their own churches or chapels with representations of the fourteen stations there to help them remember Jesus' last journey.

In recent years, this devotion has meant more to me. I've often pondered how each of these fourteen stations is replicated in the lives of so many men and women suffering today: suffering from the effects of wars and earthquakes, from economic hardship and from many other forms of cruelty and injustice.

Praying in this way helps me, I hope, to enter more deeply into the love Jesus has for each one of us, a love expressed not only in words, not just with good deeds, but with nails driven through his hands and feet. That's how much he loves us!

I've also come to realise how reflecting on Jesus' passion strengthens us to live as his disciples in an authentic way. That is, to accept, not reject, the invitations we are often given to stand up for those unjustly treated, to defend the rights of the poorest, or simply to acknowledge Jesus before friends and colleagues when we know we risk being ridiculed and even laughed at. He has done so much for us; can we not do this for him?

In this Holy Week, I invite you to make the Stations of the Cross yourself at least once. You can find them listed on many websites and often in prayer books or at the back of a Sunday missal. You do not need to go to church to make this devotion, you can make it at home. Neither do you need to make them all at once: you can take three or four each day and walk with Jesus to Calvary throughout the week.

I'd like to recommend that you pray each of the Stations of the Cross in three parts. At each station, you might begin by reflecting for a few moments on how Jesus suffered for us; you can then pray for those in whose lives this station is being lived out today; then you can ask that if, or when, you are unjustly judged, or fall beneath the weight of a cross, or are invited to help someone in their need, or are stripped of your dignity for his sake, the example of Jesus might strengthen you to follow him faithfully.

In this way our personal relationship with Jesus will surely grow, as we develop a greater appreciation of the lengths to which he went to love us. Our compassion for those many who suffer today will also

deepen and his example will both strengthen and inspire us as we do all we can to live his Gospel with integrity today.

*Grant, Lord, that your unimaginable love may find in me some love to meet it.*

*Let me love the love: the love that always loves me.*

*And let my loves delight be ever to love you,  
and what you love, and who you love,  
just as you love, now and for always,  
life without end. Amen.*

**Fr Michael Holman SJ**

### 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).

### Liturgical Calendar

**Sun:** Palm Sunday  
**Mon:** Monday of Holy Week (Fig Monday)  
**Tue:** Tuesday of Holy Week  
**Wed:** Wednesday of Holy Week (Spy Wednesday)  
**Thu:** Maundy Thursday  
**Fri:** Good Friday (*Fast and abstinence*)  
**Sat:** Holy Saturday  
**Sun:** Easter Sunday

### Daily Readings

**Sun:** Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66  
**Mon:** Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11  
**Tue:** Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-38  
**Wed:** Isaiah 50 4-9; Matthew 26:14-25  
**Thu:** Exodus 12:1-14; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15  
**Fri:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-5:9; John 18:1-19:42  
**Sat:** Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10  
**Sun:** Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

### 9.30am Mass Hymns

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

### Maggie Danby Funeral

The funeral of Maggie Danby, wife of former Farm Street Director of Music Nicholas Danby, will be held at Farm Street Church on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm. Maggie sang in the choir for many years at Farm Street and will be known to many of you. May she rest in peace.

### Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Lady Antonia Fraser, Erin Lillis, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, George Tabor, Nick Walker, & Francis Walsh  
*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.  
Charles Curran-Kelly, Maggie Danby  
*Requiescant in pace*

### A Lamp For Our Lady

To give honour to Our Lady, a lamp burns before her statue in the sanctuary. A 7-day lamp is lit every Saturday, the day traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and burns 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 will not be lit for a specific intention during Passiontide.**

### 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.**

### Turkish Earthquake Appeal Concert

Thank you to everyone who attended or donated to the Turkish Earthquake Appeal Concert held at Farm Street on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. The evening raised £2,007.77 Thank you also to Bobby Chen for lending his musical talents for this event.



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.

Below is a sampling of some upcoming events. 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 Federica Fiore at [ffiore@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ffiore@jesuit.org.uk).

### Catholics And The Monarchy In Britain

Thursday, 4 May 2023

7:00pm - 9:00pm

London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street

From the era of the Reformation down to the present day, the relationship between Catholics and the British monarchy has been long and fraught. On the threshold of a new era for the monarchy, with the accession of King Charles III, Catholics and non-Catholics alike are reappraising the role which the monarchy plays in the life of the nation. Do Catholics in Britain feel a sense of allegiance to King Charles? How does the history of this community affect its sense of participation in the national mythology? How will King Charles' attitude to religious plurality affect this?

Join us for an evening of lively discussion about the past present and future of the relationship between the monarchy and Catholics in Britain, drawing on voices from the spheres of politics, journalism and history. The panellists will be Mary Kenny, Peter Stamford and Jon Crudas MP.

### Guided Prayer Online (Summer Term)

Thursday, 11 May 2023

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Online - Zoom

This is a fortnightly online session of guided prayer led by the spirituality team at the London Jesuit Centre and some special guests. Each hour-long session introduces a method of prayer, such as the Examen or imaginative prayer. Participants will be guided through the prayer, with space for silence to enter more deeply into it, and a chance to share and reflect upon each other's experience. You only need to sign up once for all 5 sessions. We usually send out further reminders with more details about each session closer to the time.