

Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



Pentecost Sunday
23rd May 2021

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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)

The dispensation from Sunday obligation remains in effect until further notice. 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

By appointment

BAPTISM AND WEDDINGS

By appointment. Dates are subject to lockdown developments.

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday: 7.30am - 6.30pm

Sunday: 7.30am – 7.00pm

LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

All events are suspended until further notice. For more information, contact Anne Paolino at apaolino@jesuit.org.uk

Sunday Homilies & Articles Weekly newsletter articles are uploaded to our website on a weekly basis. They can be viewed at <https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/weekly-articles>. Our website also contains an archive of previous Sunday homilies.

Social Media

Farm Street Church has an active presence on social media and we regularly update our Twitter account and Facebook page with information relating to the parish and the wider Catholic community.

DISCERNING THE SPIRIT

Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit gathered in the upper room. They have been waiting in prayer after Jesus Ascension. Now they experience the Spirit coming like tongues of fire and they are able to speak other languages. However, the main effect is not found in these phenomena but in their ability to go out into the market place and proclaim the Good News of Jesus to the people gathered in Jerusalem. They have a new courage and enthusiasm which enables them to be Jesus witnesses as he had commanded them. Courage and enthusiasm for the Gospel are signs of the action of the Holy Spirit. It enables us to go and do things we would not otherwise be able to do. In the Letter to the Ephesians Paul says, "Glory be to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine".

However, we may often find ourselves asking if it really is the Holy Spirit which is at work. St Ignatius of Loyola discovered in his own experience the importance of this question and ways in which the work of the Holy Spirit could be recognised. This was the foundation of his Spiritual Exercises, which continue to be important to us today. According to Ignatius, for people "advancing from good to better in the service of God Our Lord... the distinctive trait of the good spirit is to give courage and strength, consolations, tears, inspirations and quiet, making things easy and removing all obstacles, so that the person may move forward in doing good". Where this happens there is a sign that the Holy Spirit is at work enabling us to serve God in joy and peace, what Ignatius would call consolation.

However, not every manifestation of this kind of courage and enthusiasm is from the Holy Spirit. We can see examples through out history of movements where there was enthusiasm but in way which ultimately away from God causing division, conflict, disturbance and confusion. Perhaps in this age in which all sorts of things get spread rapidly by social media we need to be aware of the danger not only of fake news but also of fake inspiration. There are many weird and wonderful ideas and movements out there and we need to be able to recognise what is really of God. The question about whether it really leads to consolation or disturbance is a helpful one. Ignatius talks about ways in which the bad spirit can assume the form of the "angel of light", something which looks good and holy turns out to be something which leads us away from God. This can happen in our own spiritual lives and in the life of the Church. As, I say, we need

to pay attention to where it leads. Ignatius talks about recognising the "serpent's tail", the evil to which that which looked good has led us. We need a certain caution in discerning what is really the work of the good spirit. (I wonder if the artist who designed the sculptures over the Mount Street entrance to the church had this in mind, see if you can spot the "serpent's tail" on the arch). The help of a wise person to help us reflect on our experience can help, so too, obviously, does the teaching and guidance of the Church. We can also learn, as Ignatius did, by reflecting on our own experience of the work of different spirits in us. Perhaps particular at this time we need to pay attention to discerning what is really of God so we can be open to the Holy Spirit which the disciples received at Pentecost and which enables us to bear the fruit which God intended.

Fr Chris Pedley, S.J.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Pentecost Sunday
Mon: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tue: St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor
Wed: St Philip Neri, Priest
Thu: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest
Fri: Feria
Sat: Feria; St Paul VI, Pope
Sun: The Most Holy Trinity

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Acts 2:1-11; I Corinthians 12:3-13; John 20:19-23
Mon: Genesis 3:9-15; John 19:25-34
Tue: Ecclesiasticus 35:2-15; Mark 10:28-31
Wed: Ecclesiasticus 36:1-19; Mark 10:32-45
Thu: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Mark 14:22-25
Fri: Ecclesiasticus 44:1-13; Mark 11:11-26
Sat: Ecclesiasticus 51:17-27; Mark 11:27-33
Sun: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 8:14-17

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

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of May, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for the world of finance. Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate financial markets and protect citizens from its dangers.

Round the World Rosary to Our Lady

Will you say a rosary with us in May? We need more participants to say one rosary between the 23rd and 31st of May. We aim is to have 216 around the world participants so that every hour for the nine days someone is saying a rosary. If you can, click or copy this link to join

https://doodle.com/poll/vtk5b3ba5hcp3gkq?utm_source=poll. If the slot shows 0/1 select it, but if it says 1/1 someone else has already taken that slot and you will need to choose a different time or day.

After you have chosen, please email to let us know what town / area and country your rosary is being said: Novenas@farmstreetchurch.com.

Please invite your family and friends to join us!

Scripture Speaks

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”

Galatians 5:22-26

Help the Homeless Donation Hub

The Companions of the Order of Malta's Donation hub is looking for donations for the 600 - 800 homeless supported in the hotels.

Hub address: St Joseph's Hall, Brompton Oratory, 5 Thurloe Place, Knightsbridge, London SW7 2RR.

Items required: Men's and women's clothes and shoes (not children's clothes please)

Toiletries – unopened please

Entertainment items e.g. books/crosswords/puzzles/art and craft items (No Recipe books please)

Please see the times for dropping off donations:

Tuesday 1.30 -4pm & 6.30 -7.30pm (by arrangement);

Wednesday 2 – 4pm; Saturday 10 – 11am

Please contact **Kate MacKenzie**

on companions.london@orderofmalta.org.uk if you would like to deliver some donations. Please do not leave them at the church.

Newman Prayer & Meditation Concert

We are delighted to be hosting a free online concert titled 'Newman: Meditation & Prayer'. This event, with music provided by Harry Christophers and The Sixteen, will be streaming live from Farm Street Church on Classic FM's Facebook page on **Thursday 10 June 2021, 7pm**. The concert will feature new Genesis Foundation commissions by Sir James MacMillan and Will Todd, based on Cardinal Newman's texts, as well as readings by Alexander Armstrong. Sign up here to receive a digital concert programme and bonus film content in the lead up to the concert: <http://bit.ly/gfmailing>

Have you been away from the Church and seeking a way back to your faith?

Landings, the programme for returning Catholics, is run by regular Church goers and those who themselves have returned after doing the Landings programme. Through a series of storytelling, discussion topics, and prayers returnees are able to have their voices heard through compassionate listening in a confidential space where trust and hospitality are integral.

We know that many have been away from the Church for a while and there is a great yearning to reconnect with their faith, especially after the past year of lockdown and the ensuing isolation.

If you, or anyone you know is considering reconnecting with their faith then do please email

Fr. Dominic Robinson at landingsuk@gmail.com or Ruby Almeida at landingsouth@gmail.com

London Jesuit Centre

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, please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/>. To sign up to their regular email to receive news, event listings, and exciting ways how you can get involved, please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ba5b3aa1bbd112142962fd5fd&id=ce6d0b5750>

Scripture Speaks

“And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.”

Ezekiel 36:26-27

Ignatian Prayer Broadcast

On Sunday, May 23rd, there will be an online international prayer broadcast to mark the beginning of the Ignatian Year. This will take place at 5pm London/6pm Rome time, and can be viewed on the designated YouTube channel: [ignatius500.global/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCignatius500)

11am Music list for Pentecost Sunday

Organ Komm Heiliger Geist - J S Bach

Come Holy Ghost

Introit Jubilate Deo - Bouzignac

Sing joyfully to God, all the earth, Serve the Lord with gladness, alleluia.....

Kyrie & Gloria Missa cum jubilo

Alleluia

Veni Sancte Spiritus, reple tuorum corda fidelium: et tui amoris in eis ignem accende.

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful people, and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Sequence Veni Sancte Spiritus

1 *Come, Holy Spirit, and send down from heaven the ray of your light.*

Come, father of the poor, come, giver of gifts, come, light of the hearts.

2 *Best consoler, sweet host of the soul, sweet refresher. Rest in work, cooling in heat, comfort in crying.*

3 *O most blessed light, fill the innermost hearts of your faithful. Without your power nothing is in man, nothing innocent.*

4 *Clean what is dirty, water what is dry, heal what is wounded. Bend what is rigid, heat what is cold, lead what has gone astray.*

5 *Grant to your faithful who trust in you, your sevenfold holy gift. Grant us the reward of virtue, grant us final salvation, grant us eternal joy.*

Offertory Salve Regina - Victoria

Sanctus, Agnus Dei Said

Communion Chant - Veni Creator (with organ versets by Duruflé)

Organ Final (Veni Creator) – Duruflé

Face Covering Update

‘Face coverings will be mandatory in Places of Worship from Saturday 8th August 2020. All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass [or for private prayer] as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet.’ *(Statement issued by the Bishops’ Conference).*

Looking for Accommodation

Two young ladies are coming from Malta to complete their training as chefs in Mayfair and will be in London from July for a year. They are looking for accommodation in the area to be close to their place of work. If anyone is able to offer two rooms for a fee, please text / call Lara on 07835436941 to arrange a viewing.

We will, on occasions, publish private adverts from parishioners. While such adverts come from members of the congregation, their inclusion should not be seen as an endorsement or recommendation by Farm Street Church.

Supporting the Parish

We continue to be grateful to everyone who has financially supported the church during the year of disruption caused by the pandemic. We are mindful that many people are struggling financially and may not be able to donate as they once did. If you can donate to the work of the parish, we would ask that you consider doing so in a way that avoids physical cash. Please consider donating via our website, setting up a standing order, or donating via the cashless terminals in the church. We are also implementing a new donating system called Givt, which will allow contactless donations via mobile phones. If you would like to donate via standing order, please contact the parish Finance Officer at farmstreetfin@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you again for your support.