

Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th January 2021 (Year B)

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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 – 12.55pm

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 a strong 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.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Monday. Normally this would be a time to gather for joint services and events. This year such events will be mainly online [please see the Newsletter for details]. However, it is important that we do not forget this week as we struggle with Covid19 and all it brought to us. As Christians we have a common message to bring to people at this time. This message is the Good News of Jesus Christ which gives us light and hope in the midst of our difficulties. The message that God is indeed “with us” in Jesus Christ, Jesus who experienced the reality of suffering, disruption, bereavement and death in his own life.

This week is a chance to be grateful for how far we have already come. Those of us old enough to remember when we needed special permission to attend the services of other denomination, including things like family weddings and funerals. As one of the few Catholics at my village Church of England primary school I can remember having to go to school later than usual on Ascension Day while the rest of the school went to the village Church of England church to celebrate the feast. Fortunately, we now share worship together, as we do here with the Grosvenor Chapel on Palm Sunday, during Lent and on various other occasions. Perhaps more importantly we share and work together with the other Christian Denominations in the area on a regular basis and in our work for those who are in need. For this we can be grateful for the way in which the Holy Spirit has been at work, especially in the last sixty years or so.

Pope Francis reminds us that we are all brothers and sisters. Living this reality is fundamental to being a Christian. At a time when forces are at work producing division in our world the Christian message that the love of Christ unites all people, “Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female”, is particularly important. The more people are able to see Christians united and working together the more effective we will be in getting this message across.

What might we do to make our witness as Christians more effective. Firstly, we can pray, as Christ prayed, that we may all be one. We can pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to be at work to bring us together. Secondly, we can look into our hearts and see if there are areas of prejudice that keep us apart. Christian unity does not mean denying the differences. It means on honest dialogue and working together. However, there are ways that our history of conflict and lack of charity can get in the way. Thirdly,

we can seek new ways of working together. There will be much to do in helping those affected by the virus, the economic effects in particular are likely to be with us for a long time and we need to work together for those in need. There is a danger that the present situation will reinforce competition to make sure that “we” are the ones who get vaccination ahead of others or get economic advantage. As Christians we need to make our voices heard to ensure a just response to the present crisis.

This year’s rather different Week of Prayer for Church Unity gives us an opportunity to take stock, to see how we can move forward together, in different circumstances to proclaim the Gospel to our world.

Fr Chris Pedley, S.J.

The Crib at Farm Street Church



The above photograph is of the crib at Farm Street Church, located in the Sacred Heart Chapel. As is traditional, the crib will remain in the church until the celebration of the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus on the 2nd February. All are most welcome to come into the church during these troubling times to reflect and pray before the crib.

Givt Giving

Alongside this newsletter is an attachment introducing Givt, a new way to support Farm Street Church. Givt enables parishioners to donate via their mobile phone, whether they are in the church building or not. Please do read the attachment as we are requesting that people, possible, donate via Givt or other cashless means to reduce the risk of Covid transmission to our staff. We are conscious that many people are struggling financially, and so this is not an appeal for further donations. It is a suggestion on how to donate if you wish to do so. We remain extremely grateful to everyone who has continued to support the church financially during this difficult time.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon: Feria
Tue: Feria; St Wulstan, Bishop
Wed: Feria; St Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St Sebastian, Martyr
Thu: St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Fri: St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
Sat: Feria; The Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
Sun: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: I Samuel 3:3-10,19; I Corinthians 6:13-20; John 1:35-42
Mon: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22
Tue: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28
Wed: Hebrews 7:1-17; Mark 3:1-6
Thu: Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12
Fri: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19
Sat: Hebrews 9:2-14; Mark 3:20-21
Sun: Jonah 3:1-5.10; I Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Holy Communion 2021

Holy Communion preparation begins in the end of January 2021. The programme is designed for all Catholic children who are registered and are in year three of Primary Education by 29th of September 2021. To request an application form, please contact us on farmstcathist@rcdow.org.uk. The filled form must be sent back by 20th January.

Teen (14 +) Confirmation 2021

The next preparation for teen (14+) confirmation begins in the end of January 2021. The programme is designed for all catholic teenagers (14 +) who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2021. To request an application form, please contact us on farmstcathist@rcdow.org.uk. The filled form must be sent back by 20th January

St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society are looking for befrienders. The role of a befriender is to visit someone in their own home about once a week (or every two weeks). In the event of further Covid-related restrictions, phone calls are a possibility. If you would be interested to explore this, please can you contact Sandra McNally: s.mcnally1@lse.ac.uk; tel. 07779 078933.

Christian Unity Week

Christian Unity Week will take place this year from the 17th-24th January. To mark the occasion, the Reverend Richard Fermer from the Grosvenor Chapel will preach at the 11am Mass at Farm Street Church on the 17th January, and Fr Dominic will preach at the Grosvenor Chapel on the 24th January. Farm Street Church and the Grosvenor Chapel will be hosting three online ecumenical prayer vigils. These will take place at 8pm on Sunday 17th, Wednesday 20th, and Sunday 24th January. These vigils will consist of prayers, readings, and a short homily. The vigils are entitled:

First vigil -Abiding in Christ: The unity of the whole person
Second vigil – The visible unity of Christians
Third vigil – The unity of all peoples with all creation

The services will take place via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact the Parish Secretary at farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk.

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

Stonyhurst Association Webinar

The second in the series of Association webinars is on Tuesday 19th January at 6.00pm. Following Dr Austen Ivereigh's webinar in December the second guest speaker is Sarah Teather, Director of the Jesuit Refugee Service in the UK since January 2016. Sarah was MP for Brent East (later Brent Central) for 12 years, during which time she served as the Minister of State for Children and Families in the Conservative/Lib Dem Coalition Government. Sarah left Parliament in 2015 and has worked for JRS in Rome, and the UK, since then. In this webinar, Sarah will explore the challenges facing refugees, why they are a poignant and challenging sign of our times not to be ignored, and why the Church, and the Jesuit family in particular, prioritises pastoral and practical work with refugees. If you would like to attend, please register here

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ktlcdo0hlU-KX2NKFJgFZF3BA6sbjxRDgUwVLpeopnhUREQOURLS0Q2RUhJOVBZQkJUSFhKSVhNNS4u>

Copenhagen Street Foodbank

Farm Street Church is collecting supplies for the Copenhagen Street Foodbank. This foodbank is an independent community set up with the support of Caritas Westminster, and operates on Thursday, 1pm to 3.30pm, in the Blessed Sacrament Church Hall in Copenhagen Street, N1 0SR. They are appealing for donations of non-perishable foods (such as pasta, rice, tinned food, biscuits etc), toiletries, household items (such as laundry liquid and detergent), feminine products, and baby supplies. If you would like to donate supplies, please them in bags inside the Farm Street entrance to the church.

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*). For more information about the mandatory wearing of face masks, please visit the following link to the relevant section of the Government website

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

Prayer, Virtue and Discipleship: Keys to Pastoral Ministry

A new enriching ministry online course over three Mondays: 25th January, 1st & 8th February 2021
Time: 18:00 – 21:00 hours GMT online via Zoom
This course aims to enrich the pastoral ministry of participants and to make accessible to them the formative wisdom of Christian mystics and spiritual masters. The short course is therefore, suitable for a wide range of people: those who work in pastoral settings (hospitals, chaplaincies, prisons, in ministry) and those who are simply interested in understanding more about the spiritual life and pastoral ministry. The tutors are: Dr Susan Muto and Lori Mitchel McMahon - Epiphany Association, Pittsburgh, USA. To register, follow the following link:
<https://www.oxcacs.org/product/prayer-virtue-and-discipleship-keys-to-pastoral-ministry-2/>

Prayer to St Corona

Lord Jesus Christ, You came into this world for our salvation. Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic. Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those gone astray and, above all, increase our faith, O Lord.

Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St Corona, who gave her life for the love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

St Corona, patroness of epidemic victims, pray for us.

A Prayer if Anxious

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.
St Francis De Sales

Act of Perfect Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, to avoid whatever leads me to sin, and to confess my sins when possible.

Act of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, I believe you are present in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You and draw closer to You. Since I cannot receive Your body and blood sacramentally at this time, come to me spiritually. Help me to embrace You more deeply and unite myself more wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from Your love. Amen