

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET

SAVE THE DATE

After a long hiatus, the Parish Picnic will return this year on Sunday, 12 June, starting after the 9.30am Mass and continuing into the afternoon. More details will be available in a week or two. Watch this space!

A Day with Mary

When: Saturday 30th April 2022

Where: Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 30th April 2022

9:45am Entry procession of Our Lady of Fatima. Regina Caeli. Crowning. Sung Litany.

10.30am Mass in honour of Our Lady (with Cathedral Choir). Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Slawomir Witon, Cathedral Administrator. The Five Joyful Mysteries.

12.15pm Lunch break *Please bring a packed lunch*

1.20pm Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Five Sorrowful Mysteries. Via Lucis. Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Pius Collins o.praem. Act of Consecration. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Sung). Benediction. Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal. Procession of Our Lady of Fatima from Cathedral to Cathedral Hall. The Five Glorious Mysteries.

5.30pm Tea break *Cathedral Hall, tea/coffee provided.*

After tea and coffee, you are welcome to stay to attend the Cathedral's Evening Prayer at 5.30pm and the First Mass of Sunday at 6pm.

Throughout the day: Confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Carmine di Cesare, Marie Carroll Copestake, Michael Gill, Chrissie Harkink-Mobbs, Chris Hicks, and Alan Stewart.

The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.

Psalms 41:3

We also pray for those who have died recently: Fr Tony Nye SJ.

Requiescat in pace

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

Mass for Migrants

The annual Mass for Migrants will take place on Monday 2nd May at Westminster Cathedral. 2pm for the banner procession, with the Mass starting at 2.30pm. The Mass is for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, with ethnic chaplaincies and communities around London. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Michael Campbell OSA. All welcome.

Catholic Women Praying Together

The annual Mass for Catholic Women Praying Together will take place at Farm Street Church on Thursday 28th April at 11am. No need to book – just come along All are welcome. The celebrant will be Bishop John Sherrington, with music provided by the Choir of the John Fisher School, Purley. There will be refreshments after Mass, with freshly-brewed coffee and tea, chocolate biscuits, shortbread, and an opportunity to tuck up, swap news and ideas, and discuss opportunities for fresh evangelisation. The theme this year will be praying for our young people. A collection will be taken for Salesian youth work. For more information, visit www.catholicwomenprayingtogether.com.

Catholic Listeners

Our journey through Lent and Holy Week culminates with the joy of Easter and Christ's victory over death, and the promise of hope and redemption for all of us.

We know that for many there is an acute sense of alienation, loneliness and anxiety brought about by the COVID restrictions over the past two years. Also, many would have drifted away from the family of the church. If you know anyone who would appreciate speaking to someone then there is the Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline. Catholic Listeners a new service based at Farm Street. The helpline operates a confidential, listening service with a wealth of experience at compassionate listening especially to those who may be interested in reconnecting with their faith. Operating three days a week from 4pm to 7pm, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, calls are free to the Helpline on 0800 448 0704

Email Ade on catholiclisteners@gmail.com.

Catholic Listeners is part of Landings, an established programme based also at Farm Street. Through compassionate listening Landings offers a way back to practice of the Catholic faith for those who have been away and now wish to reengage with it.

For further information contact Ruby on landingsouth@gmail.com

"Inspiration, Stress, and Play in the Poetry of G. M. Hopkins" by Professor Michael Hurley Sunday 8 May, 4-5pm, St Mary's Church, Hampstead, London.

It is with great pleasure that we are delighted to announce that Professor Hurley will deliver his talk in person. Come and join us for what promises to be a fascinating insight into the poetry of an innovative and groundbreaking Catholic Poet. If you are planning on attending in person please email the Parish Administrator at hampstead@rcdow.org.uk to book your place. You are welcome to livestream the lecture by visiting <https://www.churchservices.tv/hampstead>



Second Sunday of Easter 24th April 2022

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest
Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman 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

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ENTRY

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

RESPONSE

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

ACCLAMATION

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

COMMUNION

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing,
alleluia.



REGINA CÆLI ADDRESS

We know that each Sunday we commemorate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, but in this period after Easter, Sunday takes on an even more illuminating significance. In the Tradition of the Church, this Sunday, the first after Easter, was called “[Domenica] in albis”. What does this mean? The expression is meant to recall the Rite performed by those who had received Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Each of them would receive a white garment — *alba, bianca* — to indicate their new dignity as children of God. This is still done today — infants are offered a small symbolic garment, while adults wear a proper one, as we saw at the Easter Vigil. In the past, that white garment was worn for a week, until this Sunday, from which the name in *albis deponendis* is derived, which means the Sunday on which the white garment is removed. In this way, when the white garment was removed, the neophytes would begin their new life in Christ and in the Church.

There is something else. In the Jubilee of the Year 2000, Saint John Paul ii established that this Sunday be dedicated to Divine Mercy. Truly, it was a beautiful insight: it was the Holy Spirit who inspired him in this way. Just a few months ago we concluded the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, and this Sunday we are invited to always hold firmly to the grace which comes from God’s mercy. Today’s Gospel is the account of the Apparition of the Risen Christ to the disciples gathered in the Upper Room (cf. Jn 20:19-31). Saint John writes that after greeting his disciples, Jesus says to them: “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you”. After saying this, he makes the gesture of breathing on them and adds: “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven” (vv. 21-23). This is the meaning of the mercy that is presented on the very day of Jesus’ Resurrection as the forgiveness of sins. The Risen Jesus passed on to his Church, as her first task, his own mission of bringing to all the concrete message of forgiveness. This is the first task: to announce forgiveness. This visible sign of his mercy brings with it peace of heart and joy of the renewed encounter with the Lord.

Mercy in the light of Easter enables us to perceive it as a *true form of awareness*. This is important: mercy is a true form of awareness. We know that it is experienced through many forms. It is experienced through the senses, it is experienced through intuition, through reason and even other forms. Well, it can also be experienced in mercy, because mercy opens the *door of the mind* in order to better understand the mystery of God and of our personal existence. Mercy enables us to understand that violence, rancour, vengefulness have no meaning, and the first victim is whoever feels these sentiments, because he deprives himself of his own

dignity. Mercy also opens the *door of the heart* and allows one to express closeness especially to those who are lonely and marginalized, because it makes them feel as brothers and sisters, and as children of one Father. It favours recognition of those who need consolation and helps one find the appropriate words so as to give comfort. Brothers and sisters, mercy warms the heart and makes it sensitive to the needs of brothers and sisters with sharing and participation. Thus, mercy requires everyone to be instruments of justice, reconciliation and peace. Let us never forget that mercy is the keystone in the life of faith, and the concrete form by which we make Jesus’ Resurrection visible.

May Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us to believe and joyfully experience all this.

Pope Francis
St Peter’s Square, 23rd April 2017.

Fr Tony Nye SJ RIP

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Fr Tony Nye died suddenly of a heart attack on the morning of Tuesday 19th April. He was 89 years old. Many of you will remember Fr Tony from his time as parish priest at Farm Street Church and his subsequent years as a member of the parish clergy team. More details will follow, including those pertaining to his funeral. Please pray for the repose of Fr Tony’s soul.

Prayer for Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your will for your people is peace, not war. Pour out on our world, especially Ukraine, your Spirit of compassion and solidarity. Convert the hearts of the aggressor to the way of peace. Be with all those who endure the consequences of war, especially the widow, the orphan, the refugee and the peacemaker. Grant all those who believe in you the strength and desire to be close to those who suffer. Bind us all into the peace of your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.
Fr Damian Howard SJ,
Provincial for the Jesuits in Britain

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family

Our brothers and sisters at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral have expressed how much they appreciate the messages of support that they have received during this traumatic time. We have been asked to extend an invitation to all our parishioners to drop in to the Ukrainian Cathedral to pray and show support for the people of Ukraine. Details of opening times can be found on the Ukrainian Eparchy website <https://www.ucc-gb.com/>

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Second Sunday of Easter
Mon: St Mark, Evangelist
Tue: St George, Martyr, Patron of England
Wed: St Peter Canisius SJ
Thu: Easter feria; St Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St Louis M Grignon de Montford, Priest
Fri: St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor, Patron of Europe (Friday abstinence)
Sat: Easter feria; St Pius V, Pope
Sun: Third Sunday of Easter

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Acts 5:12-16; Apocalypse 1:9-19; John 20:19-31
Mon: I Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20
Tue: Apocalypse 12:10-12; Romans 5:1-5; John 15:18-21
Wed: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thu: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
Fri: I John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 11:25-30
Sat: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
Sun: Acts 2:27-41; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

The Pope’s Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of April, we pray for health care workers who serve the sick and elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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). All are welcome to join us for tea and fellowship.

Walsingham, Pilgrimage

DAY trip to WALSINGHAM Saturday May 28th: coach departs 114 Mount St 8:30am & returns there via drop-off at Victoria Station c 8pm. Please join us on our annual pilgrimage to England’s National Shrine of Our Lady in Norfolk. The day includes prayers and talks en route, visits to the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican shrines, optional walking the Holy Mile and free time. Cost: £40 inclusive of buffet lunch. To book please e-mail farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk or ‘phone Leslie Giltz on (020)-7408-1234.

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	278	Now the green blade riseth
Offertory	271	Battle is o’er
Communion	650	The son of God proclaim
Recessional	644	Alleluia sing to Jesus

11am Mass Music

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Home Office Vigil

Next vigil April 25th 2022 MONTHLY VIGIL OUTSIDE HOME OFFICE, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF You are invited to our Prayer Vigil from 12.30-1.30pm. Normally every third Monday of the month We remember:

- ◆ those who have died trying to reach the UK,
- ◆ the many victims of the war in Ukraine
- ◆ those who work with asylum seekers in detention centres, and those who are homeless
- ◆ Those who struggle to inject welcome and humanity into our legislation.

We believe that God will prevail, however great the disaster, however great the horror, however great the inhumanity. For further information contact johanmaertens@hotmail.com or barbarakentish@talktalk.net

Meet the Neighbours

From 6.30 – 8pm on Tuesday, 10th May 2022. All are invited for a visit to The American International Church at 79A Tottenham Court Road, W1Y 4TD. The visit will include:

- A Brief History of the churches on Tottenham Court Road and its international congregations
- An overview of their community-based ministries, especially their support of refugees and people experiencing homelessness
- Light refreshments
- A blessing for our churches together in Westminster

Free – All are welcome.

This event is organised by Churches Together in Westminster.

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 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.