

### Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Carmine di Cesare, Marie Carroll Copestake, Michael Gill, Chris Hicks, Danny Rutilio, and Alan Stewart. *The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. Psalm 41:3*

### Panel Discussion

There will be a panel discussion at Farm Street Church on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 6.45pm to 8.15pm. The title of the event, organized by the Diocese of Westminster's Justice and Peace Commission, is 'Homelessness & the Pandemic: What have we learned?'

Light refreshments will follow after the discussion. All are most welcome to attend. There is no need to book. There is no charge, although donations will be accepted for homeless services.

This talk will also be livestreamed on our website.

### Tim Hetherington Film Club at Farm Street

Location: 114 Mount St W1K 3AH  
Next showing: Arrupe Hall 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Thursday 31 March 2022

Cost: free with refreshments (donations welcome)  
Presenting: 'Francesco – Inspiring Hope' (1hr 56min) Book at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com)  
Following the last club meeting where we showed the Jesuit-related 1973 classic 'The Exorcist', the film club continues with an excellent papal documentary.

'Francesco' is the 2020 headline-making Pope Francis documentary from Hollywood based, Russian director and producer, Evgeny Afineevsky. The making of this groundbreaking film granted unprecedented access to His Holiness, providing an intimate look at a global leader who approaches challenging and complex issues including climate change, migration and refugees, women's empowerment, sexual abuse, the global pandemic, border walls and others with tremendous humility, wisdom and generosity towards all.

The director, who achieved Oscar and Emmy nominations for his 2016 documentary, 'Winter on Fire – Ukraine's Fight for Freedom' may be joining us.

With a Covid-limited attendance, please register to attend with David at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com) We look forward to welcoming you.

### Ukraine Emergency Appeal

*A few words from Anna Dezyk, organiser of this fundraising appeal on behalf of Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB).*

Millions of people in Ukraine are facing an imminent humanitarian crisis. They are in urgent need of medical supplies and relief as they face the prospect of renewed conflict. Please help them now.

A further Russian invasion will be catastrophic for the civilian population. The elderly, vulnerable, children and families are at risk of losing their homes and access to medical and other vital services. The psychological trauma of war will affect generations.

We are working with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war.

Donate today to the **#HelpUkraine Emergency Appeal.**

Your donation will be used to fund immediate emergency and ongoing needs.

The more we collect, the more we'll be able to help - particularly with the longer-term impacts of hostilities, displacement and poverty on families, children, the elderly and those with special needs.

The food hygiene and medical packs comply with specifications set by the World Food Programme, UNICEF and the World Health Organisation (IEHK 2017).

If the crisis passes, the emergency medicine/ food/ hygiene packs that you have helped to buy will be released to hospitals and to Ukrainian accredited charitable organisations for distribution to those in desperate need.

Please donate today to the **#HelpUkraine Emergency Appeal !**

We will continue to adjust our fundraiser goal as needs continue.

To donate and for more information, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/f/helpukraine>

# NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



### Second Sunday of Lent 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

#### PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest  
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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: 12.15pm to 12.45pm

### CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday: 12 noon - 1pm;  
5.45pm - 5.55pm  
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

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#### ENTRY

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

#### RESPONSE

The Lord is my light and my help.

#### ACCLAMATION

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'

#### COMMUNION

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



## ANGELUS ADDRESS

On this Second Sunday of Lent, the liturgy leads us to contemplate the event of the Transfiguration in which Jesus allows the disciples Peter, James and John a foretaste of the glory of the Resurrection: a glimpse of heaven on earth. Luke the Evangelist (cf. 9:28-36) reveals to us Jesus transfigured on the mountain, which is the place of light, a fascinating symbol of the unique experience reserved to the three disciples. They go up the mountain with the Master, they see him immersed in prayer and, at a certain point, “the appearance of his countenance was altered” (v. 29). Accustomed to seeing him daily in the simple appearance of his humanity, they are astonished as they face that new splendour that also envelops his entire body. And Moses and Elijah appear beside Jesus and speak with Him about his forthcoming “exodus”, that is, of his Paschal death and Resurrection. It is a preview of Easter. Then Peter exclaims: “Master, it is well that we are here” (v. 33). He wished that that moment of grace would never end!

The Transfiguration occurs at a precise moment in Christ’s mission, that is, after he has confided to his disciples that he would have to “suffer many things, [...] be killed, and on the third day be raised” (v. 21). Jesus knows that they do not accept this reality — the reality of the Cross, the reality of Jesus’ death —, and so he wants to prepare them to withstand the scandal of the passion and death on the Cross, so that they may know that this is the way through which the heavenly Father will lead his Son to glory; by raising him from the dead. And this will also be the way for the disciples: no one can reach eternal life if not by following Jesus, carrying their own cross in their earthly life. Each of us has his or her own cross. The Lord reveals to us the end of this journey which is the Resurrection, beauty: by carrying one’s own cross.

Therefore, the Transfiguration of Christ shows us the Christian perspective of suffering. Suffering is not sadomasochism: it is a necessary but transitory passage. The point of arrival to which we are called is luminous like the face of Christ Transfigured: in him is salvation, beatitude, light and the boundless love of God. By revealing his glory in this way, Jesus ensures that the cross, the trials, the difficulties with which we struggle, are resolved and overcome in Easter. Thus this Lent, let us also go up the mountain with Jesus! But in what way? With prayer. Let us climb the mountain with prayer: silent prayer, heartfelt prayer, prayer that always seeks the Lord. Let us pause for some time in reflection, a little each day, let us fix our inner gaze on his countenance and let us allow his light to permeate us and shine in our life.

Indeed, Luke the Evangelist emphasizes the fact that Jesus was transfigured, “as he was praying” (v. 29). He was immersed in an intimate dialogue with the Father in which the Law and the Prophets — Moses and Elijah — also echoed; and as he adhered with his entire being to the Father’s will of salvation, including the Cross, the glory of God flooded him, even shining on the outside. This is how it is, brothers and sisters: prayer in Christ and in the Holy Spirit transforms the person from the inside and can illuminate others and the surrounding world. How often have we found people who illuminate, who exude light from their eyes, who have that luminous gaze! They pray, and prayer does this: *it makes us luminous with the light of the Holy Spirit.*

Let us joyfully continue our Lenten journey. Let us make room for prayer and for the Word of God which the liturgy abundantly offers us these days. May the Virgin Mary teach us to abide with Christ even when we do not understand or comprehend him because only by abiding with him will we see his glory.

### Pope Francis

*Delivered to St Peter’s Square on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019.*

### 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.

### Prayer for Ukraine

*Heavenly Father, Your will for your people is peace, not war. Pour out on our world, especially in Eastern Europe, your Spirit of compassion and solidarity. Grant all those who believe in you the strength to be close to those who suffer and the courage to resolve their differences and conflicts in truth and without resort to arms. Be with the widow, the orphan, the refugee and the peacemaker. Bind us all into the peace of your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Fr Damian Howard SJ,  
Provincial for the Jesuits in Britain

### Congestion Charge

There has been a recent change to the times in which the London congestion charge is in effect.

The times are now:

Monday to Friday: 7:00-18:00

Saturday, Sunday, Bank Holiday: 12:00-18:00

### Liturgical Calendar

**Sun:** Second Sunday of Lent  
**Mon:** Lent feria  
**Tue:** Lent feria  
**Wed:** Lent feria  
**Thu:** St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland  
**Fri:** Feria; St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor (Friday abstinence)  
**Sat:** St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese  
**Sun:** Third Sunday of Lent

### Daily Bible Readings

**Sun:** Genesis 15:5-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36  
**Mon:** Daniel 9:4-10; Luke 6:36-38  
**Tue:** Isaiah 1:10-20; Matthew 23:1-12  
**Wed:** Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28  
**Thu:** Jeremiah 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49  
**Fri:** Genesis 37:3-28; Matthew 21:33-46  
**Sat:** II Samuel 7:4-16; Romans 1:26-24  
**Sun:** Exodus 3:1-15; I Corinthians 10:1-12; Luke 13:1-9

### Welcome to Laila Asfoura from Bethlehem

Friends of the Holy Land have arranged for Laila Asfoura, a member of the Charity’s local Committee in Bethlehem, to speak at all Masses on 26/27 March about the special challenges in Bethlehem, arising from COVID and the work of FHL. There will be a retiring collection to support the most needy Christians in the West Bank. Gaza, Israel and Jordan. For more information on the work of FHL or to make a donation, visit [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) or telephone 01926 512980.

### A unique Prayer Resource for Lent from Friends of the Holy Land

*Holy Week Voices from The Holy Land – Poems and Reflections for Lent and Easter* brings together 15 poems, written by Fr Richard Nesbitt in White City Parish with 15 reflections by modern day Christian voices from the Holy Land. Forewords by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Justin Welby. Hard copy or e-book available from [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/shop/lente-n-book](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/shop/lente-n-book) where you can peruse the first chapter before purchase or telephone 01926 512980 to order copies.

### The Pope’s Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of March, we pray for a Christian response to bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

### The Catholic Universe

*The Universe Catholic Weekly* is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

### Quiet Room

In the past parents often made use of the St Ignatius Chapel when one or more of their children needed just a bit of quiet time and space during Mass. Although this chapel is used for confessions for about 15 minutes before Masses, it is available throughout the liturgy to anyone who wishes to use it and it does enjoy both sound-proofing and a view into the sanctuary.

### 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](mailto:farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk)

### 9.30am Mass Hymns

<b>Entrance</b>	<b>934</b>	Dear Lord and Father
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>600</b>	All that I am
<b>Communion</b>	<b>199</b>	Again we keep this solemn fast
<b>Recessional</b>	<b>872</b>	My God accept my heart this day

### 11am Mass Music

<b>Mass</b>	Missa canonica	Brahms
<b>Motets</b>	Os justi	Bruckner
	Agnus Dei	Brahms

### 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 Anne Paolino at [apaolino@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:apaolino@jesuit.org.uk).