

**Monthly Memorial Prayer Vigil
for refugees and asylum-seekers**

On the 3rd Monday of every month
outside the Home Office SW1P 4DF from 12.30pm
– 1.30pm. Praying for:
*Those who died trying to reach the UK
*Victims of current wars
*Those in detention & who are homeless
*The UK to be a more welcoming nation
Sign up to receive email news & alerts of changes or
cancellations at: homeofficevigil@gmail.com

The Power of Life and Nature

There is currently an exhibition of paintings by Alex
Roch displayed in the Ground Floor Gallery at 114
Mount Street. It is titled, "The Power of Life and
Nature" and will be displayed until Tuesday 22nd
August 2023, at 114 Mount Street, London W1K
3AH. All are invited to come and see this exhibition.
All of the paintings are on sale, with prices
indicated. For further information about sales, please
contact Alex at alexroch4art@aol.co.uk.

A Day with Mary

When: Saturday 5th August 2023
Where: St Mary of the Angels, Bayswater
10am Procession of Our Lady. Angelus. Crowning.
Sung Litany. Mass in honour of Our Lady. Celebrant
& Preacher: Mgr Keith Barltrop. The Five Joyful
Mysteries
12.15pm Lunch break *Please bring a packed lunch*
1.20pm Exposition and Procession of the Blessed
Sacrament. The Five Luminous Mysteries. Sermon
on Our Lady by Fr Michael Ogunyinka. The Five
Sorrowful Mysteries. Silent adoration. Meditations
on the Passion.
3.30pm Tea break
4.15pm Sermon on Our Lady. The Five Glorious
Mysteries. Act of Consecration. Benediction.
Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous
Medal.
5.30pm Finish
*Throughout the day: Confession and adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament.*

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham in Reparation &
Prayer for the Sanctity of Life**

Saturday 5th August 2023

Led by Most Rev. Kevin McDonald Archbishop
Emeritus of Southwark.
Commencing at the 12 Noon Pilgrim Mass in the
Chapel of Reconciliation.
DEPARTURE 7.30 a.m. (prompt) Westminster
Cathedral, Ambrosden Avenue
Tickets : £25.00 from Domenica 07913 434357 For
more details www.prolifepilgrimage.org and follow
online at walsingham.org.uk/live-stream

Catholic History Walks

Friday August 4th 2023, Meet 6.15pm steps of
Westminster Cathedral London SW1P 1QW
(nearest tube: VICTORIA). We will explore
Westminster, finishing at Westminster Abbey,
scene of this year's Coronation.

Sunday August 6th 2023, Meet 3pm, St
Elizabeth's church, The Vineyard, Richmond
TW10 6AQ (nearest Tube and also main line
station: RICHMOND). We will explore Richmond
Palace and walk along the river to St John Henry
Newman's childhood home at Ham.

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station: RICHMOND). We will explore Richmond
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For more information, visit
www.catholichistorywalks.com or e-mail
chwalkslondon@gmail.com

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.

Welcome

If this is your first time here, we would like to
especially welcome you to Farm Street, our vibrant
and engaging Catholic parish in the heart of
London.

We aim to welcome all who come to our church to
share in our faith and fellowship. Please do
introduce yourself to a member of the clergy. You
will always be most welcome here.

Fr. Dominic Robinson, SJ
Parish Priest



Jesuit Church of The Immaculate Conception

FARM STREET

Welcome to Farm Street Church, our vibrant and
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www.farmstreet.org.uk



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

30th July 2023

YEAR A

TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

*God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in His house;
He himself gives might and strength to his
people.*

RESPONSE

Lord, how I love your law!

ACCLAMATION

*I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have
made known to you everything I have learned
from my Father.*

COMMUNION

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all
his benefits.*

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH CLERGY

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

REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

Fr David Birchall SJ; Fr Michael Bossy SJ
Fr Damian Howard SJ;
Fr Paul Nicholson SJ; Fr Laco Sulik SJ

SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

Debbie Martin, Email:
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CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday: 7.30am - 6.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am – 7.00pm

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 8:00 | 13:05 | 18:00
Saturday: 8:00 | 18:00 (vigil)
Sunday: 8:00 | 09:30 (Family) |
11:00 (Latin), 12:30 | 17:30 | 19:00 (Young
Adult, 18-35)
Join us for a coffee after the 9:30 and 11:00
Mass.

All Masses can be viewed on our

livestreaming page

<https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream>

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

Monday to Friday: 12:00-13:00

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday: 12:00 – 12:55
Saturday: 10:00 to 12:00; 17:45 – 17:55
Sunday: Fifteen minutes before every Mass
Also by appointment



DON'T MENTION THE WAR!

The war can be an "Elephant in the Room": everyone knows about it but decency demands it is ignored.

The Church has a number of such Elephants, and a notable War too. Talking about them puts the Church in a bad light: people are not always ready to be evangelised - and absurdly we feel we want to protect God's good name...

Hell, for instance. This morning's Gospel has 8 verses. 2 are beautiful - about the Treasure and the Pearl. 2 are neutral. But 4 are horrific: the angels will be like fishermen chucking useless fish into a fire. The Church kindly allows priests to omit reading these 4 Verses. ("Let's not talk about the War?")

And who can blame Priests for not wanting to talk about Hell? To a modern, well educated, intelligent and ignorant congregation? To people who are hung up on imagery and who maintain that to tell a minor about anything so appalling would be child abuse? To "explain" it would involve solving the Problem of Evil; of Grace and Free Will; of Predestination; proving the immortality of the soul; the resurrection of the body; establishing the Principle of Double Effect - and a good deal else. including the reliability of Revelation and the authority of the Church.

Do we in fact have to believe it? Some like to say that every mention of Hell comes in eschatological discourse, and can in effect be discounted. Alas, not true. Same say that we must of course believe in Hell but not that anyone is in it. Ingenious.

The basis of what the Church says is in 1033 - 1037 of the Catechism. Belief in Hell is not optional.

St. Ignatius can help us handle the horror of it. In the spectrum of the Spiritual Exercises, prayer about Hell occupies about 5% of the prayer time. And the purpose of it is not primarily to be terrified, but to be prostrate with amazed gratitude that one has been saved and won't be going there. And to use it as a help: if ever the love of God is not enough to keep me true (and I'm not holy enough far that) then perhaps the fear of Hell will do the trick...

In the 4 "optional" verses of today's Gospel it is in the context of the Kingdom that the fishermen/angels are doing their grisly task. Now the Kingdom, in a word, is where Christ rules - even, indeed, His very Self. To accept His Word and His Rule is to be saved, and to reject His Word and Rule is to reject Him. There must be horror in rejecting Him; that it is possible to do so I know only too well. And to persevere in rejection must be eternal horror.

It is the converse of the joy of union with Him, when I do His Will and welcome Him. Hell is a fact, and if I think it through throws light on the love of God and of eternal joy with Him.

Fr John Edwards SJ
From the archives. First published on the 24th July, 2011.

Feast of St Ignatius - TOMORROW
The Feast of St Ignatius is on Monday 31st July. A solemn sung Mass will be celebrated at 6pm, with a wine reception afterwards. All are most welcome to attend. A special invitation is extended to all Jesuit alumni/ae.

Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are normally served in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30am, 11am and 5.30pm Sunday Masses (second & fourth Sunday only for 5.30pm).

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
I Kings 3:5-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

Mon: **St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**
I Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Luke 14:25-33

Tue: **St Alphonsus Mary de' Ligouri, Bishop**
Romans 8:1-4; Matthew 5:13-19

Wed: **St Pierre Favre SJ; St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St Peter Julian Eymard**
Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46

Thu: **Feria**
Exodus 40:16-38; Matthew 13:47-53

Fri: **St John Mary Vianney, Priest (Friday abstinence)**
Ezekiel 3:17-21; Matthew 9:35-10:1

Sat: **Feria; Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
Leviticus 25:1-17; Matthew 14:1-12

Sun: **Transfiguration of the Lord**
Daniel 7:9-14; II Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

Prayer intentions

Please consider asking for particular prayer intentions at Mass and the lamp before Our Lady of Farm Street. Contact the Parish Office or speak to the sacristan for information on how to make your requests. Details of Mass intentions are on the notice board outside of the sacristy.
The lamp this week is lit for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Daly, on her 40th Anniversary of death.

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	690	Guide me o thou great redeemer
Offertory	643	Gifts of bread and wine
Communion	938	Soul of my Saviour
Recessional	862	He who would valiant be

11am Solemn Latin Mass Music

Prelude	Nazard (Suite Francaise) <i>Langlais</i>	
Mass	Missa solemnis in C "Colorado" K337 <i>Mozart</i>	
Motets	Exsultate Deo <i>Palestrina</i>	Veritas mea <i>Malcolm</i>
Postlude	Fêtes <i>Langlais</i>	

Becoming a Catholic

RCIA is aimed at anyone who has been considering becoming a Catholic. The programme based at Farm Street, Mayfair is conducted by experienced lay parishioners, priests and religious sisters. There are twelve sessions held twice a month beginning on 21st October and finishing on 23rd March. If you are interested in doing RCIA, please email rcia.farmstreet@gmail.com for an application form.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual UK March for Life will take place on **Saturday 2nd September**. The theme this year is 'Freedom to Live'. 'Many are concerned about restrictions on freedoms but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Sadly, those who have their most fundamental freedom taken from them, by abortion, cannot speak for themselves - this is why we march. For our nation to be truly free, no one can be denied the number one freedom, the freedom to live!' (*Taken from the March for Life UK website*). With evermore legislation being proposed to criminalise pro-life witness, it is vital that advocates for the unborn in the UK continue to make their voices heard. The March for Life is a major opportunity to do so.

Morning events: 10.30am - 1.30pm

The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW

Mass: 10.30am

Westminster Cathedral

The March: 1.30pm

From The Emmanuel Centre
Ends at Parliament Square 4.30pm

For more information visit

www.marchforlife.co.uk

Congratulations, Father Peter

Many congratulations to Fr Peter O'Sullivan SJ, who was ordained to the priesthood yesterday at Farm Street Church. We assure him of our prayers and best wishes for his priestly ministry.

Farewell to Fr Michael Bossy SJ

We say farewell to Fr Michael Bossy, who will be leaving Mount Street on Tuesday to move to Boscombe. We thank him for all his work in the parish and assure him of our prayers and best wishes for a very happy and peaceful retirement.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Diana Chadwick, Christiane, Marie Carroll Copestake, Kyllikki Edelhain, Christian Engelhart, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Caroline Harkink, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Otilie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, George Tabor, Francis Walsh, Natalie Williams & Michael Wymes

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. *Requiescant in pace*

Young Adults Formation

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham. There are two choices of dates: 14th - 21st August or 30th August - 6th September. To find out more, please enquire by 31st July by emailing the COLW Sisters at freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 4AZ. Tel. 01362 421442. www.walsinghamcommunity.org



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 www.londonjesuitcentre.org. For further information, contact Federica Fiore at ffiore@jesuit.org.uk or on 020 7529 4844.