

## CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS MARCH 2023

“Byways of Westminster” – come and discover the hidden gems of one of the world’s great cities! We will discover 17<sup>th</sup> century charity schools, 19<sup>th</sup> century Cardinals, and a Medieval mill! The Walk will finish in the Victoria Tower Gardens, alongside Parliament.

This History Walk is being repeated FOUR times so as to offer different opportunities for people to attend

**Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 Meet 6pm (after 5.30pm Mass)** steps of Westminster Cathedral

**Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> Meet 3pm** steps of Westminster Cathedral

**Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> Meet 3pm**, steps of Westminster cathedral

**Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> Meet 6pm** (after 5.30pm Mass) steps of Westminster Cathedral

**NO NEED TO BOOK: just turn up!** We suggest a donation of £5 per person

[www.catholichistorywalks.org](http://www.catholichistorywalks.org)

### Piano Duet Recital “Quo Vadis: Where are you going?”

In aid of ‘The Farm Street Church Conference of the SVP soup run’ and the ‘Central London Catholic Churches, Farm Street Homeless Service’

Join us on Thursday, 2 March 2023, 7.15pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, W1K 3AH for a Piano Duet Recital “Quo Vadis: Where are you going?”, with Imma Setiadi and Nigel Clayton (piano four-hands) and a guest narrator.

The inspiration behind the theme of this concert is ‘walking’. Yes, our day-to-day walk in the street, to our workplace, to the stations, the hustle bustle of our daily life which often leaves us little time for reflection. What happens if we take the day-to-day noise away and then go for a walk? What will we see and hear? Do we know where we are going?

Imma and Nigel will take you on a musical journey through piano duet music by Bernstein, Poulenc, Schubert, Fauré, Debussy, Rachmaninoff, Leroy Anderson, Dvorak and Brahms. This will be interspersed with specially written narration, pictures, and soundscapes, to bring alive both an exterior and interior walk. We are grateful to the support of Fr Dominic Robinson and Farm Street Church for hosting the concert in this magnificent Church. Entry by donation at the door, proceed will go towards supporting the works of ‘The Farm Street Church Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul soup run’, ‘Central London Catholic Churches, Farm Street Homeless Service’, and the development of ‘Musical Rainbow Project’. Refreshment to follow after the concert. For further details or enquiries, contact the Parish Office at [farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk) or [musicalrainbowproject@gmail.com](mailto:musicalrainbowproject@gmail.com)

## FARM STREET PARISH FILM CLUB PREVIEW

Tim Hetherington Film Club at Farm Street, 114 Mount St W1K 3AH

**Next showing:** Arrupe Hall 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Thursday 23 February 2023

**Cost:** free - with drinks and refreshments (donations welcome)

**Presenting:** ‘Salvador’ (123 minutes)

Booking invited (but not necessary) at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com)

### Introduction

To complete the theme around the troubles during the 1980s in El Salvador, this month the Film Club will show the 1986 Oscar-nominated war drama, ‘Salvador’, co-written and directed by Hollywood legend, Oliver Stone. The film tells the story of an American journalist, played by the ever-watchable James Woods (nominated for Best Actor), covering the civil war in the country who becomes entangled with both the FMLN and the right-wing military dictatorship while trying to rescue his girlfriend and her children. The film is sympathetic toward the left-wing revolutionaries and strongly critical of the US-supported military dictatorship, focusing on the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero and the murder of four American nuns by government death squads. After some heavy films shown at the Film Club in recent months, we promise to lighten the tone next month!

### Catholic Listeners

Catholic Listeners, the new confidential helpline launched this year during Holy Week. The service which is part of the Diocese of Westminster, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith as well as to support those who need someone to talk to. 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, there is a professional team trained in signposting callers to other services and agencies. For further information please email [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com) or call us on 0800 448 0704

**Catholic Listeners are here to listen.**

### SVP Volunteering

The St Vincent de Paul Society have a small programme for befriending of lonely and vulnerable people. This involves a weekly or fortnightly visit to a person in their home. If you would be interested to find out more about this, please contact Sandra McNally on [s.mcnally1@lse.ac.uk](mailto:s.mcnally1@lse.ac.uk) or phone 07779 078933. Please note that volunteers will need to get a DBS check organised with the help of the parish safeguarding officer.

# NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### 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

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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 – 12.55pm  
**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

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

### RESPONSE

The Lord is compassion and love.

### ACCLAMATION

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

### COMMUNION

I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.



## LET MY CRY COME UNTO THEE

Over the last couple of weeks we have been reading the section of the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus takes the requirements of the Law of Moses and takes it further. “You have learnt how it was said...But I say this to you.” The ordinary conventional morality is not good enough, we are asked to do things which are shocking and demanding. It all leads up to the conclusion, “You must, therefore, be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.” If we want to know how we should behave we need to look at the example of how God deals with us.

This week the focus is on our relationship with others. First of all, Jesus looks at how we deal with those who wrong us or offend us. The natural reaction is to seek to exact punishment or revenge. The law of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for tooth” was meant to keep this within socially acceptable bounds and avoid unending feuds. There is no room for any of this for Jesus. He expects an open generosity, not just to the “deserving poor”, but to all those who make demands of us. Perhaps there is an element of hyperbole in what Jesus says, as there is earlier in the Sermon on the Mount. However, we have to remember that our example to follow is the generosity of God. How does God deal with us when we do things which do him dishonour, especially perhaps when we fail to acknowledge his presence in other people and in creation. We know our Father is merciful and forgiving, we experience that day by day in our lives. At Mass we celebrate that mercy shown to its greatest extent in the death and resurrection of Jesus. How would it be if we showed that same mercy and forgiveness in our lives? What might our penal system look like if it had no element of revenge but rather saw in the criminal a sinner, like us, in whom Christ is present? It is asking a lot of the victims of crime, it is not easy and there are no easy answers. However, we have to take what Jesus says seriously.

Secondly, there is the question of how we treat those we regard as enemies. It is easy to love those who are like us, our “neighbours” and “brothers” as Jesus calls them. The more remote people are, the less “like us”, the less we can see them as real individual human beings, the easier it becomes to stereotype, to see them as alien, to seek to protect ourselves against them. In a world in which nationalism is the growing trend in many places, a world in which it is seen as acceptable to put “our people” first and see others as a threat, what does it mean for us to be Catholic Christians? We belong to a universal Church, a Church of all peoples and all cultures, that

is what catholic means. Is our political morality that of the “tax collectors” and “pagans” or that of the disciples of Christ? Our God is the Father of all people. That was one of the things which the early Church found most hard to accept. It is one of the things which can be most difficult for us really to take to heart today. However, if we are to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect, we must see all people, of whatever race, culture or nationality, as He sees them.

It is clear that following the demands of the Sermon on the Mount is not just a matter of keeping the rules or of following conventional morality. If we try to do this we are likely to find we are going against what “ordinary decent people” think is right. It is a perfection which is an attribute of God; we cannot achieve it on our own. It is that grace that we must pray for as we hear today’s Gospel.

**Fr Chris Pedley SJ**  
*From the archives. First published on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017.*

### Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year observed on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Mass with imposition of ashes will be celebrated at the usual times of 8am, 1.05pm, and 6pm. Organ music will accompany the 1.05pm Mass and the Farm Street Choir will accompany the 6pm Mass. Lent is a solemn period in the Church’s calendar and a good start will help all of us as we observe this penitential season. Due to its penitential significance, Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. All Catholics are bound to abstain from meat and Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. Further details about fasting and abstinence can be found at [www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Penance/Abstinence.pdf](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Penance/Abstinence.pdf)

### 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).

### 9.30am Mass Hymns

<b>Entrance</b>	934	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
<b>Offertory</b>	609	In bread we bring you Lord
<b>Communion</b>	803	Love is his word
<b>Recessional</b>	959	All my hope on God is founded

### 11am Solemn Latin Mass Music

<b>Prelude</b>	Adagio in F	Beethoven
<b>Mass</b>	Missa Brevis in C (K258)	Mozart
<b>Motets</b>	Venite populi (K260)	Mozart
	Tantum ergo	Bruckner
<b>Postlude</b>	Adagio and Allergo (K594)	Mozart

### Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Charles Curran, Christopher, Maggie Danby, Lady Antonia Fraser, Katerina, Erin Lillis, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Millon Nigussie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, Richard, Leopold, & Francis Walsh  
*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. Jamie Burnett  
*Requiescant in pace*

### Liturgical Calendar

<b>Sun:</b>	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>Mon:</b>	Feria
<b>Tue:</b>	Feria; St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor
<b>Wed:</b>	Ash Wednesday
<b>Thu:</b>	Lent feria; St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
<b>Fri:</b>	Lent feria ( <i>Friday abstinence</i> )
<b>Sat:</b>	Feria
<b>Sun:</b>	First Sunday of Lent

### Daily Readings

<b>Sun:</b>	Leviticus 19:1-18; I Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48
<b>Mon:</b>	Ecclesiasticus 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29
<b>Tue:</b>	Ecclesiasticus 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37
<b>Wed:</b>	Joel 2:12-18; II Corinthians 6:1-18; Matthew 6:1-18
<b>Thu:</b>	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
<b>Fri:</b>	Isaiah 58:1-9; Matthew 9:14-15
<b>Sat:</b>	Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32
<b>Sun:</b>	Genesis 2:7-3:7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

### A Lamp For Our Lady

To give honour to Our Lady, a lamp will now burn before her statue in the sanctuary. A 7-day lamp will be lit every Saturday, the day traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and burn throughout the week. An offering of £10 is requested to light this lamp, the intention of which will be printed every week in the Newsletter or may be kept anonymous (e.g. 'An anonymous donor for a private intention'). Please email the Parish Secretary (FarmStreetOffice@rcdow.org.uk) with your requested week and intention as well as how you wish it to be published.

**The lamp this week is lit for the deceased members of the Maley and Abate families**

### COFFEE MORNING

Newcomers to Farm Street are warmly invited to a Coffee Morning (homemade cakes included) on Saturday, 25th March from 10am until midday at 114 Mount Street. It is very informal, simply a way to meet a few parishioners and perhaps to find out a bit more about the parish. There is no need to book, just come and stay for as little or as long as you like.

### Job opportunity: Fixed-term Collection

Management Assistant (Heythrop Library)  
17.5 hours per week, for 12 month.  
**Salary:** 23,100 (pro rata)  
**Application deadline:** Tuesday 28th February 2023, by 2pm (GMT)  
**Interviews:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023.  
For how to apply, as well as the job and person specifications, please see <https://www.londonjesuitcentre.org/news/fixed-term-collection-management-assistant>



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. Below is a sampling of some upcoming events. 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](mailto:ffiore@jesuit.org.uk).

**Why Believe? Defending and Explaining the Faith**  
Tuesday, 28 February 2023 to Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
12:00pm - 1:00pm  
Online - Zoom

In this course we take a hard look at some of the most difficult questions that are asked of the Christian faith, so as to think about it more clearly, explain it more persuasively and defend it more effectively. For example, there seem to be some bad reasons to believe in God, but are there any really good reasons? And even if there are some good reasons to support belief in God, aren't there also lots of reasons not to believe? What about the thought that belief in God is irrelevant to the most important things in our lives, anyway? Can't people be 'good without God'? Why bother trying to resolve questions that lie beyond the limits of our understanding?

In each week of the course we take a look at one problematic question or an objection to Christian belief, and see what kinds of response might usefully be put forward in response.