

Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



Seventh Sunday of Easter
16th May 2021

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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 - 1pm

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 an active 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.

Invited On Pilgrimage Inspired To Change

Jesuit General, Fr. Arturo Sosa SJ, has announced the Ignatian Year to start this coming Thursday to mark the five hundred years since the conversion of Ignatius Loyola. He hopes that in “this Ignatian year we would hear the Lord calling us, and we would allow him to work our conversion inspired by the personal experience of Ignatius.” (Letter 2019/23) For that he encourages us to seek the grace of “seeing things anew in Christ”. In our province, we look at it as prayer pilgrimage. That is why we speak of being invited on pilgrimage in hope of being inspired to change.

No change takes place without commitment to a journey. And our life journey turns into praying together. We invite more and more people to join us in our journeying for the next fourteen special months. True interior insight is the change we hope to measure in our journey. And we can intuit how much we need to change. It seems to me we have learnt a couple of important things from the pandemic so far: The first is that we all live from cherished relationships; the second is that we need to engage in the right way lest we fall back.

We can then see the need to change as a good thing for all of us. Faith always encourages a continuous conversion of heart towards God. All of us need to reconsider coming back closer to the Lord despite hardships and difficulties. What other choice is there? And what change do we talk about?

For the young, to look forward again with hope, and to apply their energies. Courage helps them to walk. For the elderly, to look back with gratitude, and to apply their wisdom. Supporting the less experienced gives them a chance to walk in life. Those who stop moving along life journey, not only stop but begin to fall back in life without even noticing at first. It is vital therefore to keep moving along the way and learn the spiritual art of a true freedom and openness. Life is very much enfolded in the art of *camino*. How are we then to walk spiritually together during this Ignatian Year? We will embark on a journey of events (workshops, reflections, courses, pilgrimages) through different stages of Ignatius’ conversion story. We will consider how we might want to change, or how we might hope the Lord would change us. We are all looking to be changed because we want to make God the centre of our lives and remain in life in Him.

We need to learn anew to look ahead with hope. The Ignatian Year gives us such opportunity to practice the art of walking in life and learning valuable lessons for

these times. Living in expectations without tapping into historical memory will stall all efforts. Resisting to walk in the midst of how we perceive things will thwart life in us. Walking is done together. True walking is being there for others and with others. And this will definitely change us. Let’s walk together towards being changed by the Lord.

Fr Laco Sulik SJ

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mon: Easter feria
Tue: Easter feria; St John I, Pope & Martyr
Wed: Easter feria
Thu: Easter feria; St Bernadine of Siena, Priest
Fri: Easter feria; St Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs
Sat: Easter feria; St Rita of Cascia, Religious
Sun: Pentecost

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Acts 1:15-26; I John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19
Mon: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
Tue: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11
Wed: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11-19
Thu: Acts 22:30-23:11; John 17:20-26
Fri: Acts 25:13-21; John 21:15-19
Sat: Acts 28:16-31; John 21:20-25
Sun: Acts 2:1-11; I Corinthians 12:3-13; John 20:19-23

Have you been away from the Church and seeking a way back to your faith?

Landings, the programme for returning Catholics, is run by regular Church goers and those who themselves have returned after doing the Landings programme. Through a series of storytelling, discussion topics, and prayers returnees are able to have their voices heard through compassionate listening in a confidential space where trust and hospitality are integral.

We know that many have been away from the Church for a while and there is a great yearning to reconnect with their faith, especially after the past year of lockdown and the ensuing isolation.

If you, or anyone you know is considering reconnecting with their faith then do please email

Fr. Dominic Robinson at landingsuk@gmail.com or
Ruby Almeida at landingsouth@gmail.com

Scripture Speaks

“See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.” Deuteronomy 30:15-16

Round the World Novena to Our Lady

We are organising a Novena and hoping you will join us. This is born out of having to cancel the annual Farm Street Pilgrimage to Walsingham, England’s National Shrine to Our Lady and a destination for pilgrims for over 1000 years.

The Novena starts Pentecost Sunday, the 23rd of May 2021 and ends on the Feast of the Visitation the 31st of May 2021. If we get 216 strategically placed around the world participants, it will mean every hour for the nine days a rosary will be said. We hope that you will help and be one of the participants.

On nine days of the Novena your rosary is said at any time. On ONE of those days, you say your rosary during the specific hour you have chosen.

Below is the link to the Novena calendar. Please join us and put your name as you want to appear into **one slot on one day**. The calendar hours are in **BRITISH SUMMER TIME**. Take account of this when selecting your day/ hour. Try not to commit yourself to getting up at 3AM on a Monday!

https://doodle.com/poll/vtk5b3ba5hcp3gkq?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

Please e-mail Novenas@farmstreetchurch.com to let us know which day/time you have selected along with your town/country. You are also invited to share a short reflection of your novena.

We will have a diary of the nine days on the parish website showing the participants, where they have said their rosary and any reflections we receive.

<http://www.farmstreetchurch.org.uk>

In these extraordinary and challenging times we hope this ‘round the world’ rosary will bring a few of us little closer together.

It’s quite a task filling time slots when the slots are 24 hours a day for 9 days, so if you know anyone that might join us please pass on this information!

The Pope’s Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of May, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for the world of finance. Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate financial markets and protect citizens from its dangers.

Newman Prayer & Meditation Concert

We are delighted to be hosting a free online concert titled ‘Newman: Meditation & Prayer’. This event, with music provided by Harry Christophers and The Sixteen, will be streaming live from Farm Street Church on Classic FM’s Facebook page on **Thursday 10 June 2021, 7pm**. The concert will feature new Genesis Foundation commissions by Sir James MacMillan and Will Todd, based on Cardinal Newman’s texts, as well as readings by Alexander Armstrong.

Sign up here to receive a digital concert programme and bonus film content in the lead up to the concert: <http://bit.ly/gfmailing>

Ignatian Prayer Broadcast

On Sunday, May 23rd, there will be an online international prayer broadcast to mark the beginning of the Ignatian Year. This will take place at 5pm London/6pm Rome time, and can be viewed on the designated YouTube channel: [ignatius500.global/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/ignatius500.global/live)

Help the Homeless Donation Hub

The Companions of the Order of Malta's Donation hub is looking for donations for the 600 - 800 homeless supported in the hotels.

Hub address: St Joseph’s Hall, Brompton Oratory, 5 Thurloe Place, Knightsbridge, London SW7 2RR.

Items required: Men's and women's clothes and shoes (not children’s clothes please)

Toiletries – unopened please

Entertainment items e.g. books/crosswords/puzzles/art and craft items (No Recipe books please)

Please see the times for dropping off donations:

Tuesday 1.30 -4pm & 6.30 -7.30pm (by arrangement);

Wednesday 2 – 4pm; Saturday 10 – 11am

Please contact Kate MacKenzie on companions.london@orderofmalta.org.uk if you would like to deliver some donations. Please do not leave them at the church.

Scripture Speaks

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.’”

Psalm 122:6-7

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, please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/>. To sign up to their regular email to receive news, event listings, and exciting ways how you can get involved, please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ba5b3aa1bbd112142962fd5fd&id=ce6d0b5750>

11am Music list for Seventh Sunday of Easter

Introit Psallite Domino – Byrd

Sing to the Lord who has ascended the highest heavens, towards the East. Alleluia

Alleluia Purcell

Non vos relinquam orphanos:

Vado, et venio ad vos, et gaudebit cor vestrum.

I will not leave you orphans: I go, and I come back to you, and your hearts shall be full of joy.

Offertory * Ascendit Deus - Phillips

God has gone up amidst shouts of joy,

The Lord to the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia.

Sanctus, Agnus Dei

Chanted (Missa Orbis Factor)

Communion Viri Galilaei - Byrd

People of Galilee, why are you gazing in astonishment at the sky? Alleluia.

Just as you have seen him ascend into heaven, so, in like manner, shall he return, Alleluia.

All nations clap your hands, shout unto God with a voice of joy.

Organ Toccata in F - Bach

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

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).*

Supporting the Parish

We continue to be grateful to everyone who has financially support the church during the year of disruption caused by the pandemic. We are mindful that many people are struggling financially and may not be able to donate as they once did. If you can donate to the work of the parish, we would ask that you consider doing so in a way that avoids physical cash. Please consider donating via our website, setting up a standing order, or donating via the cashless terminals in the church. We are also implementing a new donating system called Givt, which will allow contactless donations via mobile phones. If you would like to donate via standing order, please contact the parish Finance Officer at farmstreetfin@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you again for your support.