

### THE PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, 4th June

Bring a dish (salad, main course, dessert) to share  
Pimm's Cups and soft drinks for sale  
Activities for children, tombola, musical entertainment  
Behind the church, starting after the 9.30 Mass and  
continuing into the late afternoon  
Everyone welcome – bring a friend!

### Fr Michael Beattie Memorial Mass

A memorial Mass will take place for the late Fr Michael Beattie SJ at Farm Street Church at 6pm on Tuesday 13th June. Many of you will remember Fr Beattie, who served as parish priest at Farm Street from 1991 to 1998. Please do mark this date in your diary. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Arrupe Hall.

### Landings Spring Programme

It's Good To Talk on the 21st May at 12.30pm. This regular one-off ninety-minute session is for people considering faith related matters.

\* Landings 1 and 2 programmes start 4th June. Laity-run programmes for those seeking a way back to their faith practice.

\* Landings 1 programme This eight-week programme is aimed at those who have decided that they wish to re-engage with their faith. In a confidential and welcoming space, participants share their faith journeys, choose a prayer, and discuss faith topics. This is run by the laity.

\* Landings 2 programme This six-week programme is a follow on from the Landings 1 programme and focuses on the Acts of the Apostles, and follows a similar structure to the Landings 1 programme asking participants what they can give back to the Church. For further details please email Ruby at [landingsouth@gmail.com](mailto:landingsouth@gmail.com)

### 'Love the Stranger'

7pm Wednesday 24th May  
Farm Street Church

Rooting our response to refugees and migrants in the innate worth of each human person.

London Churches Refugee Fund  
With Bishop Paul McAleenan  
(lead bishop for Migrants and Refugees, Catholic Bishops' Conference)

And Bishop John Perumbalath  
(Bishop of Liverpool, Chair of Churches Refugee Network)

Speakers from frontline projects supported by the London Churches Refugee Fund.

Citizens of the World choir.  
Followed by refreshments, meeting and greeting.

Further details: [info@lcrf.org.uk](mailto:info@lcrf.org.uk)

### 'My Son Carlo'

An evening with Antonia Salzano Acutis, mother of Blessed Carlo

With adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction led by Bishop Nicholas Hudson

At Farm Street Church on Wednesday 31st May,  
7.30pm-9.30pm

### Visiting Choir

We are very pleased to announce that the Notre Dame de France Chorale will sing here at the 5.30pm Mass this weekend (Sunday 21st May).

### Welcoming the Stranger – Information Session for JRS UK's At Home Hosting Scheme 30th May 7pm

Have you thought about welcoming a refugee? In an increasingly hostile environment, the compassionate human encounter which forms the basis of the Jesuit Refugee Service UK hosting scheme is transformative – for both host and guest. We know that opening your home and community to welcome a stranger can be a daunting prospect. JRS UK's 'At Home' scheme is designed to prepare hosts and guests in advance of the hosting placement, with support delivered by a dedicated Accommodation Team continuing throughout.

If you're interested in learning more about hosting a refugee, please join us for an information session on Tuesday 30th May at 7pm in the Arrupe Hall. For more information, please visit: <https://www.jrsuk.net/news/information-session-for-jrs-uks-at-home-hosting-scheme/>

### Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture at Maria Fidelis School, London

#### Is there a Christian answer to the problems of the Criminal Justice System?

The Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture is held most years by Pact as an opportunity to celebrate the life and memory of a great friend and champion, the late Sir Harold Hood. This lecture is an opportunity to consider together the intersection of faith and criminal justice.

We are delighted to announce that our Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture 2023 will take place on **24th May** at Maria Fidelis Catholic School, London, with our lecture delivered by Dr Chijioke Nwalozie.

Our event will be lifted by the presence of Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir, who spread a message of faith, hope, and love with performances full of life-affirming joy and soulful celebration.

We will deepen our reflections through a panel discussion and contributions from voices of lived experience. Panel members include Governor Emily Thomas and Anglican Prison Chaplain Rev Beverly Fraser. We will be able to talk further over a canape reception. To book a ticket, visit <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk>. Suggested donation is £25.

### Miami University Men's Glee Club

On Friday 26th May at 7pm, there will be a free concert of sacred music at Farm Street Church performed by the Miami University Men's Glee Club from Oxford, Ohio, USA. This will be part of their international tour. No need to book.

# NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



### Seventh Sunday of Easter 21st May 2023

#### PARISH CLERGY

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

#### REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

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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, hear my voice, for I have called to you;  
of you my heart has spoken: seek his face;  
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

#### RESPONSE

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the  
land of the living.

#### ACCLAMATION

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be  
full of joy.

#### COMMUNION

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are  
one, alleluia.



## THE BOOK OF REVELATION

This afternoon, Sunday May 21st, I shall be making my way, with a group of eager Bible readers, to the Isle of Patmos, in the Aegean Sea, within sight of the Turkish coast. It is a rocky and barren place, and it is the site, so far as we can tell, where the Book of Revelation, the last book in our Bible, was dictated to the one whom we know as "John".

But there is a difficulty with the Book of Revelation, namely that people are absolutely terrified by it; sometimes they read it as a train timetable, enabling us to predict the scheduled arrival times for various appalling disasters that are on their way to destroy us all. My suggestion here is that you do not read this extraordinary text in quite that way. You should read it, instead, as a message given to those who are suffering appalling oppression; If that is indeed the case, then, he claims, there is nothing at all to worry about. What the Apocalypse is saying to us is that God is in charge of this wonderful world, and so all is going to be well.

It is important to realise that the author is speaking to people whom he knew; those "letters" in chapters 2 and 3 of the document are clearly addressed to the seven cities named there, and they are in the real world, people whose weaknesses are only too well-known to the author and to God. So this is not a magical, "Harry Potter", sort of world. It is written to a group of Christians who are enduring unprecedented persecution from the Roman authorities. It approaches its task in ways that are, if they are listening, enormously encouraging in the face of hostility; you might find it reassuring therefore to read the whole text again, this time as *your* story. The group to whom he is writing live in Asia Minor; and in this text they are being reassured that God knows what they are going through, and that God is in charge of this strange world of ours. This message is then supported by a series of astonishing visions; and the point of the visions is not (this cannot be stressed too strongly) to alarm us, but to give us courage and hope in the face of adversity.

In addition to the dreams or visions, there are glimpses, especially in chapters 4 and 5, of the liturgy that is going on in heaven, as the author puts it, around the Throne and the Lamb. And here the Throne is clearly God, while the Lamb is the one who is slaughtered and lives again; and that of course is Jesus, victorious over death. So we listen in awe to the heavenly hymn-singing, and take immense courage from it. Why not just read through those two chapters, and listen to the extraordinary sound that they make?

Then there is no need to stick only to those two chapters, chapters four and five, but I suggest that you read slowly and reflectively through the whole of the rest of the book. It would be a good idea for you to do that between now and Pentecost, just to make yourself ready for next Sunday's celebration. There are many passages to pick out; but if you are looking at your watches and wondering if you have time, then at least go to chapter 22. There you will find the most extraordinary vision, one that is meant to give you

immense courage: it begins dramatically, "and I saw a new heaven and a new earth". Pause there to think of the biblical reference: we are being invited to remember the very first words of the Bible, "in the beginning God created heaven and earth". So what is on offer here is nothing less than a totally new creation. Then the novelty goes even deeper: "I saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride made ready for her husband". This is backed up with the beautiful words that we might make our own: "Look! The tent of God with humanity; and he will pitch his tent with them, and they shall be his peoples and God himself will be their God". Then there is a beautiful maternal image, borrowed from Isaiah chapter 25, promising that God will "wipe away every tear from their eyes and death shall be no more, no mourning, nor weeping, nor, any trouble at all shall exist anymore, because the old things have passed away".

Do you think that you could find time, this week, to read slowly and prayerfully through the Book of Revelation? You will not regret it.

Fr Nicholas King SJ

### Liturgical Calendar

**Sun:** Seventh Sunday of Easter  
**Mon:** Easter feria; St Rita of Cascia, Religious  
**Tue:** Easter feria  
**Wed:** Our Lady of the Wayside  
**Thu:** St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor  
**Fri:** St Philip Neri, Priest (*Friday abstinence*)  
**Sat:** St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop  
**Sun:** Pentecost Sunday

### Daily Readings

**Sun:** Acts 1:12-14; I Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11  
**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:** I Thessalonians 2:2-8; Luke 10:1-9  
**Sun:** Acts 2:1-11; I Corinthians 12:3-13; John 20:19-23

### 9.30am Mass Hymns

<b>Entrance</b>	769	Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendour
<b>Offertory</b>	291	Hail the day that sees him rise
<b>Communion</b>	629	I am the bread of life
<b>Recessional</b>	321	Crown Him with many crowns

### 11am Mass Music List

**Prelude** Three preludes for mechanical clock  
*Haydn*  
**Mass** Missa Brevis in F (K192) *Mozart*  
**Motets** Regina caeli (K276) *Mozart*  
Ave verum corpus *Mozart*  
**Postlude** Concerto in G (BWV 592)  
*JS Bach/Ernst*

### 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).

### A Lamp For Our Lady

To give honour to Our Lady, a lamp burns before her statue in the sanctuary. A 7-day lamp is lit every Saturday, the day traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and burns 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 intention of Mary Senda.**

### Volunteering

Volunteers are required to staff the Blessed Sacrament Food Bank in King's Cross on Thursdays. Non-perishable food and toiletries also always needed as demand increases. Please contact Sr Miriam Bruder SND at ssnd27@yahoo.co.uk; tel: (020)-7837-8378

### Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Christian Engelhart, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, George Tabor, Nick Walker, 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*

### 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.**

### Farm Street Parish Film Club

*Tim Hetherington Film Club at Farm Street, 114 Mount St W1K 3AH*  
Next showing: Arrupe Hall 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Thursday 25 May 2023  
Cost: free - with drinks and refreshments (donations welcome)

Presenting: 'Waking Ned' (1998, 1 hour 27 minutes)  
Booking invited (but not necessary) at dthurst52@gmail.com

Introduction  
After requests to lighten the tone of the Film Club, this month we are showing a timeless comedy, with a whimsical Irish flavour, namely 'Waking Ned - how far would you go to win a fortune?' Starring Irish perennials Ian Bannen, David Kelly and Fionnula Flanagan, the 1998 film also features an early performance by James Nesbitt. When someone in a remote and tiny Irish village wins the lottery but then dies of shock, the remaining villagers face the challenge of waking Ned to bring the money home. Huge fun!

### Outing to Kew Garden

All are welcome to join the Farm Street Parish Outing to Kew Gardens on Thursday 1st June, 11am-4pm. We will be accompanied by the Westminster Justice and Peace Co-ordinator, Colette Joyce. We will visit the Plants of the Qur'an exhibition in the morning with time to explore the gardens in the afternoon. Please purchase your own tickets in advance via the Kew website (there are different pricing options) or on arrival. The meeting point is just inside the ticket barriers at the Victoria Gate entrance at 11.00am where we will begin and end the day with prayers. You can bring a picnic or buy food in the café for lunch. Please email Fr Dominic or the office to let us know you are coming or just join us on the day.

### Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Want to travel by train to Lourdes with Westminster Diocese this summer?

Book now!

Train travel costs £820 per person (sharing) and includes transfers, travel and full board hotel accommodation. Leaving from and returning to London Kings Cross St Pancras Station.

Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from the many parishes in the Diocese of Westminster journey together to Lourdes to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. With the kindness of volunteers, the group is able to support over 100 pilgrims who are sick, disabled, frail or elderly and need help to make the journey. When we make this pilgrimage, our faith is visible and active service to one other as we come to the waters and invigorate our commitment to respond to the message of Our Lady to St Bernadette.

The Pilgrimage will be led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and is from 21st to 28th July 2023. For more information and to book, visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/).