

**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 29th July 2023
Where: Westminster Cathedral
9:45am Entry procession of Our Lady of Fatima. Angelus. Crowning. Sung Litany.
10.30am Mass (with cathedral choir). Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Slawomir Witon. Consecration of the Parish to the Immaculate. 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. Silent adoration. Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Lawrence Lew OP. Meditations on the Passion. Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung). Act of Consecration. Benediction. Procession of Our Lady of Fatima from Cathedral to Cathedral Hall. The Five Glorious Mysteries.
5.00pm Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal in the Cathedral Hall, followed by tea break.
Throughout the day: Confession and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE MARTYRS' WALK

SUNDAY July 23rd. Meet 2pm (NOTE TIME!!!)
At the churchyard of St Giles-in-the-Fields, WC2H 8LG by kind permission of the Rector. Nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road. There will be a short talk telling the history. St Giles - a former leper hospital, founded by Queen Matilda in the 12th century - was by tradition the place where prisoners en route to Tyburn were given a final drink. We will walk to Tyburn convent (approx 45 mins), honouring the memory of the Martyrs of the 16th century. The Walk will finish with Benediction and Tea at Tyburn.

Feast of St Ignatius

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.

Make the Summer Count!

Do you have a cherished creative project that you haven't quite completed yet? Would a coach and a summer be all you need to get it to the next milestone? Bless the world with your own unique light-call Sarah de Nordwall today and be part of the Bard School's summer 1 to 1 coaching programme 5 one hour sessions for £200. Call today to apply. One Assisted Place available at £150 due to a kind donation given to help someone in need. Apply here by booking a discovery call <http://sarahdenordwall.com/courses-events/> Or call 07849 641 899
And Make Your Summer Count!

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 engaging Catholic Parish in the heart of London

www.farmstreet.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE

ADDRESS: 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH
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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: farmstreetsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

23rd July 2023

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TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise you name, O Lord, for it is good.

RESPONSE

O Lord you are good and forgiving.

ACCLAMATION

May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

COMMUNION

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.



THE FRUITS OF DIALOGUE

The pontificate of Pope Francis has stirred up a good deal of debate both inside and outside the Catholic church. It has often struck me that the Pope seems to see this debate, even heated debate, as something to be welcomed. I've asked myself, what can account for this? This question has become more urgent as the Synod on Synodality, itself a theme that has certainly provoked debate, approaches.

Austen Ivereigh has written two biographies of Pope Francis, "The Wounded Shepherd" and "The Great Reformer", which have done much to deepen our understanding of the Pope's life and his mission. In 2020, Ivereigh published "Let us Dream", the fruit of interviews with the Pope himself who explains why we must—and how we can—make the world safer, fairer, and healthier for all its peoples.

In the course of this book, the Pope makes an important distinction between a "contradiction" and a "contraposition". This distinction, which he owes to the Swiss theologian Romano Guardini, sheds light on the Pope's attitude towards debate in the Church and it might help with disagreements in our own family and professional lives too.

'One of the effects of conflict', the Pope writes, 'is to see as "contradictions" what are in fact "contrapositions", as I like to call them. A "contraposition" involves two poles in tension, pulling away from each other: horizon/limit, local/global, whole/part, and so on. These are "contrapositions" because they are opposites that nonetheless interact as fruitful, creative tension. As Guardini taught me, creation is full of these living polarities they make us alive and dynamic. "Contradictions", on the other hand, demand that we choose between right and wrong.

'To see contrapositions as contradictions is the result of mediocre thinking that takes us away from reality. The bad spirit, the spirit of conflict, which undermines dialogue and fraternity, turns contrapositions into contradictions, demanding that we choose The bad spirit can also deny the tension between two poles in a contraposition, opting instead for a kind of static co-existence. The is the danger of relativism or false irenicism or "peace at any price" in which the goal is to avoid conflict altogether.

'So, we have two temptations: on the one hand, to wrap ourselves in the banner of one side or the other, exacerbating the conflict; on the other, to avoid engaging in conflict altogether, denying the tension involved and washing our hands of it.

'The task of the "reconciler" is instead to endure the conflict, facing it head-on, and by discerning see beyond the surface reasons for disagreement, opening those involved to the possibility of a new

synthesis, one that does not destroy either pole, but which preserves what is good and valid in both in a new perspective.'

This breakthrough, the Pope goes on, 'comes in a gift in dialogue, when people trust each other and humbly seek the good together and are willing to learn from each other in a mutual exchange of gifts. At such moments, the solution to an intractable problem comes in ways that are unexpected and unforeseen, the result of a new and greater creativity released, as it were from the outside We recognise this process as a gift from God because it is the same action of the Spirit described in Scripture and evident in history'.

Through the synodal process in which we are presently engaged, may the Holy Spirit foster fruitful dialogue in the Church.

Fr Michael Holman SJ

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

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| Sun: | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 12:13-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:12-43 |
| Mon: | Feria; St Sharbel Makhluaf, Priest Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42 |
| Tue: | St James, Apostle II Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28 |
| Wed: | Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Exodus 16:1-15; Matthew 13:1-9 |
| Thu: | Feria Exodus 19:1-20; Matthew 13:10-17 |
| Fri: | Feria (Friday abstinence) Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23 |
| Sat: | St Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Exodus 24:3-8; John 11:19-27 |
| Sun: | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time I Kings 3:5-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52 |

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 David Michael Coffey - Beloved Intention of Julie Thompson and Francisco Ramirez

9.30am Mass Hymns

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| Entrance | 683 | O worship the King |
| Offertory | 604 | Lord accepts the gifts we offer |
| Communion | 627 | This is my body |
| Recessional | 772 | Lord Jesus Christ |

11am Solemn Latin Mass Music

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| Prelude | Intermezzo (Sonata VI) <i>Rheinberger</i> | |
| Mass | Missa "Misericordias Domini" <i>Rheinberger</i> | |
| Motets | Eripe me <i>Rheinberger</i> | Ave verum corpus <i>Liszt</i> |
| Postlude | Allegro Moderato (Sonata XVI) <i>Rheinberger</i> | |

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

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

Ordination Mass

The ordination of the Deacon Peter O'Sullivan SJ to the priesthood will take place at Farm Street Church at 12 noon on Saturday 29th July. A reception will follow in the Arrupe Hall. All are most welcome to attend.

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, Ottilie, 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 as 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.

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