

Primetime Mass and Potluck

Every first Saturday of the month, we are welcoming you to join the regular Saturday vigil mass at 6pm at Farm Street Church, followed by a community potluck in the Arrupe Hall. This get together is aimed at those who have 'graduated' from the Young Adult Mass for 18-35 year olds, but would still like to worship and socialise as a community. However there is no age limit - absolutely everyone is welcome. The motto is: as long as you have the gift of life, you are in your prime.

Carver Ceilidh Fundraiser

St John the Evangelist Church are organising a fund raising Carver Ceilidh at St Columba's Church, Pont St, on 20th March 2024 at 7.15pm for 7.30pm in order to raise funds for their gravely dilapidated building. Tickets are from £16 each and all are invited, especially young adults. John Carver is the charismatic caller behind London Reels and this is his more informal, beginner friendly event. For tickets go to Fixr.co and type in Carver Ceilidhs.

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life
Dates: 16-18 February 2024
Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

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

'In the footsteps of St Ignatius'

Sunday 7th - Saturday 13 April
£1995 pp includes flights Gatwick to Bilbao and return Barcelona to Gatwick.
Mass everyday with Fr Giacomo, the pilgrimage priest. Visits to Loyola, Pamplona, Xavier, Manresa, Montserrat. Stay 2 nights Loyola, 2 nights Pamplona, 2 nights Montserrat
Breakfast and dinner included
Dedicated English speaking local tour manager
Book now on enquiries@jcjourneys.com
01886 812862

Marriage Week 2024

Wednesday 7th - Wednesday 14th February
Marriage Week is an annual celebration offering the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. It is celebrated this year from 7-14 February.
For more information and for resources from the Bishops' Conference, visit www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week-2024/

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 or visit our website at www.CatholicListeners.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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th February 2024

YEAR B TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide, for the sake of your name.

RESPONSE

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

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

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

PARISH OFFICE

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SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

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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 (Solemn), 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



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

On Wednesday, we begin Lent. It may seem that only yesterday when we were celebrating Christmas. The gospel readings of the five “Sundays of Ordinary Time” we have heard since then, help us prepare for Lent.

On the first, Jesus speaks his first words in John’s gospel, asking: “What do you want?” (John 1:38). This is a question worth asking ourselves whenever we pray. On the Sunday following, we heard Jesus’ first words in Mark’s gospel, “The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15). They reminded us that since the coming of Jesus Christ into our world, we live in the new age of the kingdom. It demands our response. The four disciples called to follow Jesus, leaving their fishing behind, invite us to join them (Mark 1:16-20).

On the two Sundays following, we heard Mark’s story of one day in the life of Jesus. He began it in a **synagogue**. First, we hear about his teaching. His was not like that of contemporary scribes; he was teaching with authority. We are not yet told what he taught. Rather we learn of a dramatic confrontation. With brief words of rebuke, Jesus expels an unclean spirit from a man. This spirit recognises Jesus as “the Holy One of God” (Mark 1:21-28). Then Jesus goes on the move; he enters a **house** where he cures Simon’s mother-in-law of a fever. Then we find him out in **public** with the whole town crowding round the door of the house and he heals all who were sick and possessed. The evangelist is teaching us what the kingdom of God is about and how its power is exercised in the person of Jesus (Mark 1:29-34).

Then we come down to earth and are reminded that this Jesus is not just some divine superman. He needed to pray and this he does in a **desert** place “long before dawn”. This prayer anticipates Jesus’ prayer in Gethsemane the night before he died. As then, he had company, but here it was the uninvited company of “Simon and his companions” who went out in search of him. They tell him what he had to do: “everybody is looking for you”. They wanted more healings and exorcisms. He wanted people to “repent and believe in the gospel”. This, he said, was “why I came” (Mark 1:35-39).

This pre-Lent Sunday, we conclude Mark’s first chapter with Jesus’ encounter with a leper. Lepers were excluded from society (Leviticus 13:45-46). This man pleaded with Jesus to be cleansed. Jesus

obliges and tells him to conform to the law by reporting to the priests his liberation from his disease. But Jesus brought this about at a cost. He himself had to “stay outside in **places where nobody lived**” (Mark 1:40-45). The future cross is casting its shadow.

May Mark’s reports of the dramatic, even frantic, activity of Jesus at the start of his public ministry, lead us to a deeper knowledge of his person and his mission. What do we want in this coming Lenten season (John 1:38)?

Fr. Peter Edmonds, S.J.

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Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30am, 11am and 5.30pm Sunday Masses (second & fourth Sunday only for 5.30pm). Do join us for tea, coffee, and fellowship!

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year observed on Wednesday 14th 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. Ash Wednesday falling on St Valentine’s Day this year does not remove this obligation. Further details about fasting and abstinence can be found at www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Penance/Abstinence.pdf

Prayers for the King

Fr Dominic has written to Canon Paul Wright, senior chaplain to the King and Sub-Dean of the Chapel Royal, asking him to assure His Majesty of our prayers for his full recovery and speedy return to his duties.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Leviticus 13:1-46; I Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

Mon: **Feria**
James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13

Tue: **Feria**
James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21

Wed: **Ash Wednesday**
Joel 2:12-18; II Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-18

Thu: **Lent feria**
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

Fri: **Lent Feria (Friday abstinence)**
Isaiah 58:1-9; Matthew 9:14-15

Sat: **Lent feria**
Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32

Sun: **First Sunday of Lent**
Genesis 9:8-15; I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

9.30am Mass hymns

Entrance	466	All people that on earth do dwell
Offertory	804	The King of love my shepherd is
Communion	794	God is love his the care
Recessional	880	Tell out my soul

‘The Good Friday Agreement Twenty-Five Years On’ by Lord Murphy of Torfaen
Sunday 25 February 2024, 4-5pm, St Mary’s Church, 4 Holly Walk, Hampstead, London NW3 6QU

Lord Murphy, KCMCO, KSG, PC is a British Labour Party politician who was the Member of Parliament for Torfaen from 1987-2015. He served in the Cabinet in the roles of Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Welsh Secretary. He was largely responsible for negotiating the so called ‘strand two’ (‘North-South’ or ‘Island of Ireland’) arrangements agreed in the Good Friday Agreement.

It promises to be a fascinating insight into negotiating peace through politics.

If you are planning on attending in person please email the Parish Administrator at hampstead@rcdow.org.uk to book your place. You are welcome to livestream the lecture by visiting <https://www.churchservices.tv/hampstead>

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

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: His Majesty, King Charles, Debra Minty Baker, Ian Bookey, Marie Carroll Copestake, Margaret Cartledge, Felicity Ann Croft, Natalie Dennehy-Caddick, Kyllikki Edelshain, Christian Engelhart, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Christopher Halliday, Caroline Harkink, Andrea Kelly, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Donald Mathieson, Robert McCormack, Millon Nigussie, Otilie, Graziella Pirovano, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, Ian Rice, George Tabor, Francis Walsh, Natalie Williams, Anna Wright, & 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*

Praying the Passion - Living the Gospel. The Passion Through the Eye of Mark and John - 1-Day course

Saturday, 2 March 2024

10:00am - 4:00pm

London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street

Each year during Holy Week the Church reads two different accounts of Jesus’ passion. On Palm Sunday the account is from one of the first three Gospels (this year it is from Mark), while on Good Friday it is always from John. Thus the liturgy makes it possible to note how very different the Gospel passions are, each offering a unique vantage point from which to see and understand a crucified Christ.

This short course will begin with an introduction to the passion narratives and will be followed by two sessions offering an accessible guide to the passion account in Mark and two on the account in John. It is hoped that reflection on these texts will reveal fresh and striking insights into many familiar stories and enrich the experience of Holy Week for those who participate in the liturgy.

To book visit www.londonjesuitcentre.org