

## PARISH PICNIC

Our annual Parish Picnic will take place in Mount Street Gardens on Sunday, 4th June, beginning after the 9.30 Mass and continuing into the late afternoon. Please bring a dish (salad, main course, dessert) to share with others. The day will include events for children and musical entertainment. Pimm's Cups and soft drinks will be available for sale.

### Prayer Vigil for Migrants and Refugees

May 15th 2023 12.30-1.30pm, Opposite HOME OFFICE, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF

Join us to pray for ♦ those who have died trying to reach the UK, ♦ the many victims of current wars ♦ asylum seekers in detention centres, and those who are homeless ♦ Those who struggle to inject welcome and humanity into our legislation. We invite you to join us every third Monday of the month, remembering those who have died, and praying for those who are struggling for safety. Contact us for the prayer resources: [barbarakentish11@gmail.com](mailto:barbarakentish11@gmail.com) or [johanmaertens@hotmail.com](mailto:johanmaertens@hotmail.com)

### 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)

## 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.

### Flores de Mayo

The celebration of Flores de Mayo, organised by the Farm Street Filipino Community, will be celebrated in the church at 2.30pm on Saturday 20th May. This celebration, 'The Flowers of May', is a devotion to Our Blessed Lady. All are most welcome to attend.

### '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

# NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



## Sixth Sunday of Easter 14th 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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Fr Damian Howard SJ; Fr Paul Nicholson 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

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### RESPONSE

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

### ACCLAMATION

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

### COMMUNION

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



## THE COMING OF THE ADVOCATE

We are now heading towards the celebration in just two weeks' time of the Solemnity of Pentecost when we shall remember the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles after Jesus' Ascension into heaven.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus looks forward to the coming of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. The Last Supper is over, and Jesus will shortly be betrayed. Jesus is preparing his disciples for his departure. His are words of encouragement. What does he have to say?

Firstly, that he will not leave them orphans, leave them bereft of his presence. No, he shall ask the Father to send them the Spirit of Truth who will be with them forever. In John's Gospel, the Holy Spirit is the presence of Jesus with the disciples when Jesus himself is no longer with them. The physical absence of Jesus is overcome, as one commentator puts it, by the never-ending presence of the Holy Spirit.

Secondly, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, will help the disciples understand what cannot be understood about the identity of Jesus while Jesus is physically with them. As he says, he will help them understand that "I am in the Father and the Father is in me".

Thirdly, his departure and the coming of the Spirit will provide the disciples with an opportunity for greater intimacy with him. Jesus has just given them a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you". Those who keep this commandment will love him, and those who love him will be loved by the Father and Jesus will love them and will show himself to them.

Loved by the Father and the Son, the disciples are caught up in the love of God himself: in the love the Father has for the Son and the Son for the Father. As Jesus says two verses after the end of this Sunday's excerpt, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him".

"What difference did the coming of the Holy Spirit make to the first disciples?"

In the first reading from Acts, we see what "public" difference it made. Philip took the message about Jesus to the frontiers and beyond, into Samaria, to the Samaritans, forbidden territory for the people of Israel. Here he proclaimed that Good News by words and by actions. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, he performs the same deeds that Jesus himself performed: he cures the sick and casts out evil spirits.

In the reading from the First Letter of Peter, we see the "personal" difference the Holy Spirit made to

those disciples who had to withstand persecution. The author advises the first Christians for whom he wrote to have their answers ready and always to respond to accusers with "courtesy and respect" - surely fruits of the Holy Spirit - so that those who make the accusations will see by their manner of life how false those accusations are. But if their persecutors persist, the Holy Spirit will shape the likeness of Jesus in them. These disciples will then be following Jesus more closely, he who "in the body was put to death but in the spirit was raised to life".

There are two ways in which these readings can be lived by us.

We can read over the Gospel reading and as we do so reflect on the intimacy of our relationship with Jesus, caught up as we are in the love of God himself - in the love the Father has for the Son and the Son for the Father.

As we read about Philip and his mission to the Samaritans, we can look for opportunities to join in the mission of the Church of reaching out to those who have not yet heard the Gospel, those who have heard it and have forgotten it, and those who are estranged from the Church because of a hurt they have suffered.

In these ways, the Word of God given us this Sunday can take flesh in our lives today and we can give witness to the presence of the Holy Spirit powerfully at work in our world.

**Fr Michael Holman SJ**

### Liturgical Calendar

- Sun:** Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Mon:** Easter feria
- Tue:** St Andrew Bobola SJ
- Wed:** Easter feria
- Thu:** The Ascension of the Lord
- Fri:** Easter feria (*Friday abstinence*)
- Sat:** Easter feria; St Bernadine of Siena, Priest
- Sun:** Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Daily Readings

- Sun:** Acts 8:5-17; I Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21
- Mon:** Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4
- Tue:** Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
- Wed:** Acts 17:15-18:1; John 16:12-15
- Thu:** Acts 1:-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20
- Fri:** Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
- Sat:** Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23-28
- Sun:** Acts 1:12-14; I Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11

### Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are normally served in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30am, 11am, and 5.30pm Sunday Masses (second and fourth Sunday only for 5.30pm).

| <b>9.30am Mass Hymns</b> |     |                                 |
|--------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|
| <b>Entrance</b>          | 801 | Love divine all loves excelling |
| <b>Offertory</b>         | 605 | Take our bread                  |
| <b>Communion</b>         | 627 | This is my body                 |
| <b>Recessional</b>       | 880 | Tell out my soul                |

| <b>11am Mass Music List</b> |                            |      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| <b>Prelude</b>              | Voluntary                  | Byrd |
| <b>Mass</b>                 | Mass for five voices       | Byrd |
| <b>Motets</b>               | Beata viscera              | Byrd |
|                             | Non vos relinquam orphanos | Byrd |
| <b>Postlude</b>             | Fantasia in C              | Byrd |

### 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 repose of the soul of Alfred J Boulos.**

### 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, Mrs J Deverell, 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*

### Mass for New Catholics

A Mass for new Catholics in the diocese will be celebrated by His Eminence Vincent Cardinal Nichols at 6pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at Westminster Cathedral

### Visiting Choir

We are very pleased to announce that the Notre Dame de France Chorale will sing here at the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

### Kew Garden

1<sup>st</sup> June. Parish Outing. Watch this space for more information.

### 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.**

### Miami University Men's Glee Club

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### A Day with Mary

**When:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
**Where:** Our Lady of the Rosary & St Dominic, Southampton Road, Haverstock Hill,  
**9:35am** Entry procession of Our Lady. Regina Caeli. Crowning. Sung Litany. Mass in honour of Our Lady. Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Lawrence Lew OP. The Five Joyful Mysteries.  
**11.45am** Lunch break *Please bring a packed lunch*  
**12.45pm** Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Five Luminous Mysteries.. Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Lawrence Lew OP. The Five Sorrowful Mysteries. Silent adoration. Via Lucis.  
**3.00pm** Tea break  
**3.45pm** Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Thomas Crean OP. The Five Glorious Mysteries. Act of Consecration. Benediction. Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal. *Finish at 5.15pm. Throughout the day: Confession and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.*