

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Sixth Sunday of Easter 22nd May 2022

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest
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Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick:
Debra Minty Baker, Carmine di Cesare, Marie
Carroll Copestake, Chrissie Harkink-Mobbs,
Erin Lillis, and Alan Stewart.
*The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his
illness you restore him to full health.*
Psalms 41:3

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

Tim Hetherington Film Club at Farm Street

*Next showing: Arrupe Hall 6.30pm for 7.00pm
on Tuesday 24 May*
Cost: free refreshments (donations welcome)
Presenting: 'We have a Pope' (1hr 42min)
Continuing the papal theme of our films but on a
somewhat lighter note, you have to see this
hilarious comedy about Melville, a cardinal who
suddenly finds himself elected as the next Pope.
Never the front runner and completely caught off
guard, he panics as he's presented to the faithful
in St. Peter's Square. To prevent a worldwide
crisis, the Vatican's spokesman calls in an
unlikely psychiatrist who is neither religious nor
all that committed to find out what is wrong with
the new Pope. As the world nervously waits, his
therapist tries to find a solution but Cardinal
Melville is adamant: he does not want the job or
at least needs time to think it over. What follows
is a marvellous insight into the concept of a
human being existing behind the title of God's
representative on Earth.
*Please register at by emailing David at
dthurst52@gmail.com.*

Catholic Listeners

Catholic Listeners a new service based at Farm
Street. The helpline operates a confidential,
listening service with a wealth of experience at
compassionate listening especially to those who
may be interested in reconnecting with their
faith. Operating three days a week from 4pm to
7pm, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, calls
are free to the Helpline on 0800 448 0704
Email Ade on catholiclisteners@gmail.com.

PARISH PICNIC - further details

As announced at Masses last weekend, we shall
once again, after an absence of many years, host a
Parish Picnic on Sunday, 12th June in the area of
Mount Street Gardens behind the church. This is
a casual and relaxed occasion to bring together the
entire parish -- families, people on their own,
children, everyone -- which will begin after the
9.30 Mass and continue into the afternoon. Please
bring a cold dish (salad, main course or dessert) to
share with others and please feel free to spend as
little or as much time as you like. Cold soft drinks
and, pending approval by Westminster City
Council, Pimm's Cups (18+) will be available for
purchase. We are also planning some musical
entertainment during the afternoon and, for the
children, a tombola and glitter tattoos. If you
would like to volunteer to help for some or all of
the day, please contact Debbie Martin
(coco193@hotmail.co.uk), who will coordinate
volunteers and assign tasks on the day.

Conversation in Colour; A Mother - Daughter Exhibition by Margaret Campbell (1936 - 2017) and Fiona Campbell Hicks (1973 -) of poems and images

In a thread running from the 1950s to present day,
Margaret Campbell and her daughter work(ed) in
seeking to create a joyous private imagery that was
at its high point a conversation around the beauty
of God through art. Caught up in the Troubles in
Northern Ireland in the 1970s, the family, a
Catholic - Protestant mixed faith family, left for the
safety of England. Both Margaret and her daughter
were traumatised by the violence. Aged 3 at the
time, Fiona Campbell Hicks was unable to create
any art until she reached her twenties. Art became
part of their healing through colour and nature. The
show is an exploration of their journey from
conflict to recovery, and hopes to be an evocation
of the infinite beauty, colour and delight of God, as
well as examining the mother daughter
relationship. The exhibition features egg tempera
icons, water colours, pastels, calligraphy, poetry
and photographic prints on glass.

The exhibition explores the close and at times co-
dependent relationship between parent and child,
and between artists. Both address(ed) themes of
catholic spirituality and a love of nature. Encom-
passing ideas of ecumenism, recovery and
relationship, the exhibition creates a colourful
world with a bestiary of watercolours, icons of
Christ and the saints, as well as poetry and large
scale photographic prints of lakes.

*On display in the Ground-Floor Corridor at 114
Mount Street from Thursday 19 May to Tuesday 7
June.*

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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 - 1pm
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

YEAR C

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

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

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
forever, alleluia.



AN INVITATION FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

*This is the bread come down from heaven
(John 6:58)*

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – “The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.” It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as “the Sunday Obligation.”

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. “Virtual viewing” of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound. We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools and communities with dedication and distinction

throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord’s Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.

As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

*Approved by the Plenary Assembly of the
Bishops’ Conference
Friday 6 May 2022*

Sunday Refreshments

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

Walsingham Pilgrimage

DAY trip to WALSINGHAM Saturday MAY 28th: coach departs 114 Mount St 8:30am & returns there via drop-off at Victoria Station c 8pm. Please join us on our annual pilgrimage to England’s National Shrine of Our Lady in Norfolk. The day includes prayers and talks en route, visits to the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican shrines, optional walking the Holy Mile and free time. Cost: £40 inclusive of buffet lunch. To book please e-mail farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk or ‘phone Leslie Giltz on (020)-7408-1234.

The Pope’s Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of May, we pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary’s life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Feast of the Ascension

The Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Thursday 26th May. Mass will be celebrated in the church at the usual times of 8am, 1.05pm, and 6pm. Ascension Day is usually a holy day of obligation in England and Wales, although obligation will not resume until the Feast of Pentecost on the 5th June (see newsletter article).

A Concert for Ukraine

Join us at 7pm on Thursday 26th May for an evening of music provided by concert pianist (and Farm Street parishioner) Bobby Chen. The programme for the evening will include music by Ukrainian composers and all proceeds will go towards supporting the work of Caritas Ukraine.
Guest of Honour: Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster
There will be a wine reception following the concert in the Arrupe Hall.
Tickets are £50 and can be purchased online or in the sacristy after Mass. To purchase tickets online, visit www.farmstreet.org.uk/events. As this is a ticketed event, it will not be shown via the livestream page on the church website

Prayer for Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your will for your people is peace, not war. Pour out on our world, especially Ukraine, your Spirit of compassion and solidarity. Convert the hearts of the aggressor to the way of peace. Be with all those who endure the consequences of war, especially the widow, the orphan, the refugee and the peacemaker. Grant all those who believe in you the strength and desire to be close to those who suffer. Bind us all into the peace of your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.
Fr Damian Howard SJ,
Provincial for the Jesuits in Britain

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family

Our brothers and sisters at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral have expressed how much they appreciate the messages of support that they have received during this traumatic time. We have been asked to extend an invitation to all our parishioners to drop in to the Ukrainian Cathedral to pray and show support for the people of Ukraine. Details of opening times can be found on the Ukrainian Eparchy website <https://www.ucc-gb.com/>

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 28th May. This celebration, ‘The Flowers of May’, is a devotion to Our Blessed Lady. All are most welcome to attend

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mon: Easter feria
Tue: Easter feria; Our Lady of the Wayside
Wed: St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor
Thu: The Ascension of the Lord
Fri: St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (Friday abstinence)
Sat: Easter feria
Sun: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Apocalypse 21:10-23; John 14:23-29
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 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53
Fri: I Thessalonians 2:2-8; Luke 10:1-9
Sat: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23-28
Sun: Acts 7:55-60; Apocalypse 22:12-20; John 17:20-26

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	801	Love divine all love’s excelling
Offertory	605	Take our bread
Communion	627	This is my body
Recessional	880	Tell out my soul

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 and to sign up to their mailing list for regular updates on events, please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/>. For more information, contact Federica Fiore at ffiore@jesuit.org.uk.