

How to be a Synodal Church

Pope Francis calls for all the baptised to be involved in the Synodal Process – are you? Join people from a range of parishes and backgrounds for a day of reflection, conversation, and action to prepare for the October 2024 Synodal Assembly in Rome.

Saturday 10th February 2024

10am (refreshments) for 10.30am – 4pm
Light refreshments provided – bring a packed lunch

The Aula Magna, London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street

RSVP – Farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk
020 8986 0807

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

Laudate Deum Discussion

Westminster Cathedral Interfaith group will be meeting for a discussion on Pope Francis' Laudate Deum. The dates are:

Wednesday 17th January – Chapters 1 & 2

Wednesday 21st February – Chapters 3 & 4

Wednesday 20th March – Chapters 5 & 6

1.30pm – 3pm in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, SW1P 1EP.

For more information, contact woodhousesopten@btinternet.com.

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

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



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st January 2024

YEAR B TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

*O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

*In his presence are majesty and splendour,
Strength and honour in his holy place.*

RESPONSE

Lord, make me know your ways.

ACCLAMATION

*The kingdom of God is close at hand;
believe the Good News.*

COMMUNION

*Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.*

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest

Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

Fr Michael Barnes SJ; Fr David Birchall SJ;

Fr Peter Gallagher SJ

SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

Debbie Martin, Email:

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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



ANGELUS ADDRESS

This Sunday's Gospel reading (cf. Mk 1:21-28) is part of a wider narrative called the "day in Capernaum". At the heart of today's reading is the event of the exorcism through which Jesus is presented as a *powerful prophet in word and deed*.

He enters the Synagogue of Capernaum on a Saturday and he begins teaching. The people are astonished by his *words* because they are not ordinary words. They do not sound like the ones they are accustomed to hearing. The Scribes in fact teach but without any authority. And Jesus teaches with authority. Jesus instead teaches like one who has authority, thus revealing himself as God's Emissary, and not a simple man who has to base his teaching solely on earlier traditions. Jesus has full authority. His doctrine is new and the Gospel says that the people commented: "a new teaching! With authority" (v. 27).

At the same time, Jesus reveals himself to be powerful also in *deeds*. In the Synagogue of Capernaum, there is a man who is possessed by an unclean spirit which manifests itself by shouting these words: "What have you to do with us Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God" (24). The devil tells the truth: Jesus came to destroy the devil, to ruin the demon, to defeat him. This unclean spirit knows the power of God and he also proclaims his holiness. Jesus rebukes him saying: "Be silent, and come out of him!" (v. 25). These few words from Jesus are enough to obtain victory over Satan, who comes out of that man "convulsing him and crying out in a loud voice", the Gospel says (v. 26).

This makes a strong impression on those present. Everyone is overcome by fear and asks themselves: "What is this? [...] he commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him". (v. 27). The power of Jesus confirms the authority of his teaching. He does not just speak with words, but he takes action. In this way, he manifests God's plan with words and with the power of his deeds. In the Gospel in fact, we see that in his earthly mission, Jesus reveals the love of God both through preaching and through countless gestures of attention and aid to the sick, the needy, children and sinners.

Jesus is our Teacher, powerful in word and deed. Jesus imparts to us all the light that illuminates the sometimes dark paths of our lives. He also transmits to us the necessary strength to overcome difficulties, trials and temptations. Let us consider what a great grace it is for us to have known this God who is so

powerful and so good! A teacher and a friend who shows us the path and takes care of us especially when we are in need.

May the Virgin Mary, the woman of listening, help us to create silence around us and within us, in order to hear, through the din of the messages of the world, the most authoritative word that there is: that of her Son Jesus who proclaims the meaning of our existence and delivers us from all slavery, even that of the Evil one.

Pope Francis

First delivered to St Peter's Square on the 28th January, 2018.

Guest Preacher

This week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and we are thus delighted to welcome Canon Paul Wright from The Queen's Chapel at St James's Palace to deliver a reflection after Communion at the 9.30am Mass today.

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!

Churches Together in Westminster AGM

This will take place at 6pm on Monday 22nd January in the Arrupe Hall at 114 Mount Street. The AGM will be followed by a talk entitled 'The Art of Believing' given by Fr Patrick van der Vorst. Everyone most welcome.

Solemn Evensong for

Week of Prayer of Christian Unity

Solemn Evensong will be celebrated at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, at 3.30pm on Sunday 21st January. The preacher will be The Reverend Dr Robin Hill, minister of Gladsmuir Kirk, Edinburgh. All most welcome.

Music for 11am Solemn Mass

Prelude Benedictus	<i>Reger</i>
Mass Mass in D-minor (KSBA)	<i>Bruckner</i>
	Mass in E-minor (G) <i>Bruckner / Goller</i>
Motets Dextera Domini	<i>Schumann / Lutz</i>
	Ave verum corpus <i>Liszt</i>
Postlude Te Deum	<i>Reger</i>

Liturgical Calendar

- Sun:** **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Jonah 3:1-10; I Corinthians 7:29-31;
Mark 1:14-20
- Mon:** **Feria; St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr**
II Samuel 5:1-10; Mark 2:22-30
- Tue:** **Feria**
II Samuel 6:12-19; Mark 3:31-35
- Wed:** **St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor**
II Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20
- Thu:** **Conversion of St Paul, Apostle**
Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18
- Fri:** **Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops (Friday abstinence)**
II Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:26-34
- Sat:** **Feria; St Angela Merici, Virgin; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday**
II Samuel 12:1-17; Mark 4:35-41
- Sun:** **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Deuteronomy 18:15-20;
I Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

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 that God's will is fulfilled for a law firm and that they are able to attract the right staff.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Ian Bookey, Marie Carroll Copestake, 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*

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 January 2024**

Cost: free – with drinks and refreshments (donations welcome)

Presenting: **'Mandela – Long Walk to Freedom' (2hr 21min)**

Booking invited (but not necessary) at dthurst52@gmail.com

On 10 May 2024 it will be 30 years since Nelson Mandela became the first black (Xhosa) president of South Africa. In 1993 with FW de Klerk, he was jointly awarded the Nobel Peace for the peaceful termination of apartheid and for laying the foundations of democratic South Africa.

This impressive 2013 biographical film stars Idris Elba and Naomi Harris and was based on the book written by Mandela himself. It chronicles his early life, education, coming of age and revolutionary struggle before he spent 27 years in prison and then, after his release, became President of South Africa, working to rebuild a country ravaged by Apartheid. The film is not based on Mandela's life but on his own words; criticism levelled at Mandela's autobiography can also be directed at the film.

To put across today's views on the great man by young people in South Africa, I will share for discussion a newspaper article quizzically entitled, 'Mandela magic – I not so sure!' **Notably, Nelson Mandela is the ONLY person to unveil their own statue in Parliament Square.**

Knock Pilgrimage

Escorted Tour to Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

The total raised in last Sunday's collection was £1,283.81. Thank you for your generosity.