

# NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET

## Tim Hetherington Film Club

Farm Street, 114 Mount St W1K 3AH  
Next showing: **Arrupe Hall 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Thursday 26 January 2023**

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

Presenting: **'Righting the Wrong'** (80 minutes; Spanish with English subtitles; introduction and Q&A by Julian Filochowski)

Booking invited (but not necessary) at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com)

Oscar Romero, then the Archbishop of San Salvador, was murdered on Monday 24 March 1980 while celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Divine Providence cancer hospital where he lived. Thirty-five years later he was declared a martyr of the Church and was beatified. On Sunday 14 October 2018 he was officially recognized as St Oscar Romero.

This powerful documentary provides an excellent overview of Romero's life and martyrdom. It goes on to describe the long drawn out process after his death leading finally to his canonisation by Pope Francis. The Romero Trust shares the view that this is **the best Romero film** currently available.

The film, by Patrik Soergel and Gianni Beretta, produced in Spanish with English subtitles by Swiss-Italian television, lasts for 80 minutes.

The Film Club is pleased to welcome Julian Filochowski, former director of CAFOD, to introduce the film and host a Q&A session at the end.

## The Holy Family:

### Exploring Church Teaching and Life Experience

The Catholic Church's teaching on the family holds up a high ideal of family life and describes it as a path of holiness. But many people experience brokenness and difficulties in family life and may feel far from the ideal. In this abridged course we will be exploring Church teaching on family life, using Pope Francis' letter to all Christians *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love 2016)*. We will have the opportunity to reflect on and share our own experience, and explore how it can relate to Church teaching in hopeful and helpful ways. This course will be run by Fr Laco Sulik SJ at 114 Mount Street between 7pm - 8pm on the following dates:

25<sup>th</sup> January

1<sup>st</sup> February

8<sup>th</sup> February

22 February

1<sup>st</sup> March

To register your interest, please contact the parish secretary at [farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk).

## Save The Date!

The Bard School are holding a Candlemas Celebration at Farm Street Church on 2nd February at 6pm - 10pm with candles, choirs, cantos and crepes from the Connaught! More details to follow. Please block off your diary!

## Coronation Year History Walk

Saturday January 28th 2023

Discover the traditions and heritage of the Coronation ceremony that dates back over a thousand years...and the historic role that London has played for generations.

Meet 3pm steps of Westminster Cathedral, Victoria Street, London SW1P 1QW

The Walk will include Buckingham Palace and St James Park and will finish at Westminster Abbey

All welcome! We suggest a donation of £5.00p. The Walk will take approximately 2 hours and you can of course leave at any time.

No need to book - just turn up!

Catholic History  
Walks.[www.catholichistorywalks.com](http://www.catholichistorywalks.com)

## Offertory

The cash offertory for last Sunday came to £1,795.31. Thank you for your generosity.

## Catholic Listeners

Catholic Listeners, the new confidential helpline launched this year during Holy Week. The service which is part of the Diocese of Westminster, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith as well as to support those who need someone to talk to. 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, there is a professional team trained in signposting callers to other services and agencies. For further information please email [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com) or call us on 0800 448 0704

**Catholic Listeners are here to listen.**



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023**

## PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest  
Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

## REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

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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

## YEAR A

### 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

The Lord is my light and my help.

### ACCLAMATION

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

### COMMUNION

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



## THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Listening is something we've been focussing on a lot in my Parish over the last few months. Responding to Pope Francis' call to a worldwide Synod engaging in a consultation exercise on the future of the Catholic Church we have been spending time in groups sharing ideas. But not just a talking shop, even thrashing out positions, but, at least Pope Francis envisages this, taking time to reflect and pray and listen carefully to what each other has to say. Who knows where this will go? It will take time to percolate and bear fruit. But it makes me think it surely must be good to reflect on our priorities as society and in our own lives at a time when the experience of this dreadful pandemic is surely, amid the anxiety, exasperation, great suffering and grief, surely teaching us something about who we are and what we can be as the human race, united in our diversity, called to a new strength together through our collective weakness, called to take stock of how we treat each other and treat the resources God has given us for the good of all.

And as we celebrate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity our common calling as bearers of Christ to our world is something it would be good to ponder. Because to all of us Christians – from whatever country, whatever tradition, whatever background, are in this together as citizens of this global village and, regardless of our differences, of our agendas, of our political views, it is under his, under Christ's authority, we are called to serve.

Under his authority. United under his authority to set free. The Spirit of the Lord is upon him as the Messiah, the Anointed One, to bring liberty to those who are shackled and new sight to the blind, to release us so we might embrace a new era where his reign. And it is his authority and his power which unites us all – Roman Catholics, Anglicans, all people of good will, so-called right or left wing, or in the centre. His authority is different to earthly expressions of power in society. This Jesus, who is the Christ, the Anointed One in whom the Father is well pleased and who is filled with the Holy Spirit, is invested with the power of God, as he has been from all time and will be for ever. And it is under authority we pray, work and live as Christians together, and through his transforming power we respond to our calling in this world of the now and the future – personal, communal, united together.

Who is this Jesus to me and how does he transform my outlook on life? How does his authority break through into my life and impact on my own sense of personal calling, on my role in society? How does my faith in Jesus as my Lord and Saviour teach me how we rebuild the future together as we move into what Pope Francis is heralding as clearly a change of era. Not an era of change but change of era as we

are called to move on from this global tragedy, this era also of political upheaval and conflict, this era when we have plundered the planet and the gifts God has given us to use wisely as good stewards of creation? For me at the very heart of my faith is that this Jesus is not just another good person who teaches us by his example - that is part of his appeal to the crowds in the Gospel stories - but there's something more. To the first disciples it dawns on them there is something more to life which he points to which transcends groups of people – a divine destiny, a deeper intangible meaning in the midst of everyday life and work, something more than what we do in our jobs, however well we do them, something even greater than social concerns, charitable works, for all the good we do. It is rather in following the command of Christ on whose authority we place ourselves in the heart of society to build up his Kingdom.

May I suggest that for many this is a way of looking at the world that is quite difficult to accept at times. As a society we're not always tuned into equating religious matters – or spirituality – from the perspective of divine or spiritual authority – authority for us is more to do with the secular, with democracy or bureaucracy – and we tend to think of what we accrue in terms of education, ability, status even, and what we do in society not so much as a gift from above but rather as something we deserve. But this is deeply unchristian. Everything given to us comes from God and has a purpose, even when it seems we cannot understand it. And we are called to use that for his kingdom. Even, although it's been difficult to see that right now, the experience we have found ourselves in, this dreadful pandemic certainly not sent to us by a loving God but an experience which God invites us to learn from so we do not go back to a 'new normal' but which draws us more closely together to serve the Kingdom under one banner, the banner of Christ.

**Fr Dominic Robinson SJ**

### 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).

### 9.30am Mass Hymns

<b>Entrance</b>	466	All people that on earth do dwell
<b>Offertory</b>	600	All that I am
<b>Communion</b>	938	Soul of my Saviour
<b>Recessional</b>	708	Holy God we praise thy name

### 11am Music List

**Mass** Messe cum jubilio *Durufle*  
**Motets** Inveni David *Bruckner*  
 Pater noster *Liszt*  
**Organ** Fugue sur le thème de la Cathédrale de Soissons *Durufle*

### Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Susan Carpenter, Marie Carroll Copestake, Maggie Danby, Lady Antonia Fraser, Erin Lillis, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Millon Nigussie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, Leopold, & Nick Walker.  
*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. Fr Michael Beattie SJ, Paul Johnson, Gudrun Parini  
*Requiescant in pace*

### Liturgical Calendar

**Sun:** Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Mon:** Feria  
**Tue:** St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor  
**Wed:** The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle  
**Thu:** Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops  
**Fri:** Feria; St Angela Merici, Virgin (*Friday abstinence*)  
**Sat:** St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor  
**Sun:** Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Daily Readings

**Sun:** Isaiah 8:23-9:3; I Corinthians 1:10-17; Matthew 4:12-23  
**Mon:** Hebrews 9:15-28; Mark 3:22-30  
**Tue:** Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35  
**Wed:** Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18  
**Thu:** II Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:21-25  
**Fri:** Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34  
**Sat:** Hebrews 11:1-19; Mark 4:35-41  
**Sun:** Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13; I Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

### A Lamp For Our Lady

To give honour to Our Lady, a lamp will now burn before her statue in the sanctuary. A 7-day lamp will be lit every Saturday, the day traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and burn 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 in thanksgiving for Fr Christopher's ministry, by a friend.**

### SVP Volunteering

The St Vincent de Paul Society have a small programme for befriending of lonely and vulnerable people. This involves a weekly or fortnightly visit to a person in their home. If you would be interested to find out more about this, please contact Sandra McNally on s.mcnally1@lse.ac.uk or phone 07779 078933. Please note that volunteers will need to get a DBS check organised with the help of the parish safeguarding officer.

### Churches Together in Westminster AGM

This will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at Methodist Central Hall, SW1H 9NH. It will be followed by a panel discussion, titled 'Coping with a Torn Safety Net: The Church's Response to Increasing Need'. The panel will include Hannah Rich from the Theos Think Tank, along with speakers from Central London Catholic Churches, The Salvation Army, St Martin-in-the-Fields, The American International Church, and Hinde Street Methodist Church. Doors will open at 6pm; Business and reports at 6.30pm. Panel discussion at 7pm. Refreshments at 8pm. All welcome.

### The Heavens Proclaim: Astronomy and the Vatican

*Sunday 12 February 2023, 4-5pm, St Mary's Church, 4 Holly Walk, Hampstead, London NW3 6QU*

The roots of the Vatican Observatory go back to the Gregorian Reform of the Calendar in 1582, and it has been part of an extensive history of Church support for astronomy — Galileo to the contrary! As scientists supported by the Church, its modern mission is just to do good science. In the joy and beauty of what we discover, we reveal the presence of God in the things He has made; and in the process, show there is no inherent conflict between science and religion. We'll look into the history of this activity, including what's being done at the Vatican Observatory today.

Br Guy Consolmagno SJ is the Director of Specola Vaticana (the Vatican Observatory). He is an American research astronomer, physicist and President of the Vatican Observatory Foundation, the recipient of numerous awards and an author among other achievements.

It is with great pleasure that we are delighted to announce that Br Guy Consolmagno SJ will deliver his talk in person. Come and join us for what promises to be a fascinating insight into Astronomy, beauty and faith from a leading scientist.

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/>