

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Carmine di Cesare, Marie Carroll Copestake, Dietra Breedon, Michael Gill, Chris Hicks, Danny Rutilio, and Alan Stewart.
The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.
Psalm 41:3

Metamorphosis Icon Exhibition

We are delighted at Farm Street Church to be hosting 'Metamorphosis', an icon exhibition by Dr Irina Bradley. Irina is one of the leading iconographers in the UK and her works have been exhibited at Buckingham Palace, Christchurch Cathedral in Oxford, and other prestigious venues.

There are approximately 75 pieces in this new exhibition, including a new icon of St Magnus Erlendsson, which can be viewed in the Art Corridor at 114 Mount Street. The exhibition is open to the public at the following times:

Saturdays – 11am to 8pm
Sundays – 11am to 8pm
Weekdays – 8am to 8pm

Dr Bradley will also be giving a lecture in the church on Monday 7th of February at 6.45pm. The title of the lecture is, 'Symbolism of Colour in Icon Painting'. To buy tickets via Eventbrite, visit the Eventbrite website and type in the lecture title into 'search events'.

The exhibition is absolutely beautiful and is sure to lift the hearts of anyone who views it. Some photographs of the exhibition are available to view on the parish website.

Synod on Synodality

The Catholic Church is currently in a process of listening in preparation for the Synod on Synodality. The Pope has made it clear that this is a journey in which all people are invited to participate. Here at Farm Street Church, we have a team of people working on our parish response to this invitation. We need to hear your views on the wider Church. Please pick up a questionnaire at the back of the church, fill it in, and deposit it in the marked box (also at the back of the church). You can also download a form on our website homepage and e-mail it to us. The Westminster Synod Team will start collating responses on 22nd January and try to finalise their Synthesis by 29th January 2022.

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 Thursday 27 January
Cost: free refreshments (donations welcome)
Presenting: 'Pope Francis - a Man of his Word' (95 min)
Following the last club meeting where we showed 'The Two Popes', the film club continues the papal theme, this time with an excellent documentary.
Written and directed by Wim Wenders, 'Pope Francis - a Man of his Word' is a 2018 co-production with the Vatican. Pope Francis' ideas and his message are central to this documentary, which sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions from death, social justice, immigration, ecology, wealth inequality, materialism and the role of the family.
Book online: EventBrite address TBC
With a Covid maximum attendance of 25, please register at Event Brite (Details to follow) For more information email David at dthurst52@gmail.com

Faith Journeys in Science

Farm Street Church is delighted to be hosting 'Faith Journeys in Science: Exploring the Relationship between Science and Faith from a Christian Perspective'. This event is organised by Radio Maria England and will take place on the evening of Saturday 5th February. The event will consist of:

5:00pm Rosary
6:00pm Vigil Mass
7:30pm A talk titled, 'Faith Journeys in Science in the Conference Centre'.

The event will include stories and testimonies from scientists and theologians. There will be the opportunity to discuss the topic presented and ask questions of the speaker(s). Speakers will include.

For more information and to book a free ticket, please visit www.radiomariaengland.co.uk

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd January 2022

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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 – 6pm
Sunday: Fifteen minutes before every Mass
Also by appointment

BAPTISM AND WEDDINGS

By appointment.

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday: 7.30am - 6.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am – 7.00pm

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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

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

ACCLAMATION

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives.

COMMUNION

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



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This is the week when Christians come together, or sometimes separately, to pray for the reunification of the fractured Body of Christ. It is important to say this is not a way of arguing that “We are right and you are wrong”. In these days, people talk of “Receptive Ecumenism”, where the idea is that we ask, “What can we learn from you about our common Christian discipleship?” In these days, the watchword is “respectful listening”.

And how are we to do this? We might perhaps start by looking at the readings for today. I think that the message they carry is one of listening to God, and keeping our eyes on Jesus. In that splendid first reading, Ezra and the people of God are trying to put right the shambles into which they have fallen. For it is now one hundred years since they returned from exile, and nothing much seems to have happened; there is violence and robbery and exploitation of the poor. The answer to all this is, apparently, to listen to what God is saying; so they read the entire Law out loud, and offer a translation or explanation, from day break until midday. I am not sure how that would be received in this parish; so we watch admiringly. And it has its effect: the people have to be told not to be sad or weep, because “today is holy to the Lord your God” and the people were all weeping, which is of little use. Encouraged by all this, they have a party and that's a good way to celebrate receptive ecumenism.

Then in the second reading, Paul is trying to stop the Corinthians from fighting; to put it in context, Paul is always trying to stop the Corinthians from fighting. but it might be useful for us to notice how he does it; like many religious groups their inclination was to say, “we are much more spiritual than you; we are right and you are wrong”. Certainly, it was the case that the Corinthians were all very different; and the same is true of all Christians today. The danger is if we start to canonise our differences, and to see them as proof of our own correctness and your benighted error. Paul does something rather neat; he looks at their diversity, and congratulates them on their spiritual gifts but insists the key point here, in all the diversity and difference, is the unifying breath of the Spirit. Those early Christians had experience of the Spirit, possibly more than we do; so this would have been an argument that might appeal to

them. Do you think that today if we listen hard to the gentle whisper of the Holy Spirit, we might be told where we are to go in our mutual dialogue? Do you think that we trust the Spirit sufficiently? Do you think that there is anything that the Spirit might wish to change in the way we go on? At these are questions worth asking. So this week let us be like those Israelites, and listen attentively to the word of God; then let us follow Paul, and boldly in trust ourselves to the leading of God's Holy Spirit.

And we must also, of course, watch what Jesus does. In today's gospel, we find that Luke has taken a story out of Mark's gospel; and he has put it right at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. In fact, there are two beginnings, for our gospel starts with the opening four verses of Luke telling us what he thought he was doing in writing a gospel, and insisting on his carefulness in doing so. Then look at the rest of the story; see how Luke forces us to keep watching. First, we discover that it is the Sabbath, which always means trouble in the gospels; then he makes sure that we are listening to God, as Jesus reads that lovely quotation from Isaiah. Then again, we watch as he rolls up the scroll, hands it back to the attendant, with everyone gazing at him. And then he preaches a sermon: and what a sermon! Rather shorter than anything you will hear in this church today: Jesus simply says, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your ears”.

We are now watching and listening eagerly; and if we can do that if we can listen to the breathing of the Spirit as in today's second reading, and if we can take aboard the entire text of the Law, as in the first reading, then we may be able to listen and hear what God is saying to us. That would be quite a good way of praying through this Christian Unity Week.

Fr Nicholas King SJ

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of January 2022, we pray for true human fraternity. Let us pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Liturgical Calendar

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

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10;
I Corinthians 12:12-30;
Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21
Mon: II Samuel 5:1-10; Mark 3:22-30
Tue: Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18
Wed: II Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:1-20
Thu: II Samuel 7:18-29; Mark 4:21-25
Fri: II Samuel 11:1-17; Mark 4:26-34
Sat: II Samuel 12:1-17; Mark 4:35-41
Sun: Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19
I Corinthians 12:31-13:13;
Luke 4:21-30

Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ Memorial

A memorial Mass will be celebrated for Fr Michael O'Halloran SJ RIP on Monday 24th January at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday Refreshments

Due to the rise of the Omicron variant of Covid, Sunday refreshments will be suspended until at least the end of January 2022.

Living Stones Tours of the Church

The next Living Stones Tours of Farm Street Church will take place on Sunday 30th January at 1.30 and 3.30pm. This month the Living Stones group will give tours focusing on the chapel of our Lady of the Seven Dolours, and the feast of the Presentation in the Temple. Tours will last approximately 45 minutes. These tours are free and all welcome to attend. Those wishing to attend should meet at the back of the church.

White Flower Appeal 2022

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal on the weekend of the **6th February**. SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life Speech. Pro-life witness is being restricted now more than ever; we must be able to speak freely to protect unborn babies. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC protect unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

SVP Volunteers

The St Vincent de Paul Society organises a soup run in the local area every Monday night for the homeless. They need more volunteers to help with the soup run, starting at 7:30pm from Farm Street Church. If you might be able to help, please contact Yasko Kurahachi on y.kurahachi@gmail.com

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed from the 18th to the 25th January. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness. For more information, please visit www.ctbi.org/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/

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 Anne Paolino at apaolino@jesuit.org.uk.

Face Covering Notice

In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to respect the safety of all, we request that you wear a face covering in the church, unless you are exempt from doing so. Thank you for your cooperation.