

JUBILEE 175

SAVE THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

May 1 Jubilee Concert with our own Bobby Chen, piano, featuring the music of Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin and Liszt. This is a fundraiser for the Jubilee 175 Campaign, booking details available later this month.

June 7 Summer Party with dancing, at 114 Mount Street. A buffet supper will be generously provided by The Connaught Hotel and Claridge's, with a cash bar. This is also a fundraiser for the Jubilee 175 Campaign, booking details will be available in Easter Week.

June 9 Parish Picnic in Mount Street Gardens, following the 9.30 Mass and continuing into the late afternoon. Open to all, people are invited to bring a dish (main course, salad, dessert) to share. Pimm's Cups will be available for sale.

July 31 Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving on the Solemnity of Saint Ignatius, with Bishop Nicholas Hudson, principal celebrant. This Mass will celebrate the opening of the church on 31 July, 1849.

September 21 Ecumenical pilgrimage to Canterbury, with our friends at Grosvenor Chapel. The day will begin and end at Canterbury West Station, with pilgrims free to make their own arrangements for travel to and from Canterbury. There will be no charge for the day.

October 5 Jubilee Ball at the Savile Club, Brook Street. The evening will include a Champagne reception, dinner with wine, live auction, raffle and dancing until 1am. Booking details will be available in the late summer and all proceeds will go to Farm Street Church.

November 2 Walking tour of London sites important to the history of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), from the sixteenth century up to the present day.

December 9 Solemn Pontifical Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, with Vincent Cardinal Nichols, principal celebrant. This Mass will close our Jubilee Year of celebration and thanksgiving.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

DAY trip to WALSINGHAM Saturday MAY 11th: 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 email Walsingham@farmstreetchurch.co.uk or 'phone Leslie Giltz on 07740 440 949

Cana Lounge Café

The Cana Lounge Café operates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. This is a volunteer-run lunchtime café in the Cana Lounge at 114 Mount Street. Freshly made sandwiches and soup are available for a very reasonable suggested donation. The café operates between 12 noon and 2pm.

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

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PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest

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Fr Michael Barnes SJ; Fr David Birchall SJ;

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SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

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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: 11:00 to 12:00; 17:45 – 17:55

Sunday: Fifteen minutes before every Mass
Also by appointment

Third Sunday of Easter

14th April 2024

YEAR B TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

*Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.*

RESPONSE

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

ACCLAMATION

*Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all nations, alleluia.



THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

"The Mystery of Faith!" These words spoken by the celebrant at Mass following the consecration of the bread and wine invite us to unite our voices in acclaiming the reality of Christ's redeeming work now brought before us in the miracle of the Mass. The Easter event (the Paschal mystery) is intimately united to our celebration of the Eucharist and every Mass is an Easter proclamation. For this reason we should be filled with joy when we approach the Sacrament at Communion. In the words of Pope Benedict: "The mission for which Jesus came among us was accomplished in the Paschal Mystery. On the cross from which he draws all people to himself just before 'giving up the spirit' he utters the words: 'it is accomplished'. In the mystery of Christ's obedience unto death, even death on a cross, the new and eternal covenant is brought about. Human sin was redeemed once and for all by God's Son. In the Paschal Mystery our deliverance from evil and death has taken place. In instituting the Eucharist, Jesus spoke of the 'new and eternal covenant' in the shedding of his blood. This, the ultimate purpose of his mission, was clear from the very beginning of his public life. When, on the banks of the Jordan, John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him, he cried out, 'Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'. It is significant that these words are repeated at every celebration of Holy Mass when the priest invites us to approach the altar. Jesus is the true Paschal lamb who really gave himself in sacrifice for us and thus brought about the new and eternal covenant. The Eucharist contains this radical newness, which is offered to us again and again at every celebration." (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 9)

The Church too must experience in her own members this saving death, this resurrection to new life. We pray for this in our present distress when the Church is afflicted with the scandal of sin. "Why be a Catholic?" people may ask. We do not have to list the catalogue of reasons. It is enough to point to the Mass. Everything we believe in is made present to us in this outpouring of grace. The Church will always be the Body of Christ on earth, but it is a body made up of sinful members. We pray for its purification. As we rejoice in the celebration of our redemption, let us renew our commitment to the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Catholic lives. Here is where the Church is reborn. Here is where it finds forgiveness for its sins. Priests and people alike are one at the altar

in receiving this power from above. Each time we celebrate this great sacrament we proclaim the death and resurrection of Christ. We are united with the risen Lord and we share his divine life. Through him, with him and in him, we are able to live lives that will give glory and honour to God.

Fr William Pearsall SJ

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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 next week for tea, coffee, and fellowship!

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 for the special intention of Theodoros.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:13-19; I John 2:1-5;
Luke 24:35-48

Mon: Easter feria
Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

Tue: Easter feria
Acts 7:51-8:1; John 6:30-35

Wed: Easter feria
Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40

Thu: Easter feria
Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

Fri: St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr
(Friday abstinence)
Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

Sat: Easter feria
Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

Sun: Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12; I John 3:1-2;
John 10:11-18

9.30am Mass hymns

<i>Entrance</i>	694	All creatures of our God and King
<i>Offertory</i>	604	Lord accept the gifts we offer
<i>Communion</i>	651	My God and is thy table spread
<i>Recessional</i>	287	Thine be the glory

A Musical Evening

Join Radio Maria England for the Feast Day of St George on Tuesday, 23rd April at 7:30pm at the London Oratory, Brompton Road for an evening of music, with award-winning pianist Rachael Shipard and singer Christian Jenkins. The programme includes music from Wagner, Schumann, Rachmaninoff & Vaughan-Williams. For tickets, please visit tinyurl.com/Dreams-April-2024

Holy Land Relief Concert

A concert will be given by the renowned pianist Bobby Chen in aid of humanitarian relief for the Holy Land. This will take place at Farm Street Church on **Saturday 27th April at 7.30pm**. Concert and reception: £50
Concert only: £25
Admission by tickets available from www.tickettailor.com. All proceeds will be donated to the Humanitarian Relief Fund of the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem through the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Jubilee Concert

Join us for a very special evening of music as we continue to mark and celebrate the 175th anniversary of Farm Street Church. Farm Street has long been regarded for its commitment to music, and so we are delighted to have internationally renowned pianist Bobby Chen performing Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin and Liszt. The concert will take place in Farm Street Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st May. Tickets are £25 which includes a glass of wine after the concert. All proceeds to support the Jubilee 175 Fundraising Campaign. As this is a fundraising event for the parish, tickets are not refundable. To purchase tickets, visit the Farm Street Church website.

Catholic Association Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Catholic Association pilgrimage to Lourdes, which includes the Stonyhurst pilgrimage, will take place from 23 to 30 August 2004. All are welcome. For more information, email contact@catholicassociation.co.uk or ask Fr Nicholas King.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from the 19th to 26th July. For more information about this, please visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or speak to Fr Dominic.



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 www.londonjesuitcentre.org. For further information, contact Federica Fiore at ffiore@jesuit.org.uk or on 020 7529 4844.

First Belong to God

On Saturday 20th April, from 11am to 3pm, Austen Ivereigh, author of 'The Great Reformer' and 'Wounded Shepherd' on Pope Francis, presents his new book, a retreat with Pope Francis, 'First Belong to God'. Few people know Pope Francis better than Austen Ivereigh, and in this day he will consider the reason behind the Pope's desire for a 'Synodal Church' and how the Pope is influenced by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Our day will include time for prayer, reflection and some synodal exchanges. Retreat Day is in the LJC, 114 Mount St - A sandwich lunch will be provided. To sign up for this event, visit the events page on the London Jesuit Centre website.