

SAVE THE DATE

After a long hiatus, the Parish Picnic will return this year on Sunday, 12 June, starting after the 9.30am Mass and continuing into the afternoon. More details will be available in a week or two. Watch this space!

Meet the Neighbours

From 6.30 – 8pm on Tuesday, 10th May 2022. All are invited for a visit to The American International Church at 79A Tottenham Court Road, W1Y 4TD.

The visit will include:

- A Brief History of the churches on Tottenham Court Road and its international congregations
- An overview of their community-based ministries, especially their support of refugees and people experiencing homelessness
- Light refreshments
- A blessing for our churches together in Westminster

Free – All are welcome.

This event is organised by Churches Together in Westminster.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Carmine di Cesare, Marie Carroll Copestake, Michael Gill, Chrissie Harkink-Mobbs, and Alan Stewart.

The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health.

Psalms 41:3

We also pray for those who have died recently: Fr Tony Nye SJ.

Requiescat in pace

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

Mass for Migrants

The annual Mass for Migrants will take place on Monday 2nd May at Westminster Cathedral. 2pm for the banner procession, with the Mass starting at 2.30pm. The Mass is for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, with ethnic chaplaincies and communities around London. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Michael Campbell OSA. All welcome.

Catholic Listeners

Our journey through Lent and Holy Week culminated with the joy of Easter and Christ's victory over death, and the promise of hope and redemption for all of us.

We know that for many there is an acute sense of alienation, loneliness and anxiety brought about by the COVID restrictions over the past two years. Also, many would have drifted away from the family of the church. If you know anyone who would appreciate speaking to someone then there is the Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline. 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.

Catholic Listeners is part of Landings, an established programme based also at Farm Street. Through compassionate listening Landings offers a way back to practice of the Catholic faith for those who have been away and now wish to reengage with it. For further information contact Ruby on landingsouth@gmail.com

"Inspiration, Stress, and Play in the Poetry of G. M. Hopkins" by Professor Michael Hurley

Sunday 8 May, 4-5pm, St Mary's Church, Hampstead, London.

It is with great pleasure that we are delighted to announce that Professor Hurley will deliver his talk in person. Come and join us for what promises to be a fascinating insight into the poetry of an innovative and groundbreaking Catholic Poet.

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/>

CAFOD Second Collection

There will be a short talk at each Mass this weekend about the work of CAFOD. This will be followed by a second collection for their work. Please be as generous as you can.

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Third Sunday of Easter 1st May 2022

PARISH CLERGY

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

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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

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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

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION

Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took the bread and gave it to them, alleluia.



A REMARKABLE GOSPEL

Today's gospel is a remarkable one, in a number of ways. In the first place, it follows what sounds like the original ending of the gospel (have a look at the end of John chapter 20 if you want to see what I mean).

Then the next thing to notice in this extraordinary appearance of Jesus is that you don't have the 12, but *seven* not all of whom are actually named here. There is an air of weary despair, as we hear Simon Peter saying, "I'm going fishing". Does he, we ask, really believe in the resurrection? Or is he just going back to his own old trade? Anyway, the rest of them want to join in, and we're not terribly surprised to learn that the expedition was a disaster: "that night they caught nothing".

Then things change quite remarkably; for suddenly, Jesus is in the story: "Jesus stood on the shore but the disciples didn't know it was Jesus". Then the appearance calls out to them, asking if they've caught anything; when they utter their gloomy "No", he gives some instructions about how to do some fishing. Then things change abruptly, and they're dealing with more fish than they can possibly manage. Now the story develops in two ways: first, the beloved disciple identifies the stranger: "it is the Lord!" Secondly, and not for the first time in his life, Simon Peter behaves very oddly; he was *naked*, so he puts his clothes on in order to plunge into the sea! Then he leaves his colleagues (and we remember that the fishing expedition was all his idea) to drag the ship and its catch to the shore, all 153 of the fish.

But you always have to come back to Jesus, which is what Peter has so enthusiastically done; and Jesus now gives more instructions, about making a contribution to the breakfast fund. Oddly there is a question about Jesus's identity: "none of the disciples dared to ask Jesus, 'who are you?'" And the evangelist says, excusing them, "they knew it was the Lord".

But there is more to come, as there always is with Jesus; and your attention now is very much on Simon Peter. You may remember that not very long ago, he was cursing and swearing at the top of his voice that he had never, ever heard of Jesus. He did this, of course, three times; and now, as a gentle reminder, he is asked three questions: "do you love me?". It is only fair to

tell you that many scholars note that two different words are used for "love", one that is said to mean the unselfish love that Christians should have for each other, and that Jesus has for us; and one that is more like friendship. My view, however, is that the evangelist likes to avoid repeating words, and means the same by both terms.

At all events, Simon bar Jonah gets pretty upset at Jesus' remorseless questioning; of course, that means that he is missing the main point, which is the triple invitation to "feed my lambs... shepherd my sheep... feed my sheep". In the most delicate way possible, Jesus is indicating to him as he knows all about the triple betrayal, and it doesn't matter. Despite his terrible cowardice, Jesus is appointing him to be in charge of the feeding of the sheep. This is therefore a remarkable gospel, even though we perhaps do not fully understand it. But it is spoken to us, who have also shown a lack of courage, and yet are invited to do a job in the Church.

And this remarkable gospel does not stop here: for Simon Peter is now warned how he is going to die: "When you grow old, you're going to hold out your hands and someone else will bind you and carry you, where you do not want to go". Only then does the invitation come: "follow me". And Simon Peter might at this stage have been pardoned for remembering a previous engagement, but not a bit of it, and the gospel ends with the broad statement that "there were many other things that Jesus did which if they were written down one by one, I don't think the world would contain the scrolls that would be written".

This is an extraordinary gospel; and it is your story, this week.

Fr Nicholas King SJ

Fr Tony Nye SJ Funeral
The funeral of Fr Tony Nye SJ will take place at Farm Street Church on Tuesday 10th May at 2.30pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the Arrupe Hall. Many of you will remember Fr Tony from his time as parish priest at Farm Street Church and his subsequent years as a member of the parish clergy team. All are welcome to attend his funeral. Please continue to pray for the repose of Fr Tony's soul.

Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May is a Bank Holiday and thus the church will be operating according to our usual bank holiday schedule. The church will open at 11am and close at 1.30pm. Confessions will be heard at 12 noon and Mass celebrated at 1.05pm.

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/>

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Third Sunday of Easter
Mon: St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor
Tue: SS Philip & James, Apostles
Wed: The English Martyrs
Thu: Easter feria;
Fri: Easter feria (Friday abstinence)
Sat: Easter feria
Sun: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Acts 2:27-41; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
Mon: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
Tue: I Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14
Wed: Acts 7:55-60; Matthew 10:17-20
Thu: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
Fri: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
Sat: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69
Sun: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Apocalypse 7:9,14-17; John 10:27-30

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.

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.

9.30am Mass Hymns

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

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.