

### 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](mailto:contact@catholicassociation.co.uk) or ask Fr Nicholas King.

### Job Vacancy

The London Jesuit Centre and the Jesuit Young Adults Ministries are looking for a Marketing and Communications person to maintain their websites, publicise their work, and produce short videos for social media. This is a full-time post with two days a week work for the Jesuit Young Adults Ministries and three days with the London Jesuit Centre.

Closing Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

To apply, visit [londonjesuitcentre.org/get-involved/jobs](http://londonjesuitcentre.org/get-involved/jobs)

### FARM STREET PARISH FILM CLUB PREVIEW

Tim Hetherington Film Club at Farm Street, 114 Mount St W1K 3AH

**Next showing: Arrupe Hall 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Tuesday 5 March 2024**

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

Presenting: 'Ida' (82 minutes) Booking invited (but not necessary) at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com)

#### Introduction

The selection criterion for films shown at the Farm Street Film Club is important films about people that have made a difference.

Responding to a recommendation by a regular film club supporter, the film this month is 'Ida', a 2013 foreign language drama, written and directed by Pawel Pawlikowski. The film was voted Best Film by the European Film Academy in 2014, Best Non-English Film by BAFTA in 2014 and Best Foreign Language Film at the 2015 Academy Awards. Quite a pedigree. Set in Poland in 1962, it follows a young woman on the verge of taking vows as a Catholic nun. Orphaned as an infant during the German occupation of World War II, she must meet her aunt, a former Communist state prosecutor and only surviving relative, who tells her that her parents were Jewish. The two women embark on a road trip into the Polish countryside to learn the fate of their relatives.

Hailed as a 'compact masterpiece; and an 'eerily beautiful road movie, the film has also been said to 'contain a cosmos of guilt, violence and pain'. Buckle up for a bumpy ride!

### Cana Lounge Café

We are offering the opportunity for individuals to operate independently the sandwich and beverage service for the Cana Lounge Café in the LJC. This is for 3 days per week (Tues – Thurs) for approximately 3 hours per day (11 – 2pm). A food handling certificate and experience with food preparation is required. Individuals, keep all donations. For more information please speak with Fr. Dominic. This is an opportunity to use and develop skills in hospitality.

### Disability and the Divine

Farm Street Church is currently hosting an exhibition titled 'Disability and the Divine' by artist Marc Bratcher. The pictures, depicting the Holy Family in the context of physical disability, are displayed on the side altars of the church. It is hoped that this exhibition will contribute to a positive conversation around disability and the church. The exhibition will run until the 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

### Monthly Memorial Prayer Vigil for refugees and asylum-seekers

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.CatholicListeners.com](http://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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[www.farmstreet.org.uk](http://www.farmstreet.org.uk)



## Third Sunday of Lent

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

### YEAR B TODAY'S RESPONSES

#### ENTRY

*My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.*

#### RESPONSE

*You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

#### ACCLAMATION

*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.  
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

#### COMMUNION

*The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they dwell in your house,  
for ever signing your praise.*

### 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:  
[farmstreetsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstreetsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

### 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 Thursday:** 12:00-13:00

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays in Lent:** 12:30-13:00

### 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



# SYNOD SUNDAY SUMMARY

**We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather in Your name.**

These words are the beginning of the Synod prayer, said daily at the meeting of Synod representatives in Rome in October 2023.

Pope Francis announced the Synod on Synodality in October 2021 with the aim of hearing from the Church across the world. This process of listening to one another, without seeking consensus and agreement, was designed to give people at every level a chance to share their longings and dreams for the future of the Church.

At the beginning of this journey, we did not know where it would lead us. Already for those who have participated in the process, there has been a shift in culture. We have experienced that in listening without debate our relationships with one another can grow and deepen.

The meeting in Rome was the first of its kind, where the Pope, Cardinals, Bishops, clergy, laity, men and women, came together around tables to share and listen to one another and to the themes that had come in from around the world.

Last Sunday we had a Synod meeting in the Arrupe Hall after each Mass, standing together before the Holy Spirit and listening to one another as we reflected on the themes that came out of the month-long meeting of Synod representatives.

To facilitate the discussion at this stage, the bishops locally asked us to think about co-responsibility - mission and participation - and formation. These meetings were an opportunity for people to ask questions about what this could look like and to consider how local structures in our own church could change to accommodate that.

We heard that parishioners have appreciated listening and being listened to over the last two years, and that some of us long for concrete decisions. We know that any change impacts each person differently, but we hear a deep hope that, however our life as Church continues, we want to remain united in our faith, community, prayer and worship.

There were concerns that much more could be provided for children and young people, especially the age group 16 to 25.

Some initiatives such as half of the reading rota at the family mass being given to children, supported by a young adult, have already started; others are planned, such as the launch of a child friendly space in the St Ignatius chapel for use during Mass. However, there are unmet needs and no obvious spaces for community and faith sharing amongst people in their late teens and early twenties.

Some people were clear how much they valued the formation and catechesis that had been part of their journey as Catholics and said they would like more opportunities to study the Bible, learn about the faith, and encourage each other in different ways of praying.

Some people knew about the programs that are well established at Farm Street, such as RCIA and Landings, and wondered if this model could be used for ongoing formation, learning and faith sharing. The use of digital platforms for prayer, study, learning and evangelization could be developed further, something which Pope Francis has acknowledged.

Some people voiced their frustration that the process of change in the wider Church is slow. For example, many people highlighted a desire for increased rôles for women, particularly opportunities for their voices to be heard, such as in preaching, the diaconate, or even the priesthood. This has been discussed for a long time.

At the same time, there was acknowledgement that Farm Street already gives some space for women's leadership.

The welcoming of LGBT Catholics Westminster is valued by many, although there is some frustration that LGBT people were not specifically mentioned in the Synthesis document from Rome 2023.

Importance was given to holding onto the universal beliefs and values of our faith, and many expressed the hope that these will strengthen Church unity.

There is much to do to rebuild and maintain trust in the Church after many betrayals, and we heard a longing to be involved in that rebuilding. Some people spoke of their concern about the hurt that the Church has caused with the abuse scandal and the way it has been handled.

Many spoke of their need for community and social activities as a way of encouraging each other in the faith, and there were practical suggestions about how we could witness our faith to others outside the Church by more openness about being Catholics.

Whilst none of us know what is going to emerge from the conclusion of this phase of the Synod, we are all called to trust the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit today and into the future. More information about the Synod is available on the parish website.

The Synodal process is teaching us to listen in new ways - let's continue the conversations!

**Lal Keenan  
& Janet Obeney-Williams  
(Farm Street Parishioners)**

## 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!

## Palm Sunday United Service

On Palm Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, there will be the usual United Service with Exchange of Palms with our friends at the Grosvenor Chapel. This will take place at 10:45am at the palm tree in Mount Street Gardens. Music will be provided by the Farm Street Choir.

## Liturgical Calendar

**Sun: Third Sunday of Lent**  
Exodus 20:1-17; I Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25  
**Mon: Lent feria; St Casimir**  
II Kings 5:1-55; Luke 4:24-30  
**Tue: Lent Feria**  
Daniel 3:25-43; Matthew 18:21-35  
**Wed: Lent feria**  
Deuteronomy 4:1-9; Matthew 5:17-19  
**Thu: Lent feria; Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs**  
Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23  
**Fri: Lent feria; St John of God, Religious (Friday abstinence)**  
Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34  
**Sat: Lent feria; St Frances of Rome, Religious**  
Hosea 5:15-6:6; Luke 18:9-14  
**Sun: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**  
II Chronicles 36:14-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

## 9.30am Mass hymns

<b>Entrance</b>	<b>806</b>	The Lord's my shepherd
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>908</b>	Blest are the pure in heart
<b>Communion</b>	<b>803</b>	Love is his word
<b>Recessional</b>	<b>206</b>	Forty days and forty nights

## Lazos de Amor Mariano

(Bonds of Marian Love) Praying Group takes place every Friday in the Arrupe Hall at 114 Mount Street from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. We meditate on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary, the virtues of a Saint and the Sunday Gospel. It is held in Spanish. All are welcome.

## 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 Vincent Techniquiz's intention.**

## Jesuit Missions Collection

There will be a second collection today to support the work of Jesuit Missions. All donations are gratefully received. A donation can also be made using the following QR code:



## Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: King Charles, Debra Minty Baker, Camilla Blower, Ian Bookey, Marie Carroll Copestake, Margaret Cartledge, Felicity Ann Croft, Natalie Dennehy-Caddick, Kyllikki Edelhain, 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.*

## Peter's Way of the Cross

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a performance of *Peter's Way of the Cross* at Farm Street Church on the evening of **Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm** preceded by Mass at 6pm. Peter's Way of the Cross is a 60-minute reflection which imagines St. Peter following the path of Jesus on his way to Calvary whilst reflecting on his journey as a disciple and as a witness to Christ's teachings. Peter begins his journey confused by the events of Gethsemane, the trial and is distressed and ashamed by his denial. At each station, the scene is described, and Peter reflects on Christ's teaching or actions from the three years of ministry. In each case the gospel passage used has been set to music.

The words were written by Bernard Lavery KSG and the music composed by Giovanni Marseglia BM. The work has been performed in Westminster Cathedral, Killarney Cathedral, The Old Bailey and many parishes in the diocese. It was also used as the centrepiece of an evening celebration during the 2017 Westminster Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes and was enthusiastically received.

**This event is free and does not require booking.** A collection will be taken to support the work of The Westminster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage. His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will be in attendance.