

# NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET

## Becoming a Catholic

### Becoming a Catholic: a pathway towards being received into the Catholic Church

This program has been designed by Farm Street for those who wish to become a Catholic. It shows how the Catholic faith has the scope and power to bring about personal transformation, beginning with rethinking the way we live and the priorities we make.

It consists of 11 sessions, two per month, starting 22 October 2022 at 11am at Farm Street Church, facilitated by a mixed group of Catholic clergy and lay volunteers. If you know of anybody wishing to become a Catholic please introduce the person to Claudia Whitty, the coordinator of this program, either at [claudiagwhitty@gmail.com](mailto:claudiagwhitty@gmail.com) or 07932 668247.

## Coming Home

11.00am Thursday 10 November 2022

A Service of Commemoration for people who have been homeless who have died in the past year at St Martin-in-the-Fields. All are welcome.

This service is organised by: St Martin-in-the-Fields, The Connection at St Martin's, Housing Justice, and The Museum of Homelessness.

## 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.**

## Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Maggie Danby, Nina Irwin, Erin Lillis, Mr and Mrs J Sheppard, Sarah Esparza Regalado, Leopold, & Nick Walker.

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

*Psalms 41:3*

We pray for those in the parish who have recently died.

*Requiescat in pace*

## Confirmations 2023

The next programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation for teenagers (aged 14+) begins on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Farm Street Church on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023. For more information and to register, please contact Leninha at [farmstcatholic@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstcatholic@rcdow.org.uk).

## First Holy Communion 2023

The next programme for First Holy Communion will begin on the 13<sup>th</sup> November. For more information and to receive an enrolment form, contact Leninha at [farmstcatholic@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstcatholic@rcdow.org.uk). This programme will end up First Holy Communion celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.

## 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](mailto: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 for the intention of all mothers.**

## The Farm Street Charity Ball 2022

We are delighted to invite you to the Farm Street Church Charity Ball to be held at The Savile Club on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October. The evening will begin with a Champagne and canapé reception at 7.00pm in the Drawing Room. A three-course dinner will then be served at 7.45pm in the Ballroom and will also include musical entertainment. Dinner will be followed by a live auction in support of the listed charities. Coffee and chocolates will then be served downstairs, where guests will also enjoy dancing from 10pm until 1am.

Dress code: Black Tie

Dining Tickets: £150 per person

Dancing Tickets: £45 Includes one glass of house wine

We hope you can join us and enjoy the evening. Tickets can be purchased on Ticket Tailor via the Farm Street Church website [www.farmstreet.org.uk](http://www.farmstreet.org.uk).



## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

### 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 C

### ENTRY

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

### RESPONSE

This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

### ACCLAMATION

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

### COMMUNION

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



## A VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND

Recently, as some of you are aware, I was lately in the Holy Land; this was as spiritual director to a pilgrimage from the Diocese of Clifton. With one thing and another in recent years it had been some while since I was there, but it still worked its old familiar magic. We started in Bethlehem; that surprised me a little, but it worked remarkably well, for it brought us into contact with the reality of the lives of Palestinians, especially Palestinian Christians who are decreasing in number all the time, though they remain impressively faithful. We were able to glimpse them as they made the difficult way through the checkpoints that separate the West Bank from Israel; it might have been better if we ourselves had endured some of the interrogation that goes on there, but still we got an idea of what was happening, and we were also taken to a Palestinian village on the edge of Bethlehem, and visited the "House of Joy", an impressive school for children with learning difficulties. We also visited the admirable "House of Martha", a wonderful refuge for older women, where they can be fed and washed (and even do some lively dancing!) though it is not possible for them to live there. That experience set the context for the rest of our time in the country. We did all the usual Bethlehem things, the "Shepherds' Fields" in Beit Sahour, the Basilica of the Nativity (of course), as well as St Catherine's Church. It seemed to this observer that things were less tense between the various Christian denominations than used to be the case.

After that it was Jerusalem, and pleasant lodgings in the Latin Quarter. We had an excellent guide, himself a Palestinian Christian, and absolutely on top of the biblical material as well as on the history of the sites that we visited. There was a memorable visit to the basilica of the Holy Sepulchre: Golgotha and the long queue to get into the "Edicule", the site of Jesus' tomb, not to mention the lovely chapel of St Helena. Some of us went on two evenings to the Western Wall, and were very moved by the prayerful atmosphere. Perhaps the most unforgettable expedition was the one that took us from the Mosque of the Ascension, all the way down the Mount of Olives to the unforgettable Garden of Gethsemane. On the way, as many of you will recall, we take in the Church of the Pater Noster, where the Lord's Prayer can be found in hundreds of languages. Then we continued our slightly uncertain progress to that lovely church of the Dominus Flevit, recalling Jesus' tears over Jerusalem, where we had mass, the pilgrims able to gaze at the breathtaking view of the Dome of the Rock, over the "hen and chickens" altar through that extraordinary window. We walked the Old City,

as one must, although some found it quite hard work. Part of the group did a fairly rapid Stations of the Cross, which in some ways must have echoed Jesus' experience. On our final afternoon there we did "Mt Zion", which is now of course largely outside the City Walls, including the Church of Peter in Gallicantu, quite beautifully restored; alas the church of the Dormition will be closed for refurbishment for a few more years. But it was still a good way to end.

Then we turned North to Nazareth and Galilee, for the last part of our pilgrimage. We visited all the usual places, and discovered that we had during these days gone deeper into the mystery of this very Holy Land, and not forgotten those suffering Palestinians. We had a splendid visit to Caesarea Maritima, where Herod built some unforgettable buildings, where Paul was imprisoned for two years and where the great scholar Eusebius was bishop. We also had mass at the restored Magdala, gazing out over the Sea of Galilee. In addition, we went, as you must go, to Capharnaum, Tabgha, and of course the beautiful Church of the Beatitudes.

It was, take it all in all, a remarkable pilgrimage. And it came beautifully together on the last afternoon when we had a boat on the sea of Galilee; at a certain point the crew switched off the engine, and we drifted silently, reflecting on what we had been through during these days, and what they had done for us. It was a remarkable pilgrimage. Then the next morning we left our hotel in Tiberias at 1:30am. I was back here in my office by 11:00am. We live in a very different world.

**Fr Nicholas King 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>	708	Holy God we praise thy name
<b>Offertory</b>	600	All that I am
<b>Communion</b>	627	This is my body
<b>Recessional</b>	722	Give me joy in my heart

### 11am Music List

**Mass** Missa quarti toni Vicotria  
**Motets** Lauda Jerusalem Monteverdi  
 O Maria mater gratiae Crivelli  
**Organ** Toccata Frescobaldi

### Liturgical Calendar

**Sun:** Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Mon:** Feria; St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop  
**Tue:** Feria  
**Wed:** Feria; Ss Chad & Cedd, Bishops  
**Thu:** Feria  
**Fri:** Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles  
*(Friday abstinence)*  
**Sat:** Blessed Martyrs of Douai College  
**Sun:** Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Daily Bible Readings

**Sun:** Ecclesiasticus 35:12-19;  
 II Timothy 4:6-18; Luke 18:9-14  
**Mon:** Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17  
**Tue:** Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21  
**Wed:** Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30  
**Thu:** Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35  
**Fri:** Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-19  
**Sat:** Philippians 1:18-26; Luke 14:1-11  
**Sun:** Wisdom 11:22-12:2;  
 II Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

### Farm Street Parish Film Club

Tim Hetherington Film Club at Farm Street  
 Next showing: Arrupe Hall 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Thursday 27 October 2022  
 Cost: free - with drinks and refreshments (donations welcome)  
 Presenting: 'Parasite' 2019 (2 hour 12 minutes)  
 KOREAN WITH ENGLISH SUB-TITLES  
 Booking invited (but not necessary) at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com)  
 Continuing our award-winning theme, the next film will be the comedy-drama 'Parasite', the Korean produced, directed and authored movie of the year which also won Best Picture and Best Director at the 2020 Oscars. The film depicts the inevitable and ultra-dramatic collision when four members of the poor Kim family scheme to become employed by the wealthy Park family by infiltrating their household and posing as unrelated, highly qualified individuals.

### The Catholic Children's Society

The Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) supports local disadvantaged children and families through mental health services, family centres and emergency grants for families in crisis. Their focus is to provide support as early as possible so vulnerable children can overcome the challenges they face and have hope of a brighter future. If you are interested in finding our more information about their services, visit [www.cathchild.org.uk](http://www.cathchild.org.uk).

### Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday we received £2119.33 in cash and £360 in payment contactless. This gives a total of £2,479.33

### The Fragile Line

**By Andrew White**

We are pleased to say that we will be hosting an exhibition by Andrew White titled, 'Homelessness in Drawings and Sculpture' from October 17th – November 27th 2022. The exhibition will be displayed in the ground-floor corridor.

### St Francis Leprosy Guild Annual Benefactors' Mass

Friday 4th November 2022

(Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop)  
 You are warmly invited to join the St Francis Leprosy Guild's Annual Benefactors' Mass which will be held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception (Farm Street), 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH on Friday 4th November 2022 at 6.00pm by kind permission of the Parish Priest, Fr Dominic Robinson SJ.

The principal celebrant will be the Rt Reverend Richard Moth, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton. Following the Mass there will be a Reception and Assembly, in the Arrupe Hall in 114 Mount Street, next to the church when The Chair of the Board of Trustees, Michael Forbes Smith KHS and the CEO, Mrs Clare McIntosh will review the Guild's progress over the past year and look forward to our future objectives.

### London Jesuit Centre

#### Black History Month Lecture

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 7.30-9.00pm  
 A reflection on the founding Father of Black Liberation Theology, James H. Cone by Professor Anthony Reddie.

#### Ignatian Spirituality in Dialogue with:

Fr Ladislav Šulik SJ  
 Five hour-long sessions on Wednesdays from 9th of November.  
 In person - 11Am - 12 noon  
 Online - 7pm - 8pm

#### Fully Human and Alive in God

Living a Faith that brings Holiness & Wholeness  
 While describing how to become a joyful, peaceful, fully alive human being, this course will help participants to develop and deepen an awareness of the loving presence of God at the heart of their lived experience.  
 Led by Fr Malachy Keegan  
 In Person - Saturdays 11am - 1pm

For further details of our retreats and courses see the London Jesuit Centre website: [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://www.londonjesuitcentre.org)