

A Day with Mary

When: Saturday 4th November 2023

Where: St Chad's Church, Whitworth Road, South Norwood

10.00am Entry procession of Our Lady. Angelus. Crowning. Sung Litany. Sung Requiem Mass. Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Ambrose Ohene CSSP. The Five Joyful Mysteries

12.15pm Lunch break *Please bring a packed lunch.*

1.15pm Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Five Luminous Mysteries. Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Charles Soyombo. The Five Sorrowful Mysteries. Silent Adoration. Meditations on the Passion.

3.30pm Tea Break

4.15pm Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Pius Collins O.Praem. The Five Glorious Mysteries. Act of Consecration. Benediction. Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal.

Finish at 5.45pm

Throughout the day: Confession and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Art Exhibition

We are delighted to be hosting an art exhibition by Ukrainian artist, Anatolii Rychik. Anatolii was born and raised in Ukraine, in Donbas. Since childhood, he learned to draw in an art school. He was also engaged in wood carving and sculpting. In his youth, Anatolii dreamed of studying at the Academy of Arts, but it so happened that he graduated from Donbass Mechanical Engineering Academy. During his studies and student years, he was the constant editor of the school and then the student newspaper.

Anatolii worked as a designer at a jewelry factory, where he created artistic samples of jewelry. His author's works were presented at international jewelry art exhibitions in the city of Kyiv.

With the beginning of a full-scale war in Ukraine, he was called up for military service. In difficult conditions, Anatolii found an opportunity to paint in order to morally support his fellow soldiers. During this time, he created many humorous drawings on military themes, for which he was awarded the Commendation from the National Guard of Ukraine for a series of caricatures about military life and a TV interview on Ukrainian television.

His current exhibition will be displayed in the Ground Floor Gallery at 114 Mount Street until the **15th November**.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for volunteers to steward in the church on Sundays from 2 until 4, apart from the last Sunday of the month, which is covered.

If you are interested in helping us out with this, please email Steven Fachada at farmstreetppcchair@rcdow.org.uk.

The Good Counsel Black Tie Ball

This will take place at 6pm Saturday 18th November 2023 in Kensington, London. Live Band. Silent Auction. London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball raising money to help save lives and change lives. Tickets £125 each. For bookings and enquiries email GCNBall@gmail.com or telephone 07795205117

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.

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



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th October 2023

YEAR A TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

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

RESPONSE

I love you, Lord, my strength

ACCLAMATION

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

COMMUNION

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

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

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: 10:00 to 12:00; 17:45 – 17:55

Sunday: Fifteen minutes before every Mass

Also by appointment



THE COMMAND TO LOVE

Today's Gospel gives the reply Jesus made to the Sadducee who asked him which was the greatest commandment: to love God with all your heart and mind and your neighbour as yourself. The only definition we have of God is that God is love. And if this is true it means that we were made by love in order to love. In other words, our whole purpose in life is to learn what love is or, better put, to learn how to love. This is why we are in the world, and if we miss out on this, whatever else we might learn, whatever else we might do or achieve, we have missed out on the most important thing of all. This is what Jesus described to Martha as "the one thing necessary".

This has been explained very clearly by Pope John Paul II in a letter he wrote to families: "God created man in his own image and likeness: calling him to existence through love. He called him at the same time for love. God is love and in himself He lives a mystery of personal loving communion. Creating the human race in his own image and continually keeping it in being, God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation, and thus the capacity and responsibility, of love and communion. Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being".

In another passage he puts this even more strongly: "Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible for himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it".

And what does this love consist in? It is the same as the love which is the essence of the Trinity: a total giving and receiving of self. And the more we give, the more we will receive, the more we are. This is the great paradox of our being: the struggle between egoism (self-love) and altruism (love of the other). If we die to love of self (egoism) we come alive in the love of another (altruism). Our life should be a journey in love and towards love, with the quality of that love changing all the time and becoming ever more selfless. Let us look at the quality of the love in our own lives at the moment and ask God to help us see if it is changing and becoming more pure as we grow older.

Fr Michael Campbell-Johnston SJ
27th September 1931-13th October 2023.
Article from the archive. First published on the 26th October 2014.

Funeral

The funeral of Fr Michael Campbell-Johnson SJ will take place at Farm Street Church on the 31st October at 2.30pm. All are invited to attend. Some of you may remember Fr Michael (or Fr CJ as he was affectionately known) from his time as Jesuit Provincial from 1987 to 1993. Others may remember him during his retirement at Mount Street, before moving to Boscombe. Fr CJ led a fascinating life, and an obituary of him printed in The Times can be read at the following link on the Jesuits in Britain website www.jesuit.org.uk/news/rest-in-peace-fr-michael-campbell-johnston-sj
May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are normally served in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30am, 11am and 5.30pm Sunday Masses (second & fourth Sunday only for 5.30pm)

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	644	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Offertory	801	Love divine, all love's excelling
Communion	804	The King of love my shepherd is
Recessional	959	All my hope on God is founded

All Saints' Day

The Church celebrates the great solemnity of All Saints on Wednesday 1st November. **This is a holy day of obligation.** Mass will be celebrated at Farm Street at 8am, 1.05pm, and 6pm. Music will accompany the 1.05pm and 6pm Mass.

November Praying for the Dead

November is the month traditionally dedicated to praying for the dead. All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Thursday 2nd November, with Mass at the usual times of 8am, 1.05pm, and 6pm. During the month of November, we will be praying for the faithful departed regularly at Mass. If you would like somebody to be remembered, please write their name(s) on the forms for this purpose at the back of the church and put in the designated wooden box. These names will then be placed in the sanctuary during Mass to be prayed for.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Exodus 22:20-26; I Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Mon: **Feria; Bl Dominic Collins SJ**
Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17

Tue: **St Alphonsus Rodriguez SJ**
Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21

Wed: **All Saints' Day**
Apocalypse 7:2-14; I John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Thu: **All Souls' Day**
Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; Matthew 11:25-30

Fri: **Feria; St Martin de Porres, Religious; St Winifride, Virgin; Bl Rupert Mayer SJ (Friday abstinence)**
Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6

Sat: **St Charles Borromeo, Bishop**
Romans 12:3-13; John 10:11-16

Sun: **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Malachi 1:14-2:10; I Thessalonians 2:7-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Kyllikki Edelshain, Christian Engelhart, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Christopher Halliday, Caroline Harkink, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Donald Mathieson, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Otilie, Graziella Pirovano, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, Ian Rice, George Tabor, Francis Walsh, Natalie Williams & 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.
Fr Michael Campbell-Johnson SJ
Requiescant in pace

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 family and friends in need of god's grace at time of healing.

Blessings on the Ground Floor Corridor

On Sunday 5th November, is of Bl John Sullivan SJ on Nov 5th, the Very Reverend Michael Jackson, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin, will give a reflection on Bl John Sullivan after Holy Communion at the 11am Mass, and take part in an ecumenical blessing of the new portrait to be hung in the newly named John Sullivan Room. Members of Bl John Sullivan's family resident in London will also be present. The portrait is a gift of the Jesuits in Ireland.

On Dec 3rd we welcome Canon Paul Wright, Sub-Dean of the Queen's Chapel at St James's Palace, to participate in an ecumenical blessing of the new icon of St Claude to be hung in the newly named Claude la Colombière Room. The icon has been written and donated to Farm Street by Dr Irina Bradley, Chief Icon Writer at the Prince's Foundation.

Faith and Us

A series of short lunchtime talks on issues relating to faith. Talks will begin at 1.35pm in the Cana Lounge at 114 Mount Street and will last fifteen minutes, followed by time for discussion.

- Week 1. 5th October. Faith & Environment
- Week 2. 12th October. Faith & Business
- Week 3. 19th October. Faith & Work
- Week 4. 26th October. Faith & Science
- Week 5. 2nd November. Faith & Death**
- Week 6. 9th November. Faith & Mental Health
- Week 7. 16th November. Faith & Art
- Week 8. 23rd November. Faith & The Parish Community
- Week 9. 30th November. Faith & The Margins

Wanted: Barbers or Hairdressers

We are looking for several volunteers who have experience cutting men's hair who can provide this support at our weekly lunch service for homeless individuals on Saturdays and Wednesdays in the London Jesuit Centre. Our hours of opening are between 11:30 am and 2 pm and equipment will be provided. If you could help on a regular or even occasional basis, please contact centrallondoncatholicchurches@gmail.com.

Jesuit Missions Christmas Cards

Informed by the Ignatian call to go where the need is greatest, they work in areas such as anti-human trafficking, educational access, and environmental sustainability in places like India, South Sudan and Ethiopia. By buying Jesuit Missions Christmas cards, you make their work possible. To place an order, go to: <https://www.charitycardshop.com/JM>.