

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 or call us on 0800 448 0704

Catholic Listeners are here to listen.

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices, and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much.

Confirmations 2023

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

First Holy Communion 2023

The next programme for First Holy Communion will begin on the 13th November. For more information and to receive an enrolment form, contact Leninha at farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk. This programme will end up First Holy Communion celebrated on the 2nd July 2023.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Maggie Danby, Nina Irwin, Paul Johnson, Erin Lillis, Millon Nigussie, Mrs Katerina Porter, 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.

Psalm 41:3

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

Requiescat in pace

Aid to the Church in Need Red Wednesday

Please join us for a trio of events taking place this **RedWednesday** on the 16th November at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral. We hope to see you for all or part of the evening programme. Do invite friends and loved ones to stand in solidarity with Ukraine. There will be a silent, visible and powerful witness to those suffering and facing religious persecution today. You are encouraged to wear red a symbol of Martyrdom.

Rosary: 5:45pm

Holy Mass: 6:15pm

Join us at the Cathedral for Divine Liturgy (Holy Mass) for persecuted Christians, celebrated in the Greek Catholic rite. Practicing Catholics may take Holy Communion.

Talk: Persecuted and Forgotten? 7:30pm – 9:00pm

John Pontifex, ACN Head of Press will present the Persecuted & Forgotten? report that launches in November. Hear how ACN supports persecuted Christians around the world and is urging governments and those in power to act responsibly.

Hear first-hand testimonies from our guest Bishop Jude Ayodeji Arogundade of Ondo, Nigeria. It was in his diocese where the terrible attack on Pentecost Sunday happened this year at St Francis Xavier Church.

Please email to express your interest to attend to events@acnuk.org

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.

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th October 2022

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest

Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

Fr David Birchall SJ; Fr Michael Bossy 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 – 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

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ENTRY

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

RESPONSE

I will bless your name for ever,
O God my King.

ACCLAMATION

Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord.

COMMUNION

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.



DEATH AND THE FUTURE

All men are mortal; yet nobody wants to die, except perhaps those suffering from a terminal illness or are extremely old and frail. But those apart, who really looks forward to dying or to death? And even though we ourselves may be happy enough to die, we also know that the impartial character of death means that it is no respecter of persons and that when people die it is those who are left behind that suffer most, yet this human revulsion at the prospect of death, which is indeed a curse and not a blessing has been challenged by the thought of the immortality of the soul and above all for a Christian by the resurrection of the body. Death itself in the words of the poet priest John Donne, shall die. Far from being an end it is rather the end of the beginning of our lives. By far the greater part of our lives will be spent elsewhere, hopefully either in the presence of God or preparing to enjoy that presence.

At the beginning of November we celebrate the feast of All Saints and on the following day that of All Souls. The saints have already entered into the full presence of God and experience its full wonder. The souls await that experience in a waiting room where they are prepared to see God face to face and where their travel stains are washed off. The saints can help us by their prayers for us, the Holy souls in purgatory can benefit from our prayers and from the prayers of the saints in glory. It is a comfort to reflect that the three branches of the church, militant, here on earth, triumphant, in heaven and suffering, in purgatory are bound together by all being in Christ and all being able to be of assistance one to another.

But perhaps for me the most important idea is one that recurs often enough in the writings of Saint Augustine. Here on earth we are in a state of pilgrimage and must be very careful not to make ourselves too much at home here. It is of course true that God is everywhere and that we can always be with him in thought as well as in reality, but there is a great difference between our present presence to God and his to us. Now we are endlessly distracted from him, then we shall find in him all our heart's desire, seeing him 'face to face' and no longer 'through a glass darkly' [cf. I Corinthians 13,12]

Fr Anthony Meredith SJ
From the archives. First published on the 28th October 2007.

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		
Entrance	644	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Offertory	602	Almighty Father, Lord most high
Communion	804	The King of my love my shepherd is
Recessional	959	All my hope on God is founded

11am Music List	
Mass	Mass in A-minor <i>Imogen Holst</i>
Motets	Ave Marie <i>Elgar</i>
	O sacrum convivium <i>Tallis</i>
Organ	Rhapsody No.3 <i>Howells</i>

Liturgical Calendar	
Sun:	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon:	St Alphonsus Rodriguez SJ
Tue:	All Saints' Day (<i>Day of Obligation</i>)
Wed:	All Souls' Day
Thu:	St Rupert Mayer SJ
Fri:	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (<i>Friday abstinence</i>)
Sat:	All Saints of the Society of Jesus
Sun:	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings	
Sun:	Wisdom 11:22-12:2; II Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10
Mon:	Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14
Tue:	Apocalypse 7:2-14; I John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12
Wed:	Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; Luke 7:11-17
Thu:	Philippians 3:3-8; Luke 15:1-10
Fri:	Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8
Sat:	Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15
Sun:	II Maccabees 7:1-14; II Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38

November Praying for the Dead

November is the month traditionally dedicated to praying for the dead. All Souls' Day will be celebrated on the 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.

All Saints' Day

The Feast of All Saints will be celebrated on the 1st November. **This is a holy day of obligation.** Mass will be celebrated at the usual times of 8am, 1.05pm and 6pm.

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) with your requested week and intention as well as how you wish it to be published.

The lamp this week is lit by Dr John Keet for remembrance of England as Our Lady's Dowry and for those finding their way.

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.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed the Ukrainian guests can apply for their visa. We know that coping with the cost-of-living-crisis will be the main concern for many people this winter, but if you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

Relics of St Bernadette Tour

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London will be receiving the relics of St Bernadette into the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Family from Sunday 30th October to Tuesday 1st November as part of the national tour. The schedule of events will be:

Sunday 30th October

3pm - Arrival of the relics & Divine Liturgy (in Ukrainian)
6pm - Divine Liturgy (bi-lingual)
8.30pm - Private prayer
10pm - Moleben
Rosary – Midnight, 2am, 4am, & 6am

Monday 31st October

7am - Divine Liturgy (in Ukrainian)
9am - Private prayer/school visits
12.30pm - Sixth Hour Office
1pm - Private prayer/school visits
6pm - Rosary
6.15pm - Divine Liturgy (in Ukrainian)
7.30pm - Panakhyda
10pm - Compline (led by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ)
Rosary – 11pm, 1am, 3am, 5am

Tuesday 1st November

6am - Divine Liturgy (in Ukrainian)
7am - Departure of the Relics

To register, contact the Ukrainian Cathedral at eparchy@ucc-gb.com or 020 7629 1073

London Jesuit Centre

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