

### A Day with Mary

**When:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **15<sup>th</sup> November**.

### 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

### HELP WANTED

We are looking for volunteers to help serve tea and coffee after the 11 o'clock Mass on Sundays. If you are interested in helping us out with this, please email Steven Fachada at [farmstreetppchair@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstreetppchair@rcdow.org.uk).

### Catholic Women Praying Together

The Annual Mass organised by Catholic Women Praying Together will be at St George's Cathedral Southwark at 2pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> November. All welcome - men too! Theme: affirming the Church's message on marriage and family. Nearest tube: Waterloo or Lambeth North.

### Faith Sharing Group - The Year of the Council

In preparation for the next Jubilee Year in 2025, Pope Francis has invited people around the world this year to reflect back on some of the key Church teachings that emerged from Vatican II (1962-65). We will follow a new resource, especially prepared for small faith-sharing communities across the Diocese of Westminster, which explores the four main documents or 'Constitutions' that emerged from the Council. The sessions will include prayer, scripture, some text from the documents and some time for sharing and discussion.

**5 Tuesday evening sessions, 7<sup>th</sup> November - 5<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00-8.30pm, in the Bellarmine**

**Room.** You are welcome to drop in for one session or come to them all. Facilitated by Colette Joyce.

Contact [colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk) or Fr Dominic [dominicrobinson@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:dominicrobinson@rcdow.org.uk)

### 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).

**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

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### 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

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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

### Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**5<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

### YEAR A TODAY'S RESPONSES

#### 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

*Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.*

#### ACCLAMATION

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.*

#### COMMUNION

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





## THE MYSTERY OF DEATH

Quite suddenly we find ourselves in November and the darkening time of the year, and the month that with great wisdom that the Church gives over to praying for the dead. This works better, it has to be said, here in the Northern Hemisphere than it does South of the Equator, where the days are getting brighter and longer. Wherever in the world we may find ourselves, however, praying for those who have died, and accepting the reality of death (to which we shall all one day come) is a very good part of our discipline as Christians.

As many of our parishioners are aware, my sister died, slightly unexpectedly, just a few days ago, and I have been very grateful since then for the prayers and good wishes, and offerings of masses from so many of you for the repose of her soul and the consolation of those who mourn her. It was an extraordinarily peaceful death; in the days leading up to it, we had, first, a communion service round her bed, in the presence of all her children, and most of the grandchildren; then, secondly, we had mass, once again around her bed, this time with a slightly smaller representation of the family. She was perhaps, by then a bit less in touch with what was going on; but she certainly knew that death was coming, and accepted it with great peace and immense dignity. And that peace radiated outwards to us all.

And there is the clue: because of what God has done in Christ, raising him from the dead, Death no longer holds any fears for us, for it has been conquered. It is not the case that we are not going to die, for that will come to us all. But it does mean that death is not the end of our existence, but an entry into a new stage of life. Naturally we feel a bit alarmed at the prospect; after all, we have not ourselves been through the experience of death, so how are we to know that there will be a hand outstretched to hold us when we die? But because this is all the story of God, and because God is in the story, "all manner of things shall be well", in the words of that great English mystic theologian, Julian of Norwich.

So how are you and I to handle this great mystery of death, in the darkening time of the year? We are to recognise Death as a reality, to know that it is coming to us all, and to know that God is in the story. The one absolutely essential thing is that we keep resorting to God in prayer. We continue to pray, obviously, in the old Catholic tradition, for those who have died; and we pray also for ourselves, as we need above all to keep that relationship going with the One whose story this is, the One who is waiting for us on the other side of death. There is nothing sentimental or weak-minded about this, only a calm recognition of the reality of Easter, and the victory of what God has done in Christ. That Death that is so well symbolised by this darkening movement of autumn into winter is still there, still going to take us all, but it is not the final enemy. During this month we should be listening out for the voice of God, that God who is with us all the time, is all around us, and our task is to rejoice. One of the

great joys of these days has been watching how my nephews and niece and their offspring, have responded to this utterly unexpected challenge, in offering generous mutual support to each other and to their father. During all of this time, it has been absolutely clear how God is in the story. And indeed God is in my sister's story, and in the story of each of us. Our task this month will be simply to find that unflinching presence, and rejoice in it.

**Fr Nicholas King SJ**

### A Message from His Majesty, The King

In a letter received by the parish priest from the correspondence secretary of King Charles, the following is included:

*The King would have me share his sincere thanks for your loyal sentiments and has asked me to convey his warmest good wishes to you and to all of the parishioners of Farm Street Church*

### 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)

### November Praying for the Dead

November is the month traditionally dedicated to praying for the dead. 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:** **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Malachi 1:14-2:10;  
I Thessalonians 2:7-13; Matthew 23:1-12

**Mon:** **All Saints of the Society of Jesus**  
Deuteronomy 30:9-14; John 12:23-26

**Tue:** **Commemoration of All the Departed of the Society of Jesus**  
Romans 12:5-16; Luke 14:15-24

**Wed:** **Feria**  
Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33

**Thu:** **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
Ezekiel 47:1-12; John 2:13-22

**Fri:** **St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor (Friday abstinence)**  
Ecclesiasticus 39:6-10;  
Matthew 16:13-19

**Sat:** **St Martin of Tours, Bishop**  
Isaiah 61:1-3; Matthew 25:31-40

**Sun:** **Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Wisdom 6:12-16; I Thessalonians 4:13-18;  
Matthew 25:1-13

### 9.30am Mass Hymns

<b>Entrance</b>	934	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
<b>Offertory</b>	456	Christ is made the sure foundation
<b>Communion</b>	803	Love is his word
<b>Recessional</b>	960	Guide me o, thou great redeemer

### 11am Solemn Mass Music

<b>Prelude</b>	Mohrentanz	<i>Susato</i>
<b>Mass</b>	Miss Pro Victoria	<i>Victoria</i>
<b>Motets</b>	Cibavit eos	<i>Byrd</i>
	Ave verum corpus	<i>Dering</i>
<b>Postlude</b>	Fantasia in four parts	<i>Gibbons</i>

### 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, 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.  
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 the intention of Mary Frances Giltz.**

### Blessings on the Ground Floor Corridor

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November (**Today!**), the Most 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. 5<sup>th</sup> October. Faith & Environment*  
*Week 2. 12<sup>th</sup> October. Faith & Business*  
*Week 3. 19<sup>th</sup> October. Faith & Work*  
*Week 4. 26<sup>th</sup> October. Faith & Science*  
*Week 5. 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Faith & Death*  
**Week 6. 9<sup>th</sup> November. Faith & Mental Health**  
*Week 7. 16<sup>th</sup> November. Faith & Art*  
*Week 8. 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Faith & The Parish Community*  
*Week 9. 30<sup>th</sup> November. Faith & The Margins*

### Welcome

Welcome to Fr Peter Gallagher SJ, who has joined the regularly assisting clergy associated with the parish. Fr Gallagher is the Provincial Superior of the British Province of the Society of Jesus.

## THANK YOU!

We are extremely grateful to everyone who helped to make our recent Charity Ball such a success. With your generosity and support we raised more money this year than did any other ball in previous years. These proceeds will now be distributed to Aid to the Church in Need (Africa Appeal), Jesuit Refugee Service UK (Hardship Fund), St Ignatius College Enfield (Breakfast Club), Wimbledon College (Pastoral Fund) and Farm Street Church.

<b>Raffle</b>	<b>£ 4,479</b>
<b>Live Auction</b>	<b>£ 13,030</b>
<b>Sponsorship and Donations</b>	<b>£ 15,032</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£ 32,541</b>

We would also like to say a very special word of appreciation to:

- the two Parishioners who sponsored the Champagne Reception
- the two Parishioners who sponsored tickets for all members of the clergy team
- the Parishioner who sponsored the musical entertainment
- Katy Tansey, soprano, and Giles Kennedy, piano
- the Parishioner who sponsored Amy O'Sullivan, photographer
- the fifteen Parishioners who sponsored flower arrangements by Helen Aristidou
- everyone who bought a raffle ticket at the back of the church and at the ball
- our more than sixty business neighbours who donated raffle and auction prizes