

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

Calling London

In partnership with Chesterton's, one of our business friends, we are helping to support Calling London's annual winter coat drive. The mission is to collect coats to keep London's homeless and most vulnerable warm throughout the winter. These are then given to Calling London, who will distribute them to over 30 charitable organisations helping the homeless, victims of domestic abuse, those living in poverty, the elderly, refugees and children. Chesterton's has been supporting this initiative for the past ten years and we are delighted to join them this year. A special collection bin is at the back of the church until 20 November.

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, 7th November -

5th December, 7.00-8.30pm, in the Bellarmine Room.

This week: Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution On The Sacred Liturgy)

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

Contact colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk or Fr

Dominic dominicrobinson@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

'Ukraine: Music in Wartime' with Hobart Earle

Hobart Earle has dedicated his life to the renowned Odesa Philharmonic Orchestra, where he is Music Director and Principal Conductor. In this special presentation, he weaves sound and image to discuss the role of music in Ukraine's wartime response to Russia.

This event will take place at The Johnnie Walker Room at The Caledonian Club 9a Halkin Street, London, SW1X 7DR.

The Date and Time: Friday 17 November 2023

7pm to 9pm. Tickets are free but must be booked in advance.

They can be booked at www.eventbrite.co.uk.

Blessings on the Ground Floor Corridor

On Sunday 3rd December 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 la Colombière 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

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 or visit our website at 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

Welcome to Farm Street Church, our vibrant and engaging Catholic Parish in the heart of London

www.farmstreet.org.uk



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Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

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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

Remembrance Sunday

also

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th November 2023

YEAR A

TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

Let my prayer come into your presence.

Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

RESPONSE

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

ACCLAMATION

Stay awake and stand read, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

COMMUNION

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



RECOVERING KINDNESS

I have recently been re-reading “Fratelli Tutti”, the encyclical which Pope Francis signed on the vigil of St Francis of Assisi, on 3 October 2020. As with “Laudato Si”, his encyclical of 2015 on care for our common home, St Francis is his inspiration. If the former encyclical was concerned with how we interact with the environment, this one is concerned with how we interact with ourselves and one another.

His concerns expressed in both are equally urgent and their themes are interrelated: how can we care for one another if we don’t care for our common home, and how can we care for our common home if we are concerned primarily with ourselves rather than with one other? Towards the end of the encyclical, the Pope writes about how we need to recover kindness, and he does so very movingly.

At a time when there is so much darkness in the world, I thought it might be helpful if I provided a summary of what he writes here since he sees “recovering kindness” as one way in which we can renew our broken world. What does the Pope have to say?

Consumerist individualism, he writes, has led to great injustice. Other persons come to be viewed simply as obstacles to our own serene existence; we end up treating them as annoyances and we become increasingly aggressive. Hence the need for a renewal of kindness.

Individuals who possess this quality help make other people’s lives more bearable, especially by sharing the weight of their problems, needs and fears. This way of treating others can take different forms: an act of kindness, a concern not to offend by word or deed, a readiness to alleviate their burdens. It involves “speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement”.

Kindness frees us from the cruelty that at times infects human relationships, the Pope writes, from the anxiety that prevents us from thinking of others, and from the frantic flurry of activity that forgets that others also have a right to be happy.

Often nowadays we find neither the time nor the energy to stop and be kind to others, to say “excuse me”, “pardon me”, “thank you”. Yet every now and then, miraculously, a kind person appears and is willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference.

If we make a daily effort to do exactly this, he goes on, we can create a healthy social atmosphere in which misunderstandings can be overcome and conflict forestalled. Kindness ought to be cultivated; it is no superficial bourgeois virtue. Precisely because it entails esteem and respect for others, once kindness becomes a culture within society it transforms lifestyles, relationships and the ways ideas are discussed and compared. Kindness facilitates the quest for consensus; it opens new paths where hostility and conflict would burn all bridges.

Fr Michael Holman SJ

Remembrance Sunday

A two-minute silence will take place in the church today at 11am to commemorate the sacrifice of those who died in the service of our country. This will be accompanied by the laying of wreaths and the National Anthem.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

**Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua
luceat eis.**

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 on the altar during Mass to be prayed for.

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)

Little Sisters of the Poor

There will be an opportunity to buy raffle tickets at coffee after the 9.30am and 11am Mass today in support of the Little Sisters of the Poor care home in Vauxhall. The Little Sisters care for the elderly poor in a spirit of humble service. They support the needs of vulnerable older people of modest means by providing a caring home with safe accommodation, respite provision, and palliative end of life care. We have Sister Monica here with us today. The top three prizes include dinner at our very own Delfino restaurant next door.

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	466	All people that on earth do dwell
Offertory	601	Praise to the Lord
Communion	627	This is my body
Recessional	955	O God our help in ages past

11am Solemn Mass Music

Prelude	Prélude sur le nom d’Alain <i>Duruflé</i>	
	Requiem Mass	<i>Fauré</i>
Motets	Offertorium	<i>Fauré</i>
	Agnus Dei	<i>Fauré</i>
Postlude	Chorale Prelude “St Anne” <i>Parry</i>	

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 farmstreetppcchair@rcdow.org.uk.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun:	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 6:12-16; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Mon:	St Stanislas Kostka SJ, Priest Wisdom 1:1-17; Luke 17:1-6
Tue:	St Joseph Pignatelli SJ, Priest Wisdom 2:23-3:0; Luke 17:7-10
Wed:	Feria; St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19
Thu:	St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Luke 17:20-25
Fri:	Feria; St Hilda, Abbess; St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop; St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious (Friday abstinence) Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37
Sat:	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles Wisdom 18:14-19:9; Luke 18:1-8
Sun:	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Proverbs 31:10-31; I Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Felicity Ann Croft, 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, Ottilie, 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

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 the Bambang Sunshine Project Committee.

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 & Scripture**
- Week 8. 23rd November. Faith & The Parish Community*
- Week 9. 30th November. Faith & The Margins*

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 15th November. All welcome - men too! Theme: affirming the Church's message on marriage and family. Nearest tube: Waterloo or Lambeth North.

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.

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

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