

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 this week is 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 than 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, Paul Johnson, Erin Lillis, Francis McFadyean, Millon Nigussie, Mrs Katerina Porter, 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 – 6th January 2023**. The exhibition will be displayed in the ground-floor corridor.

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th November 2022

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest
Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman 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

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

RESPONSE

I shall be filled, when I awake,
with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

ACCLAMATION

Stay awake, praying at all times for the
strength to stand with confidence
before the Son of Man.

COMMUNION

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



I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME

This Sunday's first reading, from the Second Book of Maccabees, and especially the Gospel reading in which we hear the Sadducees argue with Jesus about the Resurrection and the life of heaven, make me wonder, and perhaps make you wonder as well, about the life of heaven and what it might be like.

"What is heaven like?" is a question I've been asked many times. When I was teaching in secondary schools, it was often on the lips of students, six formers especially. When working in parishes, I've found it is not infrequently asked by those who have lost a loved one, not usually immediately before or after the funeral mass but more often some months later.

I find the most attractive answer to that question, and for that reason perhaps the most compelling, is one I put like this.

Here we experience ourselves as people with many desires, the deepest of which, perhaps, are for peace, justice, security and happiness; for well-being, deeply satisfying truth and of course, above all, for love. In the life of heaven these deepest longings find complete fulfilment.

If our experience of peace, justice, security, happiness, satisfying truth and love are too often transitory, in the life of heaven that experience will be deep and complete. Our restless seeking will be no more, and we will come home, which is why, perhaps, when praying for the dead, we pray "Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord".

But this will be no abstract state: it will be personal. "Do not let your hearts be troubled: trust in God, trust also in me". These are words from the Gospel of St John often heard at funeral masses. In this reading, Jesus tells his disciples, shortly before his betrayal, suffering and death, that "I go to prepare a place for you, so that where I am you may be also". This life of heaven is personal: where he is, where Jesus is, we shall be also.

This matches with our experience today. It's in relationship, in the intimacy of our relationships, in the reciprocity of such relationships, that we find peace and happiness and our sense of well-being. What we find here, in the way we find it here, we will find in its fullness in heaven.

A great many years ago, a priest said to me that he looked forward to death. At the time, I found what he said rather perverse, and in some ways, I still do. Thought of in these terms, however, we can look forward to the life of heaven: it attracts us and draws

us on through life. But it does so not in a way that means we ignore what goes on around us with our eyes fixed instead on the future. No, in attracting us forward, it gives us the strength we need to get involved with the world around us, to live the Gospel of Jesus and to build the Kingdom of justice, peace and love in the here and now, which one day, we trust, for each and all of us, will find its fulfilment in the life of heaven.

Fr Michael Holman 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

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 Music List

Mass	Missa Brevis "St Joannis de Deo" <i>Haydn</i>
Motets	Justorum animae <i>Stanford</i> Bone Pastor (Lauda Sion) <i>Mendelssohn</i>
Organ	Prelude and fugue in C-minor (Op.37) <i>Mendelssohn</i>

Liturgical Calendar

Sun:	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon:	Feria; St Willibrord, Bishop
Tue:	Feria
Wed:	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thu:	St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor
Fri:	St Martin of Tours, Bishop (Friday abstinence)
Sat:	St Josaphat, Bishop & Doctor
Sun:	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

Sun:	II Maccabees 7:1-14; II Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38
Mon:	Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6
Tue:	Titus 2:1-14; Luke 17:7-10
Wed:	Ezekiel 47:1-12; John 2:12-22
Thu:	Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25
Fri:	II John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37
Sat:	III John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8
Sun:	Malachi 3:19-20; II Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

November: Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month traditionally dedicated to praying for the dead. During this month, 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.

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 for the Wheeler Family, both past and present.

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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the supporters of our Charity Ball on Saturday, 29 October, which was a huge success. Your support will mean so much to so many. A report on the money raised will be included in the Newsletter of 19/20 November.

Ball Raffle Prizes

A full list of raffle prizes and winning numbers is available at the entrances of the church and on the parish website.



The London Jesuit Centre is a place for the teaching and discussion of theology, the study and practice of the spiritual life, and engagement with issues of social and environmental justice, for the greater glory of God and the common good. It offers a programme of events, courses, and retreats. It is also a centre for individual spiritual direction and training and professional development in spiritual accompaniment. All are welcome to participate in the London Jesuit Centre programme. Below is a sampling of some upcoming events. For more information and to sign up to their mailing list for regular updates on events, please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/>. For more information, contact Federica Fiore at ffiore@jesuit.org.uk.

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

Ignatian Way I. An Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality

Begin your spiritual journey in the Ignatian tradition and change the way you live your life. Ignatian Way I is an introduction to Ignatian Spirituality showing the breadth and the universality of the Ignatian way of living. This introductory course uses podcasts, reading materials, practical experience of some Ignatian prayer practices and discussing the place of Ignatian spirituality in our lives. It runs over five weeks, from Tuesday 8th November to Tuesday 6th December, from 6.30pm to 7.45pm.

For further details of our retreats and courses see the London Jesuit Centre website: www.londonjesuitcentre.org