

# Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



**Thirty-Second Sunday**  
**In Ordinary Time**  
**7<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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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 - 1pm

**Saturday:** 10am to 12 noon; 5.45pm – 6pm

**Sunday:** Fifteen minutes before every Mass

*Also by appointment*

## **BAPTISM AND WEDDINGS**

*By appointment.*

## **CHURCH OPENING HOURS**

**Monday to Saturday:** 7.30am - 6.30pm

**Sunday:** 7.30am – 7.00pm

## **YEAR B**

### **ENTRY**

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

### **RESPONSE**

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

### **ACCLAMATION**

Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful,  
and I will give you the crown of life.

### **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.

## ANGELUS ADDRESS

This Sunday's Gospel passage is composed of two parts: one that describes *how not to be* followers of Christ; the other offers *an example of a Christian*.

Let's start with the first: what not to do. In the first part, Jesus accuses the scribes, the teachers of the law, of having three defects in their lifestyle: pride, greed and hypocrisy. They like "to have salutations in the market places and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts" (Mk 12:38-39). But beneath such solemn appearances they are hiding falsehood and injustice.

While flaunting themselves in public, they use their authority — as Jesus says — to devour "the houses of widows" (cf. v. 40); those who, along with orphans and foreigners, were considered to be the people most vulnerable and least protected. Lastly, Jesus says that the scribes, "for a pretence make long prayers" (v. 40). Even today we risk taking on these attitudes. For example, when prayer is separate from justice so that God cannot be worshiped, and causing harm to the poor. Or when one claims to love God, but instead offers him only grandiosity for one's own advantage.

The second part of the Gospel follows this line of thinking. The scene is set in the temple of Jerusalem, precisely in the place where people are tossing coins as offerings. There are many rich people putting in large sums, and there is a poor woman, a widow, who contributes only two bits, two small coins. Jesus observes the woman carefully and calls the disciples' attention to the sharp contrast of the scene.

The wealthy contributed with great ostentation what for them was superfluous, while the widow, Jesus says, "put in everything she had, her whole living" (v. 44). For this reason, Jesus says, she gave the most of all. Because of her extreme poverty, she could have offered a single coin to the temple and kept the other for herself. But she did not want to give just half to God; she divested herself of everything. In her poverty she understood that in having God, she had everything; she felt completely loved by him and in turn loved him completely. What a beautiful example this little old woman offers us!

Today Jesus also tells us that the benchmark is not

quantity but fullness. There is a difference between quantity and fullness. You can have a lot of money and still be empty. There is no fullness in your heart. This week, think about the difference there is between quantity and fullness. It is not a matter of the wallet, but of the heart. There is a difference between the wallet and the heart.... There are diseases of the heart, which reduce the heart to the wallet.... This is not good! To love God "with all your heart" means to trust in him, in his providence, and to serve him in the poorest brothers and sisters without expecting anything in return.

Allow me to tell you a story, which happened in my previous diocese. A mother and her three children were at the table, the father was at work. They were eating Milan-style cutlets.... There was a knock at the door and one of the children — they were young, 5, 6 and the oldest was 7 — comes and says: "Mom, there is a beggar asking for something to eat". And the mom, a good Christian, asks them: "What shall we do?" — "Let's give him something, mom..." — "Ok". She takes her fork and knife and cuts the cutlets in half. "Ah no, mom, no! Not like this! Take something from the fridge" — "No! Let's make three sandwiches with this!". The children learned that true charity is given, not with what is left over, but with what we need. That afternoon I am sure that the children were a bit hungry.... But this is how it's done!

Faced with the needs of our neighbours, we are called — like these children and the halved cutlets — to deprive ourselves of essential things, not only the superfluous; we are called to give the time that is necessary, not only what is extra; we are called to give immediately and unconditionally some of our talent, not after using it for our own purposes or for our own group.

Let us ask the Lord to admit us to the school of this poor widow, whom Jesus places in the cathedra and presents as a teacher of the living Gospel even to the astonishment of the disciples. Through the intercession of Mary, the poor woman who gave her entire life to God for us, let us ask for a heart that is poor, but rich in glad and freely given generosity.

**Pope Francis**

*Delivered to St Peter's Square on the 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.*

## Sunday Homilies & Articles

Weekly newsletter articles are uploaded to our website on a weekly basis. They can be viewed at <https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/weekly-articles>. Our website also contains an archive of previous Sunday homilies.

## Social Media

Farm Street Church has an active presence on social media, and we regularly update our Twitter account and Facebook page with information relating to the parish and the wider Catholic community

## Liturgical Calendar

**Sun:** Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Mon:** Feria  
**Tue:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
**Wed:** St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor  
**Thu:** St Martin of Tours, Bishop  
**Fri:** St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr  
**Sat:** St Stanislaus Kostka SJ  
**Sun:** Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Remembrance Sunday)

## Daily Bible Readings

**Sun:** I Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44  
**Mon:** Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6  
**Tue:** Ezekiel 47:1-12; John 2:13-22  
**Wed:** Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19  
**Thu:** Wisdom 7:22-8:1; Luke 17:20-25  
**Fri:** Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37  
**Sat:** Wisdom 18:14-19:9; Luke 18:1-8  
**Sun:** Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 13:24-32

## Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the Arrupe Hall after the Sunday 9.30am, 11am, and 5.30pm Masses (*refreshments after 5.30pm Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays only*). All are welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

## The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of November, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for people who suffer from depression. Let us pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

## Sick & Retired Priests' Fund

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offer comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online, reducing the risks to everyone of handling cash. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

## Mass intention

If you would like a Mass to be celebrated for a specific intention, please contact the Parish Secretary at [farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk)

## 11am Latin Mass Music List

<b>Mass</b>	Missa Brevis in B-flat K275, <i>Mozart</i>
<b>Motets</b>	Cantate Domino, <i>Monteverdi</i> O sacrum convivium, <i>Croce</i>

## It's Good To Talk

Are you feeling lost and alienated? Has COVID left you feeling isolated and vulnerable? And have the many months of lockdown created a sense of spiritual reawakening for you? Would you like to explore these feelings and share them with others who are also experiencing the same thing?

*It's Good to Talk* is where you can discuss issues about faith, and about a desire to belong to a community. *It's Good to Talk* is a non-judgemental, lay-led space. The meetings are held at Farm Street. Each meeting is informal and welcoming, with hospitality at its core. Contact Ruby at [landingsouth@gmail.com](mailto:landingsouth@gmail.com) for further details.

## Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month during which we especially pray for the dead. There will be a box placed at the back of the church, with sheets of paper on which you are invited to write down the names of those you would like to be prayed for. The names will remain on the altar throughout the month of November.

## Adult Sacramental Preparation

Every year a number of adults ask to receive one or more of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation -- Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Although we have a catechetical programme in place to prepare children and their families for these sacraments, the parish has never had a formal structure for the preparation of adults. We would now like to establish one by gathering and training a small team of laypeople, perhaps just three or four, to undertake this vital ministry in the life of our parish and in the life of the Church. If you feel called to help us in this way, please let Fr Dominic know so that he can arrange a mutually convenient time for a chat. Previous experience in catechesis is not required, simply an openness to the Spirit and a willingness to share your particular gifts with those beginning or continuing their journey of faith.

## Christmas Activities for Children

**1) Children's Christmas Play (6pm Mass on Christmas Eve):** If you wish your child/ children to take part in the Christmas play, which is an integral part of the 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass, please fill the form (available at the back of the church and at the reception) and submit it to Leninha Assis (Catechist), by the **12<sup>th</sup> December**. The rehearsal dates for the play are: 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 10.30am-11.30am and 24<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm leading into the 6pm Mass.

**2) Christmas Gifts:** The offering of the gifts for children at Christmas last year was a great success. Thankfully, all the gifts were given to **Mary's Meals Charity**. If you would like to join us in a gesture of generosity to make the Christmas of poor children a bit better, please donate a wrapped gift in a new or good condition, which will be collected during the offertory, (Gaudete Sunday) at the 9:30 Mass, on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**3) Christmas Choir:** "Come and sing a song of Christmas, come and praise Him all the earth". All the children are invited to join the First Holy Communion group to sing Christmas carols in the Hall on the 12<sup>th</sup> December, after 9:30am Mass.

## Christmas Cards

We are selling Christmas cards bearing the image of 'Mother Mary' by Andrew White (on display in the church). Individual cards are priced at £2.50 or a box of six for £12. Cards can be purchased in the Arrupe Hall on Sunday mornings or at Reception during the week (card payment only).

## Right to Life Prayer

We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us

## London Jesuit Centre

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. 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 Anne Paolino at [apaolino@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:apaolino@jesuit.org.uk).

## Face Covering Notice

In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to respect the safety of all, we request that you wear a face covering in the church, unless you are exempt from doing so. Thank you for your cooperation.