

### 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<sup>th</sup> November**.

### Vatican II Documents – Faith Sharing Group Tuesday Evenings 7.00-8.30pm in the Bellarmine Room at 114 Mount Street

21st November – Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium)  
28th November – Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum)  
5th December – Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes)  
You are welcome to drop in for one session or come to them all. Facilitated by Colette Joyce, 07593 434905. Contact Fr Dominic at for more info.

### World AIDS Day Mass

The Mass for World AIDS Day will be celebrated at Farm Street Church at 6pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. This will be followed by refreshments in the Cana Lounge. All most welcome.

### 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](mailto:homeofficevigil@gmail.com)

### Blessing on the Ground Floor Corridor

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### CAFOD October 2023 Collection

The collection taken by Farm Street for CAFOD last month came to £1590. Thank you to everyone who donated to this.

### Red Wednesday

#RedWednesday – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023  
St George's RC Cathedral, Lambeth Road,  
London SE1 6HR

### 6pm: Holy Mass

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to help 'Break the Silence' on and pray for persecuted Christians in Africa – and around the world. Holy Mass will be celebrated by H.E. Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, with Archbishop John Wilson and a special guest from Nigeria who has been the victim of terrorist violence.

The Cathedral will be lit up red inside and out and there will be African drumming to greet you and African delicacies at the reception.

- 5.30pm Gathering for Photos
- 6:00pm Holy Mass
- 7.15pm: #RedWednesday Award
- 7.45pm: ACN Reception

Please reserve individual and group space/s: [www.acnuk.org/events](http://www.acnuk.org/events)

### 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) or visit our website at [www.CatholicListeners.com](http://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](http://www.farmstreet.org.uk)



### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### YEAR A TODAY'S RESPONSES

#### ENTRY

*The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.*

#### RESPONSE

*O blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

#### ACCLAMATION

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

#### COMMUNION

*To be bear God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.*

### 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

Debbie Martin, Email:  
[farmstreetsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstreetsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

### 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



## THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

On the last three Sundays of November, we hear in our Sunday gospels Jesus speaking in parables. This is nothing new; we have heard many parables over recent weeks. What is different is that these final parables are addressed to his disciples rather than to his critics. Jesus is now giving his speech of farewell to them before his passion. This “last will and testament” is directed to all who hear this gospel, not only a Christian community at the end of the first century but to us who live in the period between the resurrection of Jesus and his final return.

In the “parable of the talents” (Matthew 25:14-30), Jesus tells of a man going abroad who gives various numbers of talents to his servants. The word “talent” refers to the amount of money a labourer would have earned after fifteen years. We may remember another parable about a man who owed the impossible sum of ten thousand talents (Matthew 18:24). Three servants are given different sums according to their competence. Two take the money and make as much again, while the third hides his and makes nothing. If the parable stopped here, we could admire the care shown for property. There is no irresponsible behaviour here, like that of the servant in another parable who “sets about beating his fellow servants and eating and drinking with drunkards” (Matthew 24: 49).

The story continues with a shock. The servant who seemed so prudent in keeping his talent safe is condemned as wicked and lazy. A first reaction might be that he is being treated unfairly, like the labourers in the vineyard who worked all day in the heat (Matthew 20:1–16). His excuse corrects this first impression when we learn how unfair he is to his master. He accuses him of being a hard man, reaping where he has not sown. How could a hard man have given out such enormous sums of money at such a risk? Like the labourers in the vineyard and the steward who refused to forgive his debtor (Matthew 18:23–35), here is another character who thought he knew what God was like and how God ought to act.

The two others are rewarded, because, entrusted with property, they use it to earn more. They put their resources to work, like the disciples with the loaves and the fishes at the feeding of the five thousand (Matthew 14:16–17). This is how Christians are to spend the time of waiting. This story of the talents has nothing to do with business practice or commerce. These are not Matthaean interests. The parable is a call to us to take the ethical and religious message of this Gospel seriously; we are not to keep it

secret, as if hiding it in a hole in the ground, but we are to seek a righteousness exceeding that of the scribes and Pharisees, to do the will of the Father, to bear fruit in the life of the Kingdom (Matthew 5:20; 7:21; 13:23).

### Fr Peter Edmonds SJ

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### 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.

### Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Felicity Ann Croft, Kyllikki Edelshein, 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.  
Paul Mphothandisizwe Mtimkulu  
*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 by Tadi Kassaye in thanksgiving to the Lord for all her blessings.**

### 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).

### 9.30am Mass Hymns

<b>Entrance</b>	959	All my hope on God is founded
<b>Offertory</b>	600	All that I am
<b>Communion</b>	831	In Christ there is no east or west
<b>Recessional</b>	945	Now thank we all our God

### 11am Solemn Mass Music

<b>Prelude</b>	Komm Heiliger Geist	<i>Buxtehude</i>
<b>Mass</b>	Missa Frere Thibault	<i>Lassus</i>
<b>Motets</b>	De profundis	<i>Salieri</i>
	Dextera Domini	<i>Rheinberger</i>
<b>Postlude</b>	Praeludium in G-minor	<i>Buxtehude</i>

### Liturgical Calendar

<b>Sun:</b>	<b>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Proverbs 31:10-31; I Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>Feria</b> I Maccabees 1:10-64; Luke 18:35-43
<b>Tue:</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Zechariah 2:14-17; Matthew 12:46-50
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>St Cecilia, Virgin &amp; Martyr</b> Hosea 2:16-22; Matthew 25:1-13
<b>Thu:</b>	<b>Feria; St Clement I, Pope &amp; Martyr; St Columban, Abbot</b> I Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest (Friday abstinence)</b> II Chronicles 24:18-22; Matthew 10:17-22
<b>Sat:</b>	<b>St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin &amp; Martyr; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</b> I Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> Ezekiel 34:11-17; I Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46

### An Hour of Prayer for Stewards of the Earth

Join CAFOD at Farm Street Church at 7.15pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November for an unforgettable evening of prayer, where we will come together to pray for those attending COP28, including Pope Francis in his address.

The evening will consist of time to interact with different prayer stations, prayer through music, intercede for our world, listen to the Word, and adore The Blessed Sacrament with Fr Dominic Robinson leading us in Benediction.

Our focus will be on our common home and Laudati Si encyclical's as we draw closer to the upcoming COP28 talks. This will be followed by refreshments in the Arrupe Hall.

To register interest, visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search for 'An Hour of Prayer for Stewards of the Earth'. This is not necessary for attendance, but will allow organisers to gauge figures for refreshments.

### Cana Lunch Café

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, a café lunchtime café operates in the Cana Lounge at 114 Mount Street. Freshly made sandwiches and soup are available for a very reasonable suggested donation. The café operates between 12 noon and 2pm.

### Tim Hetherington Film Club at Farm Street

Next showing: **Arrupe Hall 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Thursday 30 November 2023**

Cost: free – with drinks and refreshments (donations welcome)

Presenting: **'Karol A Man who became Pope'** (2005, 186 minutes) part two

Booking invited (but not necessary) at [dthurst52@gmail.com](mailto:dthurst52@gmail.com)

The next Film Club presentation will be **Karol A Man who became Pope** which details the life of Pope John-Paul II, from his youth as a writer, actor, and athlete in war-torn Poland to his election as Pope at the age of 58. This film shows an extraordinary and moving journey through 50 years of history, with an outstanding soundtrack from multi-award winner Ennio Morricone. **This is the second part of this remarkable film.**

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

We will be celebrating our Patronal Feast on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Mass will be celebrated at 8am, 1.05pm, and 6pm. The 6pm Mass will be a solemn Mass followed by refreshments. All most welcome to this very special occasion.

### SWEP Volunteers

Farm Street Church will be participating in the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol. Should SWEP be activated, the Arrupe Hall at 114 Mount Street will be used as emergency shelter for the homeless. Volunteers will be needed on standby for the third week in December, January, February and March. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Fr Dominic or send an email to [centrallondoncatholicchurches@gmail.com](mailto:centrallondoncatholicchurches@gmail.com)

### 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 & Scripture*

**Week 8. 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Faith & The Parish Community**

*Week 9. 30<sup>th</sup> November. Faith & The Margins*