

Liturgical Calendar	
Sun:	Transfiguration of the Lord Daniel 7:9-14; II Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9
Mon:	Feria; Saints Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions; St Cajetan, Priest Numbers 11:4-15; Matthew 14:13-21
Tue:	St Dominic, Priest I Corinthians 2:1-10; Luke 9:57-62
Wed:	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr, Patroness of Europe Hosea 2:16-22; Matthew 25:1-13
Thu:	St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr II Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26
Fri:	St Clare, Virgin (Friday abstinence) Philippians 3:8-14; Matthew 19:27-29
Sat:	Feria; St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20
Sun:	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time I Kings 19:9-13; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Becoming a Catholic
RCIA is aimed at anyone who has been considering becoming a Catholic. The programme based at Farm Street, Mayfair is conducted by experienced lay parishioners, priests and religious sisters. There are twelve sessions held twice a month beginning on 21st October and finishing on 23rd March. If you are interested in doing RCIA, please email rcia.farmstreet@gmail.com for an application form.

MARCH FOR LIFE
The annual UK March for Life will take place on **Saturday 2nd September**. The theme this year is 'Freedom to Live'. 'Many are concerned about restrictions on freedoms but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Sadly, those who have their most fundamental freedom taken from them, by abortion, cannot speak for themselves – this is why we march. For our nation to be truly free, no one can be denied the number one freedom, the freedom to live!' (*Taken from the March for Life UK website*). With evermore legislation being proposed to criminalise pro-life witness, it is vital that advocates for the unborn in the UK continue to make their voices heard. The March for Life is a major opportunity to do so.

Morning events: 10.30am – 1.30pm
The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW

Mass: 10.30am
Westminster Cathedral

The March: 1.30pm
From The Emmanuel Centre
Ends at Parliament Square 4.30pm

For more information visit
www.marchforlife.co.uk

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).

Pax Christi
Today, Sunday 6th August, is the anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima in 1945. On Wednesday 9th August, Pax Christi will be organising their annual vigil to commemorate the bombing of Nagasaki. This will take place from 11am to 1pm outside of Westminster Cathedral. On the same day at 6.30pm, there will be a service in the Cathedral crypt in memory of Franz Jagerstatter, the Austrian, WW2 conscientious objector, executed by the Nazis. All are welcome to attend these events.

The Power of Life and Nature
There is currently an exhibition of paintings by Alex Roch displayed in the Ground Floor Gallery at 114 Mount Street. It is titled, "The Power of Life and Nature" and will be displayed until Tuesday 22nd August 2023, at 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH. All are invited to come and see this exhibition. All of the paintings are on sale, with prices indicated. For further information about sales, please contact Alex at alexroch4art@aol.co.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.
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



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The Transfiguration of the Lord
6th August 2023

YEAR A
TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.

RESPONSE

The Lord is King, most high above all earth.

ACCLAMATION

This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him.

COMMUNION

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH CLERGY

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Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

Fr David Birchall SJ; Fr Damian Howard SJ;

Fr Paul Nicholson SJ; Fr Laco Sulik 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 (Latin), 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



TRANSFIGURATION

The gospel for today is the beautiful story of the Transfiguration; and it occurs to me that you might quite like to get a feel of how the story fits into Matthew's gospel as a whole. This story comes from chapter 17. Two chapters earlier, we have been watching Jesus approached by Pharisees and scribes from Jerusalem (and we all knew that that means trouble). They are asking why it is that Jesus' disciples also casual about the Law (obviously implying that Jesus is likewise casual): but Jesus simply picks the ball up and flings it back at them, accusing them of not really caring about the 10 commandments, and nullifying the word of God, in order to preserve their traditions. Then he teaches the crowds the important lesson that "it is not what goes into the mouth that makes a person unclean but what comes out of their mouth". We can hear beneath the thread of this argument the battle between light and darkness, which is what the feast of the transfiguration is of course about.

The disciples it seems, are not absolutely convinced by this, and they are worried because the Pharisees have been "scandalized". Peter, as always, acts as the spokesman for the rest, and wants an explanation. And Jesus gives an explanation of a sort, with the story of the Canaanite woman who kept demanding that her daughter should be healed, which she gets! Then Jesus, as so often in Matthew's gospel, climbs a mountain and sits down to teach: And now we watch as those with various kinds of disabilities fling themselves at his feet, just as the Canaanite woman had done, and then, effortlessly, we are into the feeding of the 4000. The story starts with Jesus telling them that he is "guttled" for the crowds, because they are going to be hungry. The disciples are not at all impressed: "where are we going to get sufficient loaves of bread to give satisfaction to this huge crowd?". Jesus takes no notice of them and, making use of what they have, seven loaves and a few little fishes. He simply "took, and gave thanks, and distributed to the disciples and the disciples distributed them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied". Do you see the battle between light and darkness working itself out before your eyes?

Then the next episode is once again Pharisees and Sadducees setting a trap for Jesus: they want a "sign", but Jesus is only prepared to give them "the sign of Jonah". Then we go deeper into the darkness and its battle with the light, as Jesus tells his puzzled disciples what is going to happen to him in Jerusalem. Now Peter, (yes, it's him again!), and cannot put up with the idea of Jesus being put to death: "steady on, Lord" he says, for he had not realized that this was on the menu. He is therefore roundly rebuked by Jesus: "get behind me Satan", a terrible command, and we see how easy it is to end up on the wrong side of the battle between light and darkness. That is the moment when today's gospel is introduced; and that is clearly a matter of the battle between light and darkness.

And it continues, after the Transfiguration, with the disciples showing even more ignorance, about Elijah coming before the son of man; and that leads directly into a continuation of the battle between light and darkness, because the disciples have been unable, despite their training, to cast out a demon. Jesus is not impressed: "how long am I to put up with you?" And then he

effortlessly performs the healing, light defeating the darkness.

This leads straight into the next prediction of his passion, and another problem with Peter, who gives the wrong answer to the question about paying the census tax. Jesus shows them once again how wrong they are about the battle between light and darkness. And, once again, without any effort at all, he produces a miracle to put the opponents in their place, and to educate Simon Peter.

This is an extraordinary set of stories, and I hope that this glimpse of the context of the beautiful narrative of the Transfiguration has helped you to grasp how the battle is being fought out between darkness and light. Which side are you on?

Fr Nicholas King SJ

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	704	Praise the Lord ye, heavens adore him
Offertory	725	Immortal, invisible, God only wise
Communion	639	We have gathered
Recessional	683	O worship the King

11am Solemn Latin Mass Music

The choir are on well-deserved holiday leave for the month of August.

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 Francisco Ramirez Gomez for the intention of Francisco Ramirez Jr.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Diana Chadwick, Christiane, Marie Carroll Copestake, Kyllikki Edelshain, Christian Engelhart, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Mary Frances Giltz, Caroline Harkink, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Otilie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, George Tabor, Francis Walsh, Natalie Williams & 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

Recent Collection Figures

Sunday 23rd July: £1,675.74
Stella Maris: £1,094.70
Retired Priests: £647.55

Feast of St Ignatius: £1,023.68, which will be divided equally between the Parish and the Jesuit alumni association.

Thank you for your generosity.



JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FARM STREET

The pleasure of your company is requested at

THE FARM STREET CHARITY BALL

on Saturday, 7th October 2023

The Savile Club

69 Brook Street, London W1K 4SR



CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION 7.00PM · DINNER 7.45PM · FOLLOWED BY DANCING

CARRIAGES AT 1AM · DRESS: BLACK TIE

INVITATIONS DONATED BY MOUNT STREET PRINTERS

MENU

Starter

Butternut squash tortelloni finished with black trumpet mushrooms, sage butter and feta cheese

Choice of main course

Petit filet mignon of beef served with baby courgettes, rosemary-roasted Hasselback potatoes, sautéed cavolo nero and Old Winchester cheese

Fillet of lemon sole Meunière served with a quenelle of potato and caper mousseline, crispy fennel, anchovy and dill beurre blanc

Confit potato cake served with white asparagus, aged Parmesan-flavoured pearl barley and a zucchini blossom

Dessert

Pistachio cream frangipane tart with fresh raspberries, rosewater jelly and lychee sorbet



A **DINNER TICKET** (£160) INCLUDES THE CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION, WINE WITH DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT, LIVE AUCTION, RAFFLE, DANCING UNTIL 1 AM.

A **DANCING-ONLY TICKET** (£45) INCLUDES DANCING FROM 10PM UNTIL 1 AM, ONE GLASS OF HOUSE WINE, RAFFLE.

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT WWW.FARMSTREET.ORG.UK

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE BALL, BUT WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT OUR CHARITIES, YOU MAY ALSO MAKE A DONATION ONLINE ON THE BALL PAGE.

SPONSORSHIP OF FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS:

A TABLE ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS, DESIGNED BY HELEN ARISTIDOU, FARM STREET CHURCH'S FLORIST, MAY BE SPONSORED FOR £50. A CARD ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR DONATION WILL BE PLACED ON THE TABLE OR, IF YOU PREFER, YOU MAY WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS ('FLOWERS DONATED BY A PARISHIONER').

PROCEEDS OF THE EVENING WILL BENEFIT THESE CHARITIES

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ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE, ENFIELD
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