

Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



The Holy Triduum & Easter 1st April 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)

The dispensation from Sunday obligation remains in effect until further notice. 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

By appointment

BAPTISM AND WEDDINGS

By appointment. Dates are subject to lockdown developments.

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday: 7.30am - 6.30pm

Sunday: 7.30am – 7.00pm

LONDON JESUIT CENTRE

All events are suspended until further notice. For more information, contact Anne Paolino at apaolino@jesuit.org.uk

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 a strong 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.

AN EASTER MESSAGE FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Dear brothers and sisters,

May I wish you, on behalf of the Jesuit community and whole Farm Street Team, a very blessed Easter which brings you and your loved ones hope in these troubled times.

At Easter last year we were just at the start of this national crisis. In this message then I invited our readers to follow Pope Francis' lead. Then the Pope was already encouraging us to do some collective soul searching as society, to listen to what the tragedy of the pandemic was teaching us about the future. And, as the year has passed, he has continued to challenge us not simply to go back to a 'new normal' but to seek to create a better post-pandemic world. I have been especially inspired by Francis in this last year, finding in his letter *Fratelli tutti* and series of interviews *Let us Dream* much consolation, and would highly recommend them to anyone who is trying to make sense of what it is to be a Christian in a churned up world emerging from the pandemic.

Looking forward with hope must always be the message of Easter but that will be easier said than truly lived. These last twelve months have been hard for most everyone. It is fully understandable if we seem lost now and not ready for Easter at all. In a way the life of the Parish has mirrored the life of the Church and society as a whole. We have been in this together, many suffering family bereavement and sickness, many among our own parishioners coping with loneliness, many losing jobs and livelihoods, the vast numbers around our city plunging into poverty. Yet there has also been great generosity as we have drawn nearly 100 volunteers over the last year to care for the homeless. So much has been done online and this has shown that large numbers of people, perhaps thinking of faith for the first time or seeking to return to the Church, have been knocking at our virtual door. So for me there is much to hope for as our parish community has not shrunk through lack of presence in church but has expanded and taken a different shape. As we begin to live life more fully again, when we can be really present to each other again, I see there is much to hope for as we discern how we bring the risen Christ to the world in what may indeed eventually look like the new era Pope Francis is inviting us to embrace.

Pope Francis says that for the Christian we must not just hope in new life but discern how to create it. We have, says the Pope, been seeing glimmers of this as

humanity realises how we are all in it together. We are all interconnected with each other and with the planet. As we celebrate again the resurrection, that is what lies right at the heart of our faith, may we know the risen Christ's cosmic power and our call to rebuild. Easter is always a new dawn. This year that call to start afresh will have special meaning.

May we be filled this Easter with the gift of hope in the risen Christ so we may build a more human future for our world emerging from time of crisis and being called again today to new life.

Fr Dominic Robinson, SJ

TRIDUUM AND EASTER 2021

MAUNDY THURSDAY 1st April

No morning Masses.

Confessions: 12 noon – 1pm

7pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

In accordance with Covid guidelines, there will be no altar of repose this year.

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April

Confessions: 12 noon – 1pm

12 noon: Stations of the Cross.

2pm & 4pm: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 3rd April

Confessions: 10am – 12 noon

8.30pm: Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY 4th April

Mass: 8am, 9.30am (Family), 11am (Latin), 12.30pm, 5.30pm

EASTER MONDAY to EASTER FRIDAY

5th April to 9th April

Church closed until 11am. Confessions at 12 noon to 1pm and Mass at 1.05pm only, after which the church will be closed.

The Farm Street Singers will provide music at services during the Triduum (except for Good Friday Stations of the Cross). All services will be open to the public and will be livestreamed on our website.

Happy Easter from Farm Street Church

While we still have the Sacred Triduum before us, the parish clergy team and staff would nevertheless like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Easter. There will be no newsletter next week; the next edition will be distributed on Friday 16th April.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Easter Sunday
Mon: Easter Monday
Tue: Easter Tuesday
Wed: Easter Wednesday
Thu: Easter Thursday
Fri: Easter Friday
Sat: Easter Saturday
Sun: Second Sunday of Easter
Mon: Easter feria
Tue: Easter feria; St Martin I, Pope & Martyr
Wed: Easter feria
Thu: Easter feria
Fri: Easter feria
Sat: Easter feria
Sun: Third Sunday of Easter

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4;
John 20:1-9
Mon: Acts 2:14-33; Matthew 28:8-15
Tue: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
Wed: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
Thu: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
Fri: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
Sat: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
Sun: Acts 4:32-35; I John 5:1-6;
John 20:19-31
Mon: Acts 2:23-31; John 3:1-8
Tue: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7-15
Wed: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thu: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
Fri: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
Sat: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
Sun: Acts 3:13-19; I John 2:1-5;
Luke 24:35-48

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

Virtual Altar of Repose

In accordance with the guidelines issued by the Bishops' Conference, we will not be having an Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday this year. The Diocese of Westminster is, however, inviting people to unite in prayer via a 'virtual Altar of Repose', which will be livestreamed from 8pm onwards from the Diocesan Shrine to the Blessed Sacrament at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane. This will be accessible via the following link
<https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/live/>

Scripture Speaks

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
John 13:34-35

Novena to Syria

On Wednesday 7th April, we will commence our annual Novena for Syria. We will be commencing on the seventh anniversary of the martyrdom of Fr Frans van der Lugt SJ, and will be praying for nine days for the people of Syria and the release of Fr Paolo Dall'Oglio SJ:

Prayer and intercession for peace in Syria

God of Compassion,
Hear the cries of the people of Syria;
Comfort those who suffer violence;
Console those who mourn the dead;
Give strength to those countries who welcome the refugees;
Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms
And protect those who are committed to peace.
God of hope,
May the memory of your martyr Fr Frans, whose anniversary we commemorate, inspire leaders and all people of good will to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with their enemies.
Inflame the Universal Church with compassion for all the people of Syria
And give us hope for a future built on justice for all.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Light of the world.
Amen

Prayer for the release of Fr Paolo and all held in captivity

God of Mercy,
Hear our prayers for the immediate release of your priest Paolo, and of all those held in captivity amid the horrors of conflict in the Middle East;
Turn the hearts of their captors to compassion and justice;
Inspire all those working for their release to find a way to bring our brother Paolo and all those held against their will to freedom and safety.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Our Lady, Queen of the Society of Jesus, pray for them;
St Ignatius, pray for them;
All the martyrs of England, pray for them;
St Charbel, pray for them.
St Ephrem, pray for them.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of April, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for the recognition and defence of fundamental human rights. We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships and authoritarian regimes. We also pray for democracies in crisis.

Fourth Annual Landings Lecture

The fourth annual Landings Lecture will take place on Friday 23rd April at 7pm. In previous years, the Landings Lectures have taken place at Farm Street Church, London. This year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the lecture will take place online via Zoom. The speaker this year is Dr Anna Rowlands, a lecturer in Contemporary Catholic Studies and deputy directory of the Centre for Catholic Studies at the University of Durham. The theme she will be addressing is titled, '**Rebuilding the Church for a Change of Era; Pope Francis' vision in 'Fratelli Tutti'**'. If you would like to attend this talk, please book a place via the Eventbrite booking page <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-2021-landings-lecture-tickets-145306185713>. We do ask for a donation to attend this lecture, which will go to support the important work of Landings.

Have you been away from the Church and seeking a way back to your faith?

Landings, the programme for returning Catholics, is run by regular Church goers and those who themselves have returned after doing the Landings programme. Through a series of storytelling, discussion topics and prayers returnees are able to have their voices heard through compassionate listening in a confidential space where trust and hospitality are integral.

We know that many have been away from the Church for a while and there is a great yearning to reconnect with their faith, especially after the past year of lockdown and the ensuing isolation.

If you, or anyone you know is considering reconnecting with their faith then do please take a Landings card and email

Fr. Dominic Robinson at landingsuk@gmail.com or
Ruby Almeida at landingsouth@gmail.com

Scripture Speaks

"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

Help the Homeless Donation Hub

During the first Covid 19 lockdown in the Spring 2020, Companions of the Order of Malta and Westminster City Council worked in partnership to start a donation hub for the homeless. The aim was to streamline the donations available and produce a circular network where the necessary supplies were available to support vulnerable individuals being housed in the hotels and hostels and the street population.

Donation Hub location:

St Joseph's Hall, 5 Thurloe Place, Knightsbridge,
London SW7 2RR. .

Opening times for receiving donations:

Wednesday 2 – 5.30pm

Wednesday 6.30 – 8pm (by arrangement)

Saturday 10.30am – 2pm.

Please only deliver donations at these times.

Types of Donations:

Toiletries – only unopened items please
Men and women's clothes (no children's clothes please)

Entertainment items e.g. books – fact or fiction/crosswords/puzzles/art and craft items
(please ensure the books are appropriate eg No recipe books)

Thank you very much for any support you can give.

Contact: Kate MacKenzie

at London.companionsofmalta@gmail.com if you have any queries.

A Prayer if Anxious

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;
rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise,
God, whose very own you are,
will lead you safely through all things;
and when you cannot stand it,
God will carry you in His arms.*

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
the same understanding Father who cares for
you today will take care of you then and every day.*

*He will either shield you from suffering
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.*

Be at peace,

and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.

St Francis De Sales

Good Friday Holy Places Collection

Cardinal Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, has written a letter to all bishops regarding this year's Holy Places Collection which is to be taken on Good Friday in all churches in England and Wales (and worldwide). A report from the Congregation regarding the support given to the Christian Communities in the Middle East is also included in the attachment to the letter. The Diocese of Westminster has expressed concern that many people may be unfamiliar with the scope and extent of the work supported by the Good Friday collection, and so we are publishing the Cardinal's letter on our website for all to read. It can be read at the following link

<https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/weekly-articles-2/letter-from-cardinal-sandri-prefect-of-the-congregation-for-the-oriental-churches-on-the-good-friday-collection>

Act of Perfect Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, to avoid whatever leads me to sin, and to confess my sins when possible.

Act of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, I believe you are present in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You and draw closer to You. Since I cannot receive Your body and blood sacramentally at this time, come to me spiritually. Help me to embrace You more deeply and unite myself more wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from Your love. Amen

Face Covering Update

'Face coverings will be mandatory in Places of Worship from Saturday 8th August 2020. All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass [or for private prayer] as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet.' (Statement issued by the Bishops' Conference). Further information can be found on the relevant section of the Government's website.

Scripture Speaks

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all."

I Corinthians 15:20-28

Supporting the Parish

We are grateful to everyone who has continued to financially support the church during the months of disruption caused by the pandemic. We are mindful that many people are currently struggling financially and may not be able to donate as they once did. If you can donate to the work of the parish, we would ask that you consider doing so in a way that avoids physical cash. This is for the safety of our staff, who need to physically count any money that is donated. Please consider donating via our website, setting up a standing order, or donating via the cashless terminals in the church. We are also implementing a new donating system called Givt, which will allow contactless donations via mobile phones. If you would like to donate via standing order, please contact the parish Finance Officer at farmstreetfin@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you again for your support.