

Church of the Immaculate Conception - Farm Street



Trinity Sunday
30th May 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 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.

“Abba, Father!”

Some years ago, Redemptorist Publications produced a book to help in the preparation of couples for marriage. Called “How to Survive being Married to a Catholic”, it was intended to help a non-Catholic understand the religious tradition of his or her partner. But so clear was the explanation of the Catholic faith it provided that I for one used it for Catholic couples as well.

One of the book’s earlier chapters encouraged readers to consider their idea or image of God. With the help of cartoons, it explained, as I recall, that some might think of God as an old man, deaf and distant from the realities of life. Others might think of God as a museum curator, responsible for customs and practices long since out of date. Others might see him as a policeman. Caricatures though these may be, my experience as a priest tells me that people often do think in these or similar ways.

I thought of that book and these images when reflecting on the readings for this Sunday, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. They encourage us to think about what kind of God our God is. The first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy reminds us that our God is both the God of Glory - “was there ever a word so majestic from one end of heaven to another?” – and the God who is close to the people he has chosen: who has spoken to them from the heart of the fire and who has watched over them, guided and protected them “with mighty hand and outstretched arm”.

In the Gospel reading Jesus commands his disciples, just before he is taken up into heaven, to “Go, make disciples of all nations”. Then come his final words, “And know I am with you always to the end of time”. Jesus is both the one who has ascended into heaven, to sit at the right hand of the Father, and also the one who is with us and who, as one Eucharistic prayer puts it, “walks with us on the journey of life”.

In the second reading, from the Letter to the Romans, St Paul expresses something quite remarkable. We are not only close to him and he with us: his relationship with us is still more intimate. The Holy Spirit makes us cry out, “Abba, Father!” We are children of God, his sons and daughters, “heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ”, participating even now in the life of the Trinity, a relationship which one day will be fulfilled in heaven.

The other evening, a noted Jesuit scientist gave an online talk to students from Imperial College where I am a very part-time chaplain. In response to a question about how we can fulfil Jesus’ command to “Go make disciples of all nations”, he said something I have been thinking about ever since. The best evangelisers are those who in some way have themselves struggled with faith because this gives them an understanding of the struggles of those with whom they are seeking to share their faith.

This Sunday we can thank God for being both the God of glory and the one who has chosen to be in relationship with us, who has brought us into the most intimate relationship with himself. We can also ask him to show us how best we can share our faith in God with others, especially those who struggle with faith, whose ideas or images of God can stand in the way.

Fr Michael Holman SJ

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Trinity Sunday
Mon: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue: St Justin, Martyr
Wed: Feria; Ss Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs
Thu: St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
Fri: Feria
Sat: St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
Sun: Corpus Christi

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40;
Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 8:14-17
Mon: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Luke 1:39-56
Tue: Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17
Wed: Tobit 3:1-17; Mark 12:18-27
Thu: Tobit 6:10-8:9; Mark 12:28-34
Fri: Tobit 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37
Sat: Tobit 12:1-20; Mark 12:38-44
Sun: Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15;
Mark 14:12-26

Corpus Christi

Next Sunday is the great Feast of Corpus Christi. As we will not be having a procession this year, there will instead be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 3pm to 5pm. All are most welcome to come to the church to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Bank Holiday

As Monday 31st May is a Bank Holiday, the church will not open until 11am. Confessions will be heard at noon and Mass will be celebrated at 1.05pm, after which the church will be closed for the remainder of the day.

Welcome

We welcome Fr Michael Bossy, SJ, to the Jesuit Community. Fr Michael arrived last week. We look forward to seeing him around.

Newman Prayer & Meditation Concert

We are delighted to be hosting a free online concert titled 'Newman: Meditation & Prayer'. This event, with music provided by Harry Christophers and The Sixteen, will be streaming live from Farm Street Church on Classic FM's Facebook page on **Thursday 10 June 2021, 7pm**. The concert will feature new Genesis Foundation commissions by Sir James MacMillan and Will Todd, based on Cardinal Newman's texts, as well as readings by Alexander Armstrong. Sign up here to receive a digital concert programme and bonus film content in the lead up to the concert: <http://bit.ly/gfmailing>

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 email

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

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

In the month of June, Pope Francis encourages us to pray for those preparing to marry. Let us pray especially for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience.

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

Scripture Speaks

"I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."
Galatians 4:1-7

11am Music list for Trinity Sunday

Organ Trio in D-minor (BWV 583): JS Bach

Introit O lux beata Trinitas - Michael Praetorius

O Trinity of blessed light, O unity of princely might, the fiery sun now goes his way; shed thou within our hearts.

Kyrie & Gloria Missa Cum júbilo

Alleluia Benedictus es, Domine
Deus patrum nostrorum,
et laudibis in saecula.

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers; and worthy to be praised forever.

Offertory Ave Maria - Morales

Sanctus & Agnus Dei Said

Communion Ave verum corpus - Gounod
Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man, whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood, be for us a foretaste In the test of death.

Organ Fugue in Eb-major (BWV 552): JS Bach

Scripture Speaks

"But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God." Hebrews 9:11-14

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, please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/>. To sign up to their regular email to receive news, event listings, and exciting ways how you can get involved, please visit <https://londonjesuitcentre.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ba5b3aa1bbd112142962fd5fd&id=ce6d0b5750>

Help the Homeless Donation Hub

The Companions of the Order of Malta's Donation hub is looking for donations for the 600 - 800 homeless supported in the hotels.

Hub address: St Joseph's Hall, Brompton Oratory, 5 Thurloe Place, Knightsbridge, London SW7 2RR.

Items required: Men's and women's clothes and shoes (not children's clothes please)

Toiletries – unopened please

Entertainment items e.g. books/crosswords/puzzles/art and craft items (No Recipe books please)

Please see the times for dropping off donations:

Tuesday 1.30 -4pm & 6.30 -7.30pm (by arrangement);

Wednesday 2 – 4pm; Saturday 10 – 11am

Please contact **Kate MacKenzie**

on companions.london@orderofmalta.org.uk if you would like to deliver some donations. Please do not leave them at the church.

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).

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

Supporting the Parish

We continue to be grateful to everyone who has financially supported the church during the year of disruption caused by the pandemic. We are mindful that many people are 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. 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.