

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET

THE PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, 4th June (Today!)

Bring a dish (salad, main course, dessert) to share
Pimm's Cups and soft drinks for sale
Activities for children, tombola, musical
entertainment
Behind the church, starting after the 9.30 Mass and
continuing into the late afternoon
Everyone welcome – bring a friend!

Fr Michael Beattie Memorial Mass

A memorial Mass will take place for the late Fr Michael Beattie SJ at Farm Street Church at 6pm on Tuesday 13th June. Many of you will remember Fr Beattie, who served as parish priest at Farm Street from 1991 to 1998. Please do mark this date in your diary. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Arrupe Hall.

Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Want to travel by train to Lourdes with Westminster Diocese this summer?

Book now!

Train travel costs £820 per person (sharing) and includes transfers, travel and full board hotel accommodation. Leaving from and returning to London Kings Cross St Pancras Station.

Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from the many parishes in the Diocese of Westminster journey together to Lourdes to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. With the kindness of volunteers, the group is able to support over 100 pilgrims who are sick, disabled, frail or elderly and need help to make the journey. When we make this pilgrimage, our faith is visible and active service to one other as we come to the waters and invigorate our commitment to respond to the message of Our Lady to St Bernadette.

The Pilgrimage will be led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and is from 21st to 28th July 2023. For more information and to book, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/.

Prayer Vigil for Migrants and Refugees

June 19th 2023 12.30-1.30pm, Opposite HOME OFFICE, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF

Join us to pray for ♦ those who have died trying to reach the UK, ♦ the many victims of current wars ♦ asylum seekers in detention centres, and those who are homeless ♦ Those who struggle to inject welcome and humanity into our legislation. We invite you to join us every third Monday of the month, remembering those who have died, and praying for those who are struggling for safety. Contact us for the prayer resources: barbarakentish11@gmail.com or johanmaertens@hotmail.com

Society of Jesus calls for the name of Fr Stan Swamy SJ to be cleared

Fr Stan Swamy SJ, spent five decades fighting for Indigenous rights in the Indian state of Jharkhand. He died of Covid-19 in July 2021, after spending seven months in an Indian prison. He was imprisoned under the archaic Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) for crimes against the government of India and his supposed involvement in violence surrounding the 2018 Bhima Koregaon protests. Fr Swamy was 83 at the time of his arrest and imprisonment. He was the oldest of the those arrested at the time, most of whom are still in prison.

During the seven months of his detention requests for bail were repeatedly denied, despite his deteriorating health. Fr Stan, who suffered from Parkinson's Disease, reportedly became unable to feed and bathe himself. Prison authorities also reportedly denied him basic amenities, such as a straw and a sipper, to help with his Parkinson's. While in prison he contracted COVID 19. He died on 5th July 2020, while still in police custody.

In December 2022, Massachusetts-based digital forensics firm Arsenal Consulting reported the results of its investigation into the evidence which had led to Fr Swamy's arrest and imprisonment. The report concluded that the priest was systematically targeted in a cyber campaign over a four-year period during which time false evidence was planted on his computer.

Fr Stan's willingness to stand with the poor and excluded eventually cost him his life. Today, an international campaign launched by the Society of Jesus in Jarkhand is seeking to clear Fr Swamy's name by asking people around the world to stand in solidarity with Stan by signing petitions which call on the Indian government to clear the name of this innocent man, based on the new evidence.

Here in the United Kingdom Jesuit Missions is spearheading this effort and the UK petition has already garnered over 5000 signatures. If you have not already signed the petition, could we please ask you to do so. Do share this information in parishes and Jesuit works. To make an impact 10,000 signatures are needed.

In anticipation of the anniversary of Fr Swamy's death Jesuit Missions is also planning a vigil which will take place on the morning of Tuesday 20th June in Central London. As part of their continued efforts, they are also working to draw the attention of politicians here in the UK to this injustice. We encourage as many as possible to join us on the 20th. More information to follow.

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.



Trinity Sunday 4th June 2023

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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 – 12.55pm
Saturday: 10am to 12 noon; 5.45pm – 5.55pm
Sunday: Fifteen minutes before every Mass
Also by appointment

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday: 7.30am - 6.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am – 7.00pm

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ENTRY

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us His merciful love.

RESPONSE

To you glory and praise for evermore.

ACCLAMATION

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

COMMUNION

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.



GOD IS LOVE

The Rev Peter Gomes was a famous preacher in the United States. He died in 2011 and for an astonishing 40 years preached every week in the Memorial Church of Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Not so long ago, I read a sermon he gave one Trinity Sunday, a Sunday devoted to the central doctrine of the Christian Faith. We say God is triune, three and one: the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God and yet God is one.

He says it's only right we have a Sunday dedicated to the Trinity because it reminds us that our Christian faith is not only stories about Jesus nor a set of moral principles, nor a cultural or aesthetic experience but also a body of beliefs which places us in continuity with the very first Christians. No, our faith is not only about how we act or how we feel; it also encourages us, even forces us, to think.

In other words, a doctrine like this gets us to ask questions, "How can we make sense of our belief in the Trinity? What exactly is it we celebrate today?"

One of the stories about Jesus which I find I think about often, and which I hope in some way inspires me, comes at the beginning of St John's account of the Last Supper. You will remember how John says that Jesus took of his outer garment, wrapped a towel around his waist and then washed, on by one, the feet of his disciples.

As we know, this was the job given in Jewish households to the lowest of servants, to slaves. Feet were dirty: they were mucky. This was far from being a pleasant job. But this is the work Jesus did for his disciples. That he should do this took them aback, astonished them. You'll remember how Peter said to Jesus, "You will never do this for me!" Then, despite protests, having washed the feet of the disciples, Jesus then says to them, "I have given you an example that you should do likewise".

During my Jesuit life and my life as a priest, I have been fortunate to come across so many examples, men and women almost too many to count, who have followed Jesus' example and done likewise. I am sure you have too.

As a very young man, I worked at St Christopher's Hospice in Sydenham and there met Dame Cicely Saunders whose life work it was to found these hospices for the terminally sick. These places which may have taken care of members of your family in the last weeks of their lives.

I think as well of those who work with the Jesuit refugee service in war-torn Syria; those who care for the homeless; those who provide beds and furniture

for those without the means to furnish their flats. I think of those I know in Pakistan, who have given their whole lives to help promote, through education, humane values in society, values which prove attractive to families of many religions.

My list goes on and on and I'm sure you could draw up one too. "I have given you an example that you should do likewise".

Why, you might ask, is he telling us this today, on Trinity Sunday? It's because, as St John says in one of his letters, "God is love". So, the Holy Trinity is all about love.

Because Jesus is the Son of God, his words and actions tell us exactly what God is like. So, when he washed the feet of his disciples, he was telling us and showing us that this is what God is like: God is love, a servant kind of love, a self-emptying kind of love, a self-giving kind of love that even does the dirtiest of jobs, the work of the slave, and all for us. That's the love with which the Father loves him, and that's the love with which Jesus loves us.

But do we also say the Holy Spirit is God? The Holy Spirit teaches us about this love, moves us to grasp and appreciate this love. Above the Spirit prompts that same love in us, such that the self-emptying, self-giving love of God comes alive not 2,000 years ago but on the streets of London today.

For me, Trinity Sunday is all about celebrating the love of the Father, shown to us by the Son and prompted in us by the Holy Spirit: a triune love, one love from the Father, through the Son and in the Spirit; a love which takes off its outer garment, kneels down and washes the feet of our brothers and sisters. Such is the love of God for you and for me and for us all, this is the God of love we celebrate today: amazing!

Fr Michael Holman SJ

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

Entrance	708	Holy God we praise thy name
Offertory	468	Holy, holy, holy!
Communion	908	Blest are the pure in heart
Recessional	315	Lead us heavenly Father lead us

11am Mass Music List

Prelude Prelude in Eb-major (BWV552) *JS Bach*
Mass Missa Brevis in Bb (K275) *Mozart*
Motets O beata trinitas *Palestrina*
Libera nos, salva nos *Sheppard*
Postlude Fugue in Eb-major (BWV552) *JS Bach*

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Trinity Sunday
Mon: St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
Tue: Feria; St Norbert, Bishop
Wed: Feria
Thu: St James Berthieu SJ, Martyr
Fri: Feria; St Joseph de Anchieta SJ, Priest; St Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor; St Columba, Abbot (*Friday abstinence*)
Sat: Feria; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
Sun: Corpus Christi

Daily Readings

Sun: Exodus 34:4-9; II Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:18-18
Mon: Tobit 1:3,2:1-8; Mark 12:1-12
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: Deuteronomy 8:2-16; I Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

A Lamp For Our Lady

To give honour to Our Lady, a lamp burns before her statue in the sanctuary. A 7-day lamp is lit every Saturday, the day traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and burns throughout the week. An offering of £10 is requested to light this lamp, the intention of which will be printed every week in the Newsletter or may be kept anonymous (e.g. 'An anonymous donor for a private intention'). Please email the Parish Secretary (FarmStreetOffice@rcdow.org.uk) with your requested week and intention as well as how you wish it to be published.

The lamp this week is lit for Kathleen Dasta, with fond memories from Dennis, Leslie and family

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Diana Chadwick, Marie Carroll Copestake, Christian Engelhart, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, George Tabor, Nick Walker, 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*

A Day with Mary

When: Saturday 10th June 2023

Where: St Scholastica, Kenninghall Road, Clapton
9:30am Entry procession of Our Lady. Angelus. Crowning. Sung Litany.

10.00am Mass in honour of Our Lady. Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael Ogunyinka. The Five Joyful Mysteries.

11.45am Lunch break *Please bring a packed lunch*
12.45pm Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Five Luminous Mysteries. Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Charles Soyombo. The Five Sorrowful Mysteries. Silent adoration.

3.00pm Tea break

3.45pm Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Neil Bett. The Five Glorious Mysteries. Act of Consecration. Benediction. Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal.

Finish at 5.15pm. Throughout the day: Confession and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



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. Below is a sampling of some upcoming events. For more information and to sign up to their mailing list for regular updates on events, please visit www.londonjesuitcentre.org. For more information, contact Federica Fiore at ffiore@jesuit.org.uk or on 020 7529 4844.

Understanding Islam

Five-part course beginning 7pm on the 13th June in the London Jesuit Centre.

A course aimed at Christians who would like to know more about the Muslim world and the theological sense Christians have made of it. Over five weeks, we will look at the basics of Islam both as Muslims understand it and from a Christian perspective. We will explore how Muslims understand other religions, especially Christianity, and the impact of the modern world on Islam and its dealings with Christians. The course will be led by Fr Damian Howard SJ, Provincial of Jesuits in Britain.

Bio-City

2-Day urban rewilding workshop
June 23rd-24th in the London Jesuit Centre.
Over 2 days, we will use forest therapy techniques, guided prayer, art, and music to navigate the landscapes of our hearts, being present in in our bodies, and reconnecting with urban nature in the cityscape of Central London.
Workshop led by Rachel Davies, Nicolette Burbach, and John Russell