

**The Fragile Line**  
**By Andrew White**

We are pleased to say that we will be hosting an exhibition by Andrew White titled, 'Homelessness in Drawings and Sculpture' from October 17th – November 27th 2022. Opening 7 – 9pm Monday October 17th. The exhibition will be displayed in the ground-floor corridor.

**Joy and Justice Peace and Poetry!**  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm in the Arrupe Hall Farm Street.**

Come and enjoy the inspiration and refreshment that true tales and life enhancing poems can bring with a unique evening with Sarah de Nordwall and the company of bards. Sarah has performed at the House of Lords and at venues from Transylvania to Pennsylvania and was the unofficial performance poet in residence at BBC Worldwide and winner of the Wild Words Poetry competition and is published by Folklore Publishing and the Bard school Press. This summer Since then Sarah and the Company of Bards from her Bard School have been contributing Creative Writing workshops for the homeless at the lunch service at Farm Street.

This event is being held also as a Fundraiser for those enrichment services.

Do encourage your creative friends and aspiring writers to come because you'll be invited to pick up your pens in the interval and perhaps come and share at the mic in the second half. This event was a tremendous success when we held it for National Poetry Day before lockdown, but this year we are holding it on the Feast Day of Pope Saint John Paull II who was a great poet, playwright and advocate of the power of the arts to restore the tools of resistance to the hands of those who needed a voice. Come and awaken the energies necessary to 'meet and master the challenges of the age' as he so wonderfully put in his letter to artists in 1999. Tickets £20. £5 discount for all volunteers at the luncheon service. Call or email Sarah de Nordwall for more info and to book a ticket. 07849 641 899. [sarah@sarahdenordwall.com](mailto:sarah@sarahdenordwall.com) Book a whole table and enjoy a wonderfully joyful and creative evening with your friends.

**A Lamp For Our Lady**

To give honour to Our Lady, a lamp will now burn before her statue in the sanctuary. A 7-day lamp will be lit every Saturday, the day traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin, and burn 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 Toni Encarnacion's intention.**

**Parish Prayer List**

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Maggie Danby, Erin Lillis, Sarah Esparza Regalado, Leopold, & Nick Walker. *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. *Requiescat in pace.*

**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](mailto:farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk)

**Becoming a Catholic**

*A pathway towards being received into the Catholic Church.*

This course has been designed to show how the Catholic faith has the scope and power to bring about personal transformation, beginning with re-thinking the way we live. We invite you to participate in this programme, where the basic tenets of faith are explored.

The sessions are interactive exchanges, giving you the opportunity to examine your own thoughts, ask questions, and seek a fairer version of society where higher ideals are the norm, not the exception.

**The programme consists of eleven sessions, two per month, starting from Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 at 11am** at Farm Street Church. Facilitated by a mixed group of Catholic clergy and lay volunteers.

Participation is free and does not require any commitment on your part. To find out more, please contact Claudia Whitty, the coordinator of the program, either at [claudiagwhitty@gmail.com](mailto:claudiagwhitty@gmail.com) or 07932 668247.

**Monthly Vigil Outside Home Office**

Next vigil October 17th 2022

Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF

You are invited to the Prayer Vigil from 12.30-1.30pm.

Normally every third Monday of the month We

remember ♦ those who have died trying to reach the UK, ♦ the many victims of the war in Ukraine ♦ those who work with asylum seekers in detention centres, and those who are homeless ♦ Those who struggle to inject welcome and humanity into our legislation. For further information contact [johanmaertens@hotmail.com](mailto:johanmaertens@hotmail.com) or [barbarakentish@talktalk.net](mailto:barbarakentish@talktalk.net)

**Coming Home**

11.00am Thursday 10 November 2022

A Service of Commemoration for people who have been homeless who have died in the past year at St Martin-in-the-Fields. All are welcome.

This service is organised by:

St Martin-in-the-Fields, The Connection at St Martin's, Housing Justice, and The Museum of Homelessness.

**Catholic Listeners**

Catholic Listeners, the new confidential helpline launched this year during Holy Week. The service which is part of the Diocese of Westminster, has been set up for those who are returning to the faith as well as to support those who need someone to talk to. 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, there is a professional team trained in signposting callers to other services and agencies. For further information please email [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com) or call us on 0800 448 0704

**Catholic Listeners are here to listen.**

# NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



**Twenty-Eighth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**  
**9<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**PARISH CLERGY**

*Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest*

*Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ*

**REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY**

*Fr Michael Bossy SJ; Fr David Birchall SJ*

*Fr Damian Howard SJ; Fr Paul Nicholson SJ;*

*Fr Laco Sulik SJ*

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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**

If you O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**RESPONSE**

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

**ACCLAMATION**

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

**COMMUNION**

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



## GRATITUDE

Only one of the ten cured lepers came back to thank Jesus and he was a Samaritan, a person despised by the Jews. It is a powerful and very clear story that relates to every one of us, especially to us Christians who have been given the grace of believing in the one true God.

For this we should be full of gratitude and giving thanks to God should be one of the main purposes of our prayer. Psalm 92 says: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord" and psalm 69 goes further: "Thanksgiving will please the Lord better than an ox".

But what should we thank God for? Once again Scripture gives clear indications. We should thank God for Christ, for people and for food. Obviously there are many other motives for thanking God, and each of us may have very special and personal ones. It is a valuable exercise to consider what these are in detail. We should look at our own lives, from the earliest time we can remember up to the present, to see how God has been accompanying and guiding us over the years through so many different occasions and experiences. This cannot help increasing our sense of gratitude and thanksgiving.

To have no sense of gratitude means that we don't recognize God's presence in our lives, and act as if we alone are in charge and responsible for all we do. This can easily lead us to the sort of pride that is the root of all evil and sin. Clearly we have some responsibility for what we do, but it is neither absolute nor wholly exclusive. St Paul was only too well aware that to trust in self was to court failure whereas trusting in God ensures both strength and security. The same is true of those who trust in riches, in high and fortified walls, in bows or swords, or in any other idol. They are equally doomed to failure.

This is an occasion to ask myself: Who or what do I really trust in? When I have a problem or am in difficulty or in danger, where do I actually put my trust? Is it in God or in someone or something else? If it is the former, we can make our own the beautiful communion antiphon in today's Mass: "Those who seek the Lord lack no blessing".

For in thanking God we are not giving him anything that he needs. It is we who benefit. St Paul reminds us very clearly that that God is not dependent "on anything that human hands can do for him, since he can never be in need of anything". (Acts 17,25)

So let us never fail to give thanks, to show our gratitude, for in this way it is we ourselves who will grow.

**Fr Michael Campbell-Johnston SJ**

*From the archives. First published on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013.*

### Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30am, 11am, and 5.30pm Sunday Masses (second and fourth Sunday only for 5.30pm).

### Liturgical Calendar

**Sun:** Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Mon:** Feria; St Paulinus of York, Bishop; St Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs; St John Leonardi, Priest  
**Tue:** Feria; St John XXIII, Pope  
**Wed:** Blessed John Beyzym SJ; St Wilfrid, Bishop  
**Thu:** St Edward the Confessor, Patron of the Diocese and of the City of Westminster  
**Fri:** Feria; St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr (*Friday abstinence*)  
**Sat:** St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor  
**Sun:** Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Daily Bible Readings

**Sun:** II Kings 5:14-17; II Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19  
**Mon:** Galatians 4:22-5:1; Luke 11:29-32  
**Tue:** Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41  
**Wed:** Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46  
**Thu:** Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54  
**Fri:** Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7  
**Sat:** Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12  
**Sun:** Exodus 17:8-13; II Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8

### 9.30am Mass Hymns

<b>Entrance</b>	671	Morning has broken
<b>Offertory</b>	643	Gifts of bread and wine
<b>Communion</b>	898	Make me a channel of your peace
<b>Recessional</b>	772	Lord Jesus Christ

### 11am Music List

**Mass** Missa pontificalis Perosi  
**Motets** Ave Maria a4 attrib Victoria  
O sacrum convivium Croce  
**Organ** Concerto in A-minor Bach/Vivald

### Cafod Family Fast Day - World Food Crisis Appeal on Saturday 15th/Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table.

Please give at our appeal next weekend - Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th October or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday)

### Good Shepherd Nottingham

The Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (Bethlehem), based in Nottingham, will be at Farm Street Church this week to sell olive wood items produced by Christians in the Holy Land. Their goal is to support the Christian families to stay at work as olive wood carves is one of the most important sources of income for these families. 90% of the Christians in the region rely on this sale. Items will be sold in the church after every Sunday Mass (including the Saturday 6pm Mass).



*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 <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/>. For more information, contact Federica Fiore at [ffiore@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ffiore@jesuit.org.uk).*

### RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

16<sup>th</sup> October

A week-long, online, individually guided retreat. Meet each day with a spiritual guide and participate in workshops on prayer. A great chance to experience Ignatian retreat in the midst of your everyday life.

### IGNATIAN WAY

8<sup>th</sup> November for 5 Tuesday evenings

Begin a spiritual journey in the Ignatian tradition and discover tools to change the way you live your life.

### FROM JESUS TO CHRIST

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 10am-4pm

Looking at the development of our understanding of Jesus Christ in his humanity and divinity.

For further details of our retreats and courses see the London Jesuit Centre website: [www.londonjesuitcentre.org](http://www.londonjesuitcentre.org)



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**FARM STREET**

*The pleasure of your company is requested at*

## THE FARM STREET CHARITY BALL

*on Saturday, 29th October 2022*

*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

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A DINNER TICKET (£150) INCLUDES THE CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION, WINE WITH DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT, LIVE AUCTION, DANCING.

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

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT [WWW.FARMSTREET.ORG.UK](http://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.

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').