

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

Programme – 2023/24

Start Date: 15/10/2023

Celebration: 23/06/2024

The programme is designed for children who are in year three of school 23/24. If you wish your child to take part, please contact Leninha Assis to request a form.

farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk

Forms must be returned by 8/10/2023

The Listening Event

We warmly invite you to a relaxed and informal presentation on Catholic Listeners, Landings, our Returning Catholics Programme, and the launch of our new Catholic Listeners website. This will be on the 18th October from 6.30pm to 8.30pm (following 6pm Mass at Farm Street Church). The location is the Arrupe Hall and Cana Lounge at 114 Mount Street. For more information and to book your participation, call 0800 448 0704 or e-mail Catholiclisteners@gmail.com. RSVP by 1st October.

Wanted: Barbers or Hairdressers

We are looking for several volunteers who have experience cutting men's hair who can provide this support at our weekly lunch service for homeless individuals on Saturdays and Wednesdays in the London Jesuit Centre. Our hours of opening are between 11:30 am and 2 pm and equipment will be provided. If you could help on a regular or even occasional basis, please contact centrallondoncatholicchurches@gmail.com.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for volunteers to steward in the church on Sundays from 2 until 4, apart from the last Sunday of the month, which is covered. If you are interested in helping us out with this, please email Steven Fachada at farmstreetppchair@rcdow.org.uk.

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.

Jesuit Missions Christmas Cards

Informed by the Ignatian call to go where the need is greatest, they work in areas such as anti-human trafficking, educational access, and environmental sustainability in places like India, South Sudan and Ethiopia. By buying Jesuit Missions Christmas cards, you make their work possible. To place an order, go to: <https://www.charitycardshop.com/JM>.

FARM STREET PARISH FILM CLUB PREVIEW

Tim Hetherington Film Club at Farm Street,
114 Mount St W1K 3AH

Next showing: Arrupe Hall 6.30pm for 7.00pm
on Thursday 28 September 2023

Cost: free - with drinks and refreshments
(donations welcome)

Presenting: 'The Mssion' (1986, 125 minutes)

Booking invited (but not necessary) at

dthurst52@gmail.com

Monthly Memorial Prayer Vigil for refugees and asylum-seekers

On the 3rd Monday of every month
outside the Home Office SW1P 4DF from
12.30pm – 1.30pm. Praying for:

*Those who died trying to reach the UK

*Victims of current wars

*Those in detention & who are homeless

*The UK to be a more welcoming nation

Sign up to receive email news & alerts of changes
or

cancellations at: homeofficevigil@gmail.com

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



Jesuit Church of The Immaculate Conception

FARM STREET

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www.farmstreet.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest

Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

Fr Michael Barnes SJ; Fr David Birchall SJ

SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

Debbie Martin, Email:

farmstreetsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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 (Solemn), 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



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th September 2023

YEAR A

TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will
hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

RESPONSE

The Lord is close to all who call him.

ACCLAMATION

*Blessings on the King who comes, in the name
of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the
highest heavens.*

COMMUNION

*You have laid down your precepts to be
carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping
your statues.*



A GENTLE WHISPER

You sometimes hear it said that “the young people of this country have utterly lost any sense of religion”. I have to say, as one who has worked mainly with young people, in schools and in chaplaincies, that this is not my experience, though the young do not always know quite as much about their religion as we might wish. Quite recently, as is often the case at this time of year, I was working with some excellent young people in Lourdes, who clearly understood the importance of what goes on there. And I have to say that's when instructing couples for marriage in this parish or preparing them for the baptism of their children, my overwhelming impression is that they are serious about their religion; they are not simply going through it for form's sake, or to pacify their parents. This insight has been reinforced in the last few days, when I had the great pleasure of attending the first vows as religious, in different orders, of two young Oxbridge graduates, a woman and a man, who with their lives before them, and all sorts of possible choices to make, can think of nothing better than to give themselves wholly to God in this extraordinary way. At the same time I was privileged to meet a most impressive young woman, currently a novice in a woman's order, who was rejoicing because it has been confirmed that she too can go on and take her first vows. All three of these people were very well aware that they were taking on quite a serious challenge, not least because in most cases, the order they were joining had a heavy preponderance of older people. But no matter: that was where the call lay, and that was what they knew they had to do.

The point here is that above all we have to listen out for the call of God. That call has not ceased to echo in our lives; and if we are to find the happiness for which we are created then it is our urgent task to listen out for where the call is taking us. So how are we to do this? Above all, the first thing to remember is that God is always seeking to attract our attention, always trying to reveal to us the unconditional love that is right at the heart of who God is. And there is that within us that responds, at the very deepest level of our being, to this love, that recognises God's call as the only thing that matters.

But the problem here is that there is an awful lot of noise in our culture, and in the culture of all young people today, which tends to drown out that divine whisper, and prevent us from hearing what it is saying. One thing that you might like to try is what the prophet Eli told the boy Samuel to say when the voice addressed him in the middle of the night. It is a splendid story, which you will find, beautifully narrated, at 1 Samuel 3 (and actually, while you are about it, you could do worse than read the whole of the opening three chapters of the book; you will not regret it). What Eli tells the boy is to say “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening”; and that does the trick: God tells him. When the voice comes to us, it

comes not noisily but quietly, leaving a deep sense of peace. Now to hear that voice, one thing above all that we require, is some silence; and that means that each of us, sometime during the day, needs to sit in quiet, and turn off those noises with which we are constantly surrounded, and then listen. That tiny voice will be there, looking to attract your attention. Just let it speak.

Fr Nicholas King, SJ

Liturgical Calendar

Sun:	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-27; Matthew 20:1-16
Mon:	Feria Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
Tue:	Feria; Ss Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs Ezra 6:7-20; Luke 8:19-21
Wed:	St Vincent de Paul, Priest I Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 9:35-37
Thu:	Feria; St Wenceslaus, Martyr; St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
Fri:	SS Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels (Friday abstinence) Daniel 7:9-14; John 1:47-51
Sat:	St Jerome, Priest & Doctor II Timothy 3:14-17; Matthew 13:47-52
Sun:	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

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).

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 an individual in thanksgiving to God for all His blessings.

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	962	Firmly I believe and truly
Offertory	609	In bread we bring you, Lord
Communion	803	Love is his word
Recessional	982	O Jesus Christ, remember

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Christiane, Marie Carroll Copestake, Kyllikki Edelshein, Christiane Engelhart, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Caroline Harkink, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Donald Mathieson, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Ottilie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, Ian Rice, 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

Rosary To Be Broadcast Worldwide From St. Dominic's In Camden

If you haven't already got plans for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th – or even if you have! – what better way to spend it than by joining Radio Maria England in the beautiful shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Dominic for the rosary. Starting at 3pm, it will be broadcast to every Radio Maria station around the world, boasting a reach of 500 million listeners, accompanied by beautiful choral music from the Rosary Shrine singers. Before the rosary there will be Mass and a walk from Tyburn convent, the place of martyrdom for many of our English saints, with lunch on Primrose Hill – more details to follow. After the rosary, tea and coffee will be provided with the opportunity to build friendships with Catholics from across London. To sign up, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/vhv36kjm>. You can find more details on our website, RadioMariaEngland.uk, or by emailing anna.fleischer@radiomariaengland.uk.

Upcoming Synod events

We are holding a day of prayer for the Synod at 114 Mount Street on Saturday 30th of September. This is an event to coincide with Pope Francis declaring September 30th a world day of prayer for the Synod. The day will last from 10 AM until 4:30 PM and will take place in the new Cana Lounge. The programme is available on the Farm Street Synod Page of the website. There will be an opportunity to participate in different types of Prayer, led by both Farm street parishioners, and a representative from the Oxford University Catholic Chaplaincy. Please register with the parish secretary. The Synod page of the Farm Street website also contains links to other upcoming Synod events and news.

Faith and Us

A series of short lunchtime talks on issues relating to faith. Talks will begin at 1.35pm in the Cana Lounge at 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH and will last fifteen minutes, followed by time for discussion.

- Week 1. 5th October. Faith & Environment
- Week 2. 12th October. Faith & Business
- Week 3. 19th October. Faith & Work
- Week 4. 26th October. Faith & Science
- Week 5. 2nd November. Faith & Death
- Week 6. 9th November. Faith & Mental Health
- Week 7. 16th November. Faith & Art
- Week 8. 23rd November. Faith & The Parish Community
- Week 9. 30th November. Faith & The Margins

All most welcome.

CHARITY BALL

Saturday, 7th October at The Savile Club, Brook Street, W.1

The evening begins at 7pm with a Champagne Reception in the Drawing Room, followed by Dinner in the Ballroom and then dancing until 1am.

All proceeds will be in support of:
Aid to the Church in Need UK (Africa Appeal)
Jesuit Refugee Service UK (Hardship Fund)
St Ignatius College Enfield (Breakfast Club)
Wimbledon (Jesuit) College (Pastoral Fund)
Farm Street Church

More information and all booking details may be found at:
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/farmstreetchurch/977533>

Donations and flower sponsorship may be made on the same page. Dancing-only tickets (10pm-1am) are also available.