

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

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.

A Tent of Learning

Synodal Conversation and Conversion in Receptive Ecumenism

Inspired by a recent Durham University symposium, speakers from seven Christian traditions reflect together on how a church can be truly "synodal". At 114 Mount Street on the 23rd September, 10.30am-5pm. General admission: £15. For more information and to book, visit <https://a-tent-of-learning.eventbrite.co.uk/>

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. We also need more people to serve tea and coffee after the 11 o'clock Mass on Sundays.

If you are interested in helping us out with either of these, perhaps once a month, please email Steven Fachada at farmstreetppcchair@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>.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Fr Michael Barnes SJ who has moved into residence at 114 Mount Street and now joins the regularly assisting clergy in the parish.

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

ADDRESS: 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH

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E-MAIL: farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th September 2023

YEAR A TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

*Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets may be found true. Hear the
prayers of your servant and of your people
Israel.*

RESPONSE

*The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger
and rich in mercy.*

ACCLAMATION

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.*

COMMUNION

*How precious is your mercy, O God! The
children of men seek shelter in the shadow of
your wings.*



FARM STREET AT 175: A TIME TO GIVE THANKS, TO REFLECT, TO PLAN

175 years. A time of momentous change in the history of the world, our country and the Church. 1849 was only twenty years after Catholic Emancipation and London was the centre of an empire at its height. The building of a grand Gothic church staffed by Jesuits in the centre of a fast developing post-industrial city was hugely ambitious but £58,000 (that is close to £10 million today) was raised in a short space of time.

So much hasn't changed in that time but has greatly developed. The needs are more pressing than ever as we open our doors all day every day as an oasis of prayer and worship with a fine living tradition of music, companionship with artists, and outreach to those becoming Catholic or returning to the Church and needing guidance and a place to be listened to and land safely. In 1849 a workhouse still operated on Mount Street but, as the gap between rich and poor grows ever greater in this iconic neighbourhood of London, we are drawn more to the peripheries of Mayfair and St James's to find new ways to truly serve those members of our community who are poorest. Our outreach to the margins, however, is also to those who may for whatever reason feel less than welcome in church, including now for ten years our diocesan LGBT community. The development of the London Jesuit Centre, drawing us more deeply into an understanding of faith and spirituality, is enlarging our common mission too as the Jesuits in the midst of this city.

Our 175 Anniversary Year opens on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th with Mass celebrated by our new Apostolic Nuncio to the Court of St James Archbishop Miguel Buendía, and will close on December 9th 2024 with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, our archbishop. These are the two 'bookends' if you like of what we hope will be a year of celebration and thanksgiving as well as reflection on our present and future, a process which will be continuing especially through the work of the Synod, our parish pastoral council and newly formed evangelisation working group, and many others. I hope the year as a whole will involve events and projects which reflect our heritage and help secure what we discern is important to our continued mission for the years to come.

This short piece is just to introduce the 175 Anniversary Year and to ask your help please. Do you have any suggestions for events and projects? And, if so, could you please place them in our suggestion boxes at the entrances to the church. This will be a great help to our team as we begin to plan. Thank you!

Fr Dominic Robinson, SJ

Liturgical Calendar	
Sun:	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35
Mon:	Feria I Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10
Tue:	Feria; St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr I Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17
Wed:	St Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, Priest, Paul Chōng Ha-Sang, & Companions, Martyrs Wisdom 3:1-9; Luke 9:23-26
Thu:	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist Ephesians 4:1-13; Matthew 9:9-13
Fri:	Feria (Friday abstinence) I Timothy 6:2-12; Luke 8:1-3
Sat:	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Galatians 2:19-20; Matthew 16:24-27
Sun:	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-27; Matthew 20:1-16

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 for Hugh and Emily.

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	970	Be thou my vision
Offertory	601	Praise to the Lord
Communion	938	Soul of my Saviour
Recessional	287	Thine be the glory

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.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Christiane, Marie Carroll Copestake, Kyllikki Edelshein, Christian Engelhart, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Caroline Harkink, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Otilie, 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.



FARM STREET CHARITY BALL 2023 The Savile Club ~ Saturday, 7th October

A **dinner ticket** (£160) includes the Champagne reception, wine with dinner, entertainment, live auction, raffle, dancing until 1am.

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

If you are unable to attend the Ball, but would like to support our charities, you may also make a donation online on the ball page.

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').