

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 22nd 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 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 Mia 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

Becoming a Catholic

Becoming a Catholic: a pathway towards being received into the Catholic Church

This program has been designed by Farm Street for those who wish to become a Catholic. It shows how the Catholic faith has the scope and power to bring about personal transformation, beginning with rethinking the way we live and the priorities we make. It consists of 11 sessions, two per month, starting 22 October 2022 at 11am at Farm Street Church, facilitated by a mixed group of Catholic clergy and lay volunteers. If you know of anybody wishing to become a Catholic please introduce the person to Claudia Whitty, the coordinator of this program, either at 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 or 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 or call us on 0800 448 0704

Catholic Listeners are here to listen.

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
16th October 2022

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest
Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

Fr David Birchall SJ; Fr Michael Bossy 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

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSE

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

ACCLAMATION

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

COMMUNION

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love to rescue souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



GUARDED UNDER THE SHADOW OF GOD'S WINGS

On a visit to Paris when I was young, one of the treats which lay in store was a visit to the Eiffel Tower. Famous since it's construction for the World Exhibition at the beginning of the last century, it had become one of the most famous landmarks in the world. Of course I had seen photographs of it and television shots of it, so in many ways I was prepared to see it. However, nothing could really have prepared me for what I saw for myself, to look at it closely, to touch it, and to ascend the lift to the top to see the panorama of Paris laid out before my eyes.

My first surprise, even though I was familiar with it, was to see its colour. I thought it would be sort of rusty or copper, patchy in places and worn down by the weather and scratched. What I did not expect was the even chocolate coating which ran up and down its length with a uniform consistency and which gave it a mellower, warmer and softer appearance instead of it just being a huge rusty metal construction. However, what struck me most of all was the sheer size of the thing: it was enormous. Although I knew it was big, I had never seen anything so massive in my young life; it just took my breath away seeing its columns plunge into the earth and curving upwards, on and on until it narrowed and finally tapered into the blue sky above. A vast immovable structure making me and my friends feel somewhat insignificant beneath its shadow.

The theme of today's reading reminds us of another kind of towering figure, but in this case it is the vastness of God. We are asked to reflect on His power and presence everywhere. This is not something we should be afraid of, in the ordinary sense of that term, since God is our friend and his Son Jesus calls us brothers and sisters. Still, when we think that, as the Entrance Antiphon says, that we shelter under the shadow of His wings, then we can get a sense of just how pervasive God's presence is. You see, it's all very well hearing about God from a pulpit but as in this case with my experience of the tower, there really is no substitute for a personal encounter with Him. And this is there for the asking for each one of us, as today's Gospel reminds us.

As I was left with a sense of awe at the foot of the Eiffel Tower, so too should we have a similar sense about being in the presence of God ourselves at every moment of our lives. God is there, watching over us, stepping in to help us when he thinks we need it or leaving us to ourselves to see how we get on without Him. All of our lives, every moment of every day, are spent under the shadow of the towering figure of God whose presence fills the universe. Let us then not be afraid of anything or anyone and let remind ourselves of the Gospel reading from St Luke that God is there and to turn to Him to ask for help or simply to thank for all He has given and continues to give to us.

Fr James Campbell SJ

From the archives. First published on the 21st October 2007.

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
Tue: St Luke, Evangelist
Wed: Feria; Ss John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs; St Paul of the Cross, Priest
Thu: Feria
Fri: Feria; Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores SJ, Priest, & St Pedro Calungsod, Martyrs (*Friday abstinence*)
Sat: Feria; St John Paul II, Pope; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
Sun: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Exodus 17:8-13; II Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8
Mon: Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21
Tue: II Timothy 4:10-17; Luke 10:1-9
Wed: Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48
Thu: Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53
Fri: Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
Sat: Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9
Sun: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-19; II Timothy 4:6-18; Luke 18:9-14

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	315	Lead us heavenly Father
Offertory	601	Praise to the Lord
Communion	806	The Lord's my shepherd
Recessional	769	Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

11am Music List

Mass Missa *BVM de Loreto* Goller
Motets *Meditabor in mandantis tuis* Rheinberger
Tantum ergo Vierne
Organ Final (*Symphonie 3*) Vierne

Nicholas Breakspear - The English Pope

A talk to the English Catholic History Association by Adrian Waddingham on the subject of his new book. **Saturday 29 October** at 2.45pm in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, by Westminster Cathedral. All welcome to this in-person event. Tickets £5 cash on the door. Register on [Eventbrite](#) or just turn up.

LONDON JESUIT CENTRE EVENTS

IGNATIAN WAY

8th 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 22nd 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

Cafod Family Fast Day - World Food Crisis Appeal on Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th 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 this weekend - Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th October or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. cafod.org.uk/fastday

Congratulations

Congratulations to the First Communicants and their families! From this day on, may the truth of God's Word grow stronger in your heart. May the gentle love of Jesus remain in you now and always. With lots of gratitude to our community for your prayers and support. God bless you all.

Confirmations 2023

The next programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation for teenagers (aged 14+) begins on the 29th January 2023. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Farm Street Church on the 25th June 2023. For more information and to register, please contact Leninha at farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk.

First Holy Communion 2023

The next programme for First Holy Communion will begin on the 13th November. For more information and to receive an enrolment form, contact Leninha at farmstcatechist@rcdow.org.uk. This programme will end up First Holy Communion celebrated on the 2nd July 2023.

French Teacher Available for Private Lessons

Qualified native French teacher available for one-to-one/group lessons in person or online, all levels welcome. For more information, contact Nathalie at 07504105078.



JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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 4BR



CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION 7.00PM · DINNER 7.45PM · FOLLOWED BY DANCING
CARRIAGES AT 1AM · DRESS: BLACK TIE
INVITATIONS DONATED BY MOUNT STREET PRINTERS

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

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').