

**CRUCIAL NEW LAW FOR ANIMALS
TALK TODAY**

A fascinating talk on landmark new law devised and driven by parishioner Duncan McNair's charity Save The Asian Elephants www.stae.org and just granted Royal Assent by the King - the Animals (Low-Welfare Activities Abroad) Act 2023. Hear Duncan's address in the Cana Lounge (basement) on **Sunday 22 October** at 12.30pm on the drama of the campaign, the global importance of the new law and how to help numerous endangered species.

The Good Counsel Black Tie Ball

This will take place at 6pm Saturday 18th November 2023 in Kensington, London. Live Band. Silent Auction. London's Catholic Pro-Life Ball raising money to help save lives and change lives. Tickets £125 each. For bookings and enquiries email GCNBall@gmail.com or telephone 07795205117

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 Day with Mary

When: Saturday 28th October 2023

Where: Westminster Cathedral

9.45am Entry procession of Our Lady of Fatima. Angelus. Crowning. Sung Litany.

10.30am Mass: Celebrant & Preacher: a chaplain of the Cathedral.

11.30am Consecration of the parish to the Immaculate. The Five Joyful Mysteries

12.15pm Lunch break *Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided.*

1.20pm Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Silent adoration. The Five Sorrowful Mysteries. Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Stephen Boyle.

Meditations on the Passion. Divine Mercy Chaplet (sung). Act of Consecration. Benediction. Procession of Our Lady of Fatima from the Cathedral to Cathedral Hall. The Five Glorious Mysteries.

5.00pm Enrolments in the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal in the Cathedral Hall.

Throughout the day: Confession and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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 26 November 2023

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

Presenting: **'Karol A Man who became Pope'**(2005, 186 minutes), which will be shown in two parts.

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

Welcome to Farm Street Church, our vibrant and engaging Catholic Parish in the heart of London

www.farmstreet.org.uk



**Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

22nd October 2023

**YEAR A
TODAY'S RESPONSES**

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

Give the Lord glory and power.

ACCLAMATION

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

COMMUNION

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

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

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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



PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

Given the horrors of the war in the Middle East, we are all encouraged to pray earnestly and often for those caught up in the violence and for a just and lasting peace. As we pray for them, we pray for all those who are caught up in the many other war zones of the world. The following prayer is slightly adapted from the website of the National Council of Churches in Australia, an organisation which includes the Catholic Church. I have found this prayer helpful, and my hope is that you will find it helpful also as you pray for peace.

God of Comfort, send your Holy Spirit to encompass all those whose lives are torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine. You are the Advocate of the oppressed, and the One whose eye is on the sparrow. Let arms reach out in healing rather than aggression. Let hearts mourn rather than militarize.

God of Justice, give strength to those whose long work for a just peace might seem fruitless now. Strengthen their resolve. Do not let them feel alone. Show us how to support their work and bolster their courage. Guide religious leaders to model unity and reconciliation across lines of division. Guide political leaders to listen with their hearts as they seek peace and pursue it. Help all people to choose the rigorous path of a just peace and disavow violence.

God of Love, we lift up Palestine and Israel — its people, its land, its creatures. War is a monster that consumes everything in its path. Peace is a gift shared at meals of memory with Christians, Muslims, and Jews. Let us burn incense, not children. Let us break bread, not bodies. Let us plant olive groves, not cemeteries. We beg for love and compassion to prevail on all your holy mountains.

God of Hope, we lift up the cities of the region: Gaza City and Tel Aviv, Ramallah and Ashkelon, Deir El Balah and Sderot, so long divided, yet so filled with life and creativity. Come again to breathe peace on your peoples that all may recognize you.

God of Mercy, even now work on the hearts of combatants to choose life over death, reconciliation over retaliation, restoration over destruction. Help us resist hatred and discrimination in all its forms. All people, Israelis and Palestinians, deserve to live in peace and be unafraid, with a right to determine their future together.

God of the Nations, let not one more child or elder be sacrificed on altars of political expediency. Keep safe all people from unjust leaders who would exploit vulnerability for their own distorted ends. Give wise discernment to those making decisions to

pursue peace. Provide them insight into fostering well-being, freedom, and thriving for all. Teach all of us to resolve injustices with righteousness, not rockets. Guard our hearts against retaliation and give us hearts for love alone.

Strengthen our faith in you, O God, even when we don't have clear answers, so that we may still offer ourselves non-violently for the cause of peace.

We make these and all our prayers, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Fr Michael Holman SJ

Opposing Antisemitism

Amidst an alarming rise in antisemitic activity, across the world and in London, it is worth reflecting on the words contained within section four of *Nostra Aetate*, one of the documents produced by the Second Vatican Council:

‘Remembering, then, its [the Church’s] common heritage with the Jews and moved not by any political consideration, but solely by the religious motivation of Christian charity, it deploras all hatreds, persecutions, displays of antisemitism directed against the Jews at any time or from any source.’

These words are to be taken very seriously. As Christians, we are called to support and stand with our Jewish brothers and sisters, whether at home or abroad, and oppose any form of hatred directed against them. Let us pray that God would deliver people from the scourge of antisemitism.

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	600	All that I am
Communion	627	This is my body
Recessional	722	Give me joy in my heart

11am Solemn Mass Music

Prelude	Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele	<i>Brahms</i>
Mass	Missa Sancti crucis	<i>Rheinberger</i>
Motets	Ave Maria	<i>Bruch</i>
	Caro cibus (Lauda Sion)	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
Postlude	Prelude and fugue in C-minor <i>Mendelssohn</i>	

Liturgical Calendar

Sun:	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 45:1-6; I Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21
Mon:	Feria; St John of Capistrano, Priest Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21
Tue:	Feria; St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop Romans 5:12-21; Luke 12:35-38
Wed:	Feria Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48
Thu:	Feria; Ss Chad & Cedd, Bishops Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53
Fri:	Feria (Friday abstinence) Romans 7:18-25; Luke 12:54-59
Sat:	SS Simon & Jude, Apostles Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-19
Sun:	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Exodus 22:20-26; I Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

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 David Michael Coffey for the beloved intention of Julie Thompson and Francisco Ramirez.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Christiane, Marie Carroll Copestake, Kyllikki Edelhain, Christian Engelhart, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Christopher Halliday, Caroline Harkink, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Donald Mathieson, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigusie, Otilie, Graziella Pirovano, 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

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.>

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.

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.

Art Exhibition

We are delighted to be hosting an art exhibition by Ukrainian artist, Anatolii Rychik. Anatolii was born and raised in Ukraine, in Donbas. Since childhood, he learned to draw in an art school. He was also engaged in wood carving and sculpting. In his youth, Anatolii dreamed of studying at the Academy of Arts, but it so happened that he graduated from Donbass Mechanical Engineering Academy. During his studies and student years, he was the constant editor of the school and then the student newspaper.

Anatolii worked as a designer at a jewelry factory, where he created artistic samples of jewelry. His author's works were presented at international jewelry art exhibitions in the city of Kyiv.

With the beginning of a full-scale war in Ukraine, he was called up for military service. In difficult conditions, Anatolii found an opportunity to paint in order to morally support his fellow soldiers. During this time, he created many humorous drawings on military themes, for which he was awarded the Commendation from the National Guard of Ukraine for a series of caricatures about military life and a TV interview on Ukrainian television.

His current exhibition will be displayed in the Ground Floor Gallery at 114 Mount Street until the **15th November**. There will be an evening with the artist at **6.30 pm Saturday 28th of October**.