

MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual UK March for Life will take place on **Saturday 3rd September**. The theme this year is '10 Million Too Many'. Since the legalisation of abortion in England and Wales in 1967, a staggering 10 million* abortions have taken place in the UK. In 2020, more than one baby was lost to abortion every two and a half minutes; twenty-five lives ended every hour. With the success of the pro-life movement in overturning Roe v. Wade in the USA and the subsequent vilification of pro-life campaigners by many politicians and media outlets, it is vital that advocates for the unborn in the UK continue to make their voices heard. The March for Life is a major opportunity to do so.

Morning events: 10.30am – 1.30pm

The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW

Mass: 11am

St George's Cathedral, Southwark

The March: 2pm

From The Emmanuel Centre
Ends at Parliament Square 4.30pm

“Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court, or kill you.”

— Pope Francis

For more information visit
www.marchforlife.co.uk

*Calculated at 9,900,961 on 27th April 2022

Catholic Listeners

Catholiclisteners, 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

Catholiclisteners are here to listen

New Sacristan Appointed

We are pleased to announce that Michael Goode has been appointed as the new sacristan for Farm Street Church. We expect Michael to begin in late September

Byzantine Icon Painting Course

Tutor: Dr Irina Bradley
Address: 114 Mount St, London W1K 3AY
Course Fee – £400 per person
Dates for the 1st course: 5th-9th of September 2022
Dates for the 2nd course: 12th-16th of September 2022
Times: 10.30 am to 16.30 pm
Lunch break: 1 hour

These 5-day icon painting courses are suitable for beginners and students of higher levels of ability, no previous artistic experience is required. The courses are designed to introduce students to the history of Byzantine art as well as the spirituality of this sacred tradition. The techniques covered are gilding, shell gold making and liquid egg tempera painting, where natural earth, mineral and lake pigments are used. Students will be painting Our Lady of Tenderness, returning students may bring other icons to work on.

Once paid, the full fee will only be refunded if another paying student is able to take the place. The classes consist of a small number of students. If the courses must be cancelled due to Covid restrictions, all fees will be refunded. However, the students are still responsible for their travel and accommodation costs in these circumstances. To book contact Irina Bradley at irinabradley@hotmail.com or 079050509419

Save the date: Oratorian, Carmelite and Jesuit Joint Picnic – Sat 17th Sept 2022

In 1622, Saints Philip Neri, Teresa of Ávila, Ignatius Loyola, Francis Xavier and Isidore the Farmer were canonised by Pope Gregory XV. To celebrate the 400th anniversary of their canonisation, the Oratorian Fathers are hosting a joint picnic to which the Farm Street and Carmelite faithful are invited. The picnic will take place in the Garden of Oratory House, Brompton Road SW7 2RP, on Saturday 17th September 2022, 3-6pm. Attendees are asked to bring their own food; drinks and some snacks will be provided. During the afternoon, Fathers from each of the three Communities will give short talks about the lives of the five Saints. The event is free to attend, but because space is limited, registration is requested. Registration details will be circulated in early September, but do save the date if you would like to come.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Farm Street Charity Ball, a dinner-dance to raise funds for the charitable works of the parish, will be held on **Saturday, 29th October** at The Savile Club, Brook Street, W1. The evening will include musical entertainment, a live auction, a raffle and a few surprises. More details and booking information will be available in late summer. Watch this space.

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th August 2022

PARISH CLERGY

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

REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

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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 - 1pm
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

ENTRY

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you
all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of
mercy to all who call on you.

RESPONSE

In your goodness, O God,
you prepared a home for the poor.

ACCLAMATION

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

COMMUNION

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.



ANGELUS ADDRESS

In the scene from today's Gospel passage, Jesus, in the home of one of the chief Pharisees, observes that the guests at lunch rush to choose the first place. It is a scene that we have seen so often: seeking the best place even "with our elbows". Observing this scene, Jesus shares two short parables, and with them two instructions: one concerning the place, and the other concerning the reward.

The first analogy is set at a wedding banquet. Jesus says: "When you are invited by any one to a marriage feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest a more eminent man than you be invited by him; and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give place to this man', and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place" (Lk 14:8-9). With this recommendation, Jesus does not intend to give rules of social behaviour, but rather a lesson on the value of humility. History teaches that pride, careerism, vanity and ostentation are the causes of many evils. And Jesus helps us to understand the necessity of choosing the last place, that is, of seeking to be small and hidden: humility. When we place ourselves before God in this dimension of humility, God exalts us, he stoops down to us so as to lift us up to himself; "For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (v. 11).

Jesus' words emphasize completely different and opposing attitudes: the attitude of those who choose their own place and the attitude of those who allow God to assign it and await a reward from Him. Let us not forget this: God pays much more than men do! He gives us a much greater place than that which men give us! The place that God gives us is close to his heart and his reward is eternal life. "You will be blessed", Jesus says, "you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just" (v. 14).

This is what is described in the second parable, in which Jesus points out the attitude of selflessness that ought to characterize hospitality, and he says: "But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you" (vv. 13-14).

This means choosing gratuitousness rather than self-seeking and calculating to obtain a reward, seeking interest and trying to increase your wealth. Indeed, the poor, the simple, those who 'don't count', can never reciprocate an invitation to a meal. In this way Jesus shows his preference for the poor and the excluded, who are the privileged in the Kingdom of God, and he launches the fundamental message of the Gospel which is to serve others out of love for God. Today, Jesus gives voice to those who are voiceless, and to each one of us he addresses an urgent appeal to open our hearts and to make our own the sufferings and anxieties of the poor, the

hungry, the marginalized, the refugees, those who are defeated by life, those who are rejected by society and by the arrogance of the strong. And those who are discarded make up the vast majority of the population.

At this time, I think with gratitude of the soup kitchens where many volunteers offer their services, giving food to people who are alone, in need, unemployed or homeless. These soup kitchens and other works of mercy — such as visiting the sick and the imprisoned — are a training ground for charity that spreads the culture of gratuity, as those who work in these places are motivated by God's love and enlightened by the wisdom of the Gospel. In this way serving others becomes a testimony of love, which makes the love of Christ visible and credible.

Let us ask the Virgin Mary, who was humble throughout her whole life, to lead us every day along the way of humility, and to render us capable of free gestures of welcome and solidarity with those who are marginalized, so as to become worthy of the divine reward.

Pope Francis

Delivered to St Peter's Square on 28th August 2016.

Liturgical Calendar

- Sun:** Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon:** The Passion of St John the Baptist
- Tue:** Feria; Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, and Margaret Ward, Martyrs
- Wed:** St Aidan, Bishop, and the Saints of Lindisfarne
- Thu:** Feria; Anniversary of the death of Cormac Cardinal Murphy O'Connor, 10th Archbishop of Westminster, 2017
- Fri:** Feria (*Friday abstinence*)
- Sat:** St Gregory the Great
- Sun:** Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

- Sun:** Ecclesiasticus 3:19-31; Hebrews 12:18-24; Luke 14:1-14
- Mon:** I Corinthians 2:1-5; Mark 6:17-29
- Tue:** I Corinthians 2:10-16; Luke 4:31-37
- Wed:** I Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44
- Thu:** I Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11
- Fri:** I Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39
- Sat:** I Thessalonians 2:2-8; Matthew 16:13-19
- Sun:** Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-17; Luke 14:25-33

Bank Holiday

Monday 29th August is a bank holiday and so our bank holiday schedule will apply on this day:
11am – Church opens
12 noon – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
1.05pm – Mass
1.30pm – Church closes

Sunday Refreshments

In order to give a well deserved break to our volunteers, coffee and tea will not be served after the 9.30 and 11.00 Masses during the month of August. This service will resume on Sunday, 4th September.

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 the family of Sam Hamama and Nickolas.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Chrissie Harkink-Mobbs, Erin Lillis, Sarah Esparza Regalado, & Nathalie Richards.
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.

9.30am Mass Hymns

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| Entrance | 762 | At the name of Jesus |
| Offertory | 602 | Almighty Father, Lord most high |
| Communion | 803 | Love is his word |
| Recessional | 708 | Holy God we praise thy name |

Mass for the Season of Creation

You are invited to join the Southern Dioceses Environment Network for a Mass to celebrate the opening of the Season of Creation. **The Mass will be held at Farm Street Church at 4pm on Saturday 3rd September.** There will be refreshments in the Arrupe Hall afterwards, along with displays of work for the environment being carried out around the dioceses. For more details please contact Colette Joyce on 07593 434905 or email colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk

Care of Creation Service

We will be having a joint Care of Creation Service with our Anglican friends from the Grosvenor Chapel on **Sunday 4th September** after the 11am Mass. All are most welcome to attend.

The Fragile Line

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.

A Thousand Voices

A unique Virtual Reality exploration and Art exhibition on the fascinating life story of 98 year old Ukrainian and Gulag survivor, Ivanna Masczchak.

When: 8th to the 11th of September from 11:00 – 19:00. Hosted by **The LIBá Collective**. Saturday the 10th of September at 19:30, an introduction by the creator of the VR works Danny Bacchus of Sheffield Hallam University and Ivanna herself.

Where: Arrupe Hall, 114 Mount Street, Mayfair, London W1K 3AH.

What: The VR exploration consists of two works; *'I Look For Them'* and *'Be That Ocean'*. Developed over the last six years. The heart and mind of this exceptional human being opened up in this period of extensive interviews, filming and social interaction revealing Ivanna's core strength. *'I Look For Them'* invites the participant to follow Ivanna through her memories as she recalls her time in interrogation, transportation across Russia, the sea crossing, and her time in the coastal Gulag camp at Magadan.

'Be That Ocean' immerses the participant in a dynamic virtual landscape, inviting embodied resonance with the experiential of Ivanna's journey and incarceration.

Furthermore there is an exhibition of original artefacts of Ivanna's time in the Gulag including a photo expo, projection and a video presentation. Presented by **The LIBá Collective**: Senior Lecturer in Film, Dominic Green, Principal Lecturer in Media Arts, Danny Bacchus of Sheffield Hallam University and artist Marcel Schreur.

More info:
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Sunday Collection

The amount donated in last week's Sunday collection was **£1,269.94**

