

### Special Masses This Week

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, Fr Peter Gallagher will celebrate the 1.05pm Mass at Farm Street for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Bueno's The 6pm Mass on the same date will be celebrated by Fr Peter Gallagher and Fr Michael Smith to mark their golden and diamond jubilees as a Jesuit. All are welcome to both events.

### 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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 10.30am-5pm. 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](mailto: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](mailto:rcia.farmstreet@gmail.com) for an application form.

**Thursday, 14 September, 11.00am – 4.00pm:**  
**Westminster Justice and Peace Outing to 'Plants of the Qur'an' Exhibition, Kew Gardens.** We will visit the exhibition in the morning, with time to explore the gardens in the afternoon. Please purchase your own tickets in advance via the Kew website (there are different pricing options) or on arrival. Meet just inside the ticket barriers at the Victoria Gate entrance at 11.00am where we will begin and end the day with prayers. Bring a picnic lunch. Contact Colette Joyce – [colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk)/ 07593 434 905 or Fr Dominic Robinson – [dominicrobinson@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:dominicrobinson@rcdow.org.uk) / 07840 868 568 – to let us know you are coming. All welcome.

### 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](mailto:homeofficevigil@gmail.com)

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com). RSVP by 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### 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).

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.farmstreet.org.uk)

### PARISH OFFICE

**ADDRESS:** 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH

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### PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest

Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

### REGULARLY ASSISTING CLERGY

Fr David Birchall SJ

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

Debbie Martin, Email:

[farmstreetsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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 (Latin), 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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

### YEAR A

### TODAY'S RESPONSES

### 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 to you.*

### RESPONSE

*For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.*

### 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

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



## DOUBT AND DISCOURAGEMENT

Our Scriptures are rich in call stories. In the Old Testament, God appears to Moses at the burning bush and calls him to confront Pharaoh to bring his people out of Egypt (Exodus 3:1-13); Isaiah has a vision of God on a heavenly throne and is called to be God’s ambassador to his people (Isaiah 6:1-10) and Jeremiah hears the Lord calling him to be a prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:1-10). In the New Testament, Peter is called by Christ from his life of fishing on the lake of Galilee to be a person who “will be catching people”, a prediction which came true when he made 3000 converts on Pentecost Day (Luke 5:1-11; Acts 2:41). The call of Paul on the road to Damascus to be a chosen instrument of Christ is so important for Luke that he reports the story three times (Acts 9:1-19; 22: 3-21; 26:9-20).

Sometimes, even often, enthusiasm generated by a first call does not last. In the readings appointed for this 22nd Sunday of Ordinary time, we have examples of people who are resisting God’s call. They are wavering; they have lost their enthusiasm. The prophet Jeremiah has been in conflict with the priest Pashbur, the chief officer in the Temple. He has put Jeremiah in the stocks. We hear Jeremiah blaming God for his predicament. God has made him a laughing-stock. God’s word for him has brought insult and derision. As for Peter, the same Jesus whom we heard in last week’s gospel calling Peter a rock, this week calls him Satan; he is an obstacle in his path. The so-called ‘terrible sonnet’ of the great Jesuit poet, Gerald Manley Hopkins includes the lines, ‘Why do sinners’ ways prosper? And why must / Disappointment all I endeavour end?’ may remind us of the experiences of Jeremiah and Peter.

But we have not heard the end of the stories of Jeremiah and Peter. Jeremiah gives his own answer to his feelings of despair. He admits that despite all, there is something like a burning fire shut up in his bones which he is ‘weary with holding it in and cannot’. As for Peter, despite calling Peter Satan in this paragraph, in the next Jesus has Peter accompany him to the top of a high mountain where he sees him transfigured, and Moses, the great Law giver and Elijah, the

mighty prophet, talking with him. As for Hopkins, he concludes his sonnet with a prayer of hope, ‘O thou lord of life, send my roots rain’.

There are times when we all suffer from doubt and discouragement in our religious faith and commitment. God will bring us through it just as he brought Jeremiah and Peter, and Hopkins too. When Jesus warns his disciples of the suffering and death that is looming before him - he does this three times in the gospel story - he always mentions the resurrection. And it is the resurrection that we celebrate on every Sunday of the year.

**Fr Peter Edmonds SJ**  
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Liturgical Calendar	
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>Feria; St Cuthbert, Bishop</b> I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30
<b>Tue:</b>	<b>Feria</b> I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Luke 4:31-37
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>Feria</b> Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44
<b>Thu:</b>	<b>Feria</b> Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Friday abstinence)</b> Micah 5:1-4; Matthew 1:1-23
<b>Sat:</b>	<b>Feria; St Peter Claver, Priest; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</b> Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

9.30am Mass Hymns		
<b>Entrance</b>	934	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
<b>Offertory</b>	600	All that I am
<b>Communion</b>	804	The King of love my shepherd is
<b>Recessional</b>	302	Breathe on me, breath of God
11am Solemn Mass Music		
<i>Prelude - Byrd</i>		
<i>Mass for three voices - Byrd</i>		
<i>Venite comedite - Byrd</i>		
<i>Ave verum corpus - Byrd</i>		
<i>Fantasia - Byrd</i>		

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.	
<b>The lamp this week is lit for the intention of Elle.</b>	

Parish Prayer List	
We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Christiane, Marie Carroll Copestake, Kyllikki Edelshain, Christian Engelhart, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Mary Frances Giltz, Caroline Harkink, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Otilie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, George Tabor, Francis Walsh, Natalie Williams & Michael Wymes	
<i>The LORD sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness you restore him to full health. Psalm 41:3</i>	
We pray for those in the parish who have recently died.	
<i>Requiescant in pace</i>	



JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
**FARM STREET**

*The pleasure of your company is requested at*

**THE FARM STREET CHARITY BALL**

*on Saturday, 7th October 2023*

*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

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**FARM STREET CHARITY BALL 2023**  
The Savile Club ~ Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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’).

Proceeds of the evening will benefit these charities

- [Aid to the Church in Need](#)
- [Jesuit Refugee Service UK](#)
- [St Ignatius College, Enfield](#)
- [Wimbledon \(Jesuit\) College](#)