

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

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.

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.

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.

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>.

Art Exhibition

Le vetrare delle Chiese, an exhibition by artist and Farm Street parishioner, Franco Lippi, is currently on display in the Ground Floor Gallery at 114 Mount Street. Franco's exhibition is a feast of colour and vibrancy, linked to the art of stained-glass windows, especially as seen in his homeland of Italy. The exhibition will be running until the 13th October. An open evening with the artist will take place on Sunday 8th October, from 6.30pm-8.30pm. All are invited.

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
The next vigil is on Monday 16th October.

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th October 2023

YEAR A TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSE

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

ACCLAMATION

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from my Father.

COMMUNION

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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 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



PRAISE GOD FOR ALL CREATION: POPE FRANCIS CALLS FOR ACTION

Pope Francis has released his Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*, 'Praise God', to 'clarify and complete' what he started in 2015 with his letter *Laudato si'* on how we care for our common home.

This is not just a papal document for Catholics but a heartfelt letter with an urgent message addressed to all people of good will, of whatever Christian denomination, of whatever faith or none. The letter was released on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the great medieval reformer whose spirituality saw our relationship with God in the simplicity and poverty of our harmony with the wider creation. This return to seeing ourselves in our nothingness in a vast universe with all its intricate connections seems to be at the heart of Pope Francis' call to us today who have been contaminated by industrialisation, scientific progress, and the exaltation of the autonomy of the self.

In *Laudate Deum*, the Pope describes climate change leading to drought, extreme weather and global high temperatures as a 'silent disease that affects everyone'. The Exhortation frequently defines the climate crisis as a 'global societal issue' where the impact and consequences are often felt by the world's poorest people. Humans are a part of nature, but we are currently abusing this position, exploiting natural resources and minerals. 'What is our relationship to God's creation?', Pope Francis asks. 'Is it a resource for us to make profits from, or a precious gift that we are to protect? Are we stewards of the earth, or exploiters?'

Pope Francis also focuses on international cooperation, calling for a new global framework to establish effective rules to safeguard the environment and promote human flourishing. He addresses the lack of progress at the COP international climate conferences and looks ahead to COP28 in Dubai. He urges delegates to 'move beyond the mentality of appearing to be concerned' and to have the 'courage needed to produce substantial changes', for 'we barely have time to prevent even more damage.'

The Pope does recognise that 'every little bit helps' and suggests that efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume responsibly, has created a 'new culture' and is transformative: 'Let us realise, then, that even though this does not immediately produce a notable effect from the quantitative standpoint, we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society.'

Pope Francis' call is to all of us, to educate ourselves and our children on what it means to be a good steward of creation, of the goods God has given us. This is not an optional extra but an integral part of our faith and of how we understand and worship our

Creator God. It is an integral part too of the mission of the Christian disciple. It is an integral part of our understanding of the nature of sin and Christian ethics. It is an integral part of our understanding of how the Church in the midst of the world plays a part in global, national and local action and advocacy for the poorest, for the common good, for the future of God's creation. As such the Church commends this document wholeheartedly for study and for action from it.

Fr Dominic Robinson, SJ
With excerpts from the Diocese of Westminster report on the release of Laudate Deum

Liturgical Calendar	
Sun:	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43
Mon:	St John Henry Newman, Priest I Corinthians 2:10-16; Matthew 13:47-52
Tue:	Feria; St Paulinus of York, Bishop; St Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs; St John Leonardi, priest Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42
Wed:	Feria; St John XXIII, Pope Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4
Thu:	Feria; Bl John Bezzum SJ, Priest; St Wilfrid, Bishop Malachi 3:13-20; Luke 11:5-13
Fri:	St Edward the Confessor, Patron of the Diocese and of the City of Westminster (No Friday abstinence in Diocese of Westminster). Joel 1:13-2:2; Luke 11:15-26
Sat:	Feria; St Callistus, Pope & Martyr; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28
Sun:	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 25:6-10; Philippians 4:12-20; Matthew 22:1-14

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 courage, protection and good health for the Naiken family.

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).

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, Caroline Harkink, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Donald Mathieson, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Ottilie, 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

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	671	Morning has broken
Offertory	643	Gifts of bread and wine
Communion	898	Make me a channel of your peace
Recessional	772	Lord Jesus Christ

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 at 11am at Tyburn convent, the place of martyrdom for many of our English saints, followed by a walking pilgrimage to the Rosary Shrine, stopping by at St. James' Spanish Place along the way. Bring your own picnic for lunch on Primrose Hill. 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.

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

Catholic Women Praying Together SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday November 15th, 2pm
Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, London, SE1 7HY

Theme:
Affirming the Church's teaching on Marriage and Family

ALL WELCOME!

Preacher: Rev Canon Michael Branch, Dean of St George's

The Mass will be followed by tea and light refreshments in the Amigo Hall

More information:

www.catholicwomenprayingtogether.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 followed by tea break.

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

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.