

### 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](mailto: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 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.

### 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).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 vetrate 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 13<sup>th</sup> October. An open evening with the artist will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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)



### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

### YEAR A TODAY'S RESPONSES

#### ENTRY

*All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

#### RESPONSE

*Remember your mercy, Lord.*

#### ACCLAMATION

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

#### COMMUNION

*Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

### 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](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 (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



## HOW MANY ANGELS ARE THERE IN FARM STREET CHURCH?

On [Friday] we celebrate[d] the feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. We begin the Mass with the antiphon: Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word, and heeding his voice.

So I wondered, how many angels are there in Farm Street Church? I went round counting carefully and I found 98 in the church and its chapels, and 20 on the outside.

Why so many angels? These spiritual beings play a prominent part in Scripture as a sign of the mysterious wonder and holiness of God whom they praise in the courts of heaven. We join them at every Mass when we say: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna (that is, save us, we pray) in the highest. These words are from the vision of the prophet Isaiah when he received his vocation as a prophet (Isaiah 6.3). So being surrounded by angels in our church we are helped to worship the Lord with wonder and praise and with a sense of depending for our being on God, as the angels depend.

The whole being of angels is centred on God in obedience and service. So they remind us to live out our praise in service of God and our neighbour, 'glorifying the Lord with your life.' One of the great acts of service of the angels is to be God's messengers to human beings, as we find in the accounts of many important vocations in the Old and New Testaments. That service of being a messenger is especially the task of archangels and every time we come into the church we can think of Gabriel giving the message to Our Lady of the Incarnation of Christ her Son. There it is very prominent in the mosaic above the altar, with its companion of Mary's reward for her faith and service in being crowned by her Son. How many angels do you see above them in that second mosaic?

The angels are also a sign of God's care for us, and how precious we are to God in giving us such splendid helpers. For we are given Guardian Angels to guide and protect each one of us throughout our lives. That teaching of the Church is based on words of Our Lord himself in Matthew 18.10: 'See that you never despise any of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in heaven are continually in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

May the thought of the angels support us in our worship, in our service, and in our trust in God's care and guidance throughout our lives through such great servants and messengers.

**Fr Tony Nye, SJ**

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### Liturgical Calendar

- Sun:** **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32
- Mon:** **The Holy Guardian Angels**  
Exodus 23:20-23; Matthew 18:1-10
- Tue:** **St Francis Borgia SJ**  
Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56
- Wed:** **St Francis of Assisi**  
Galatians 6:14-18; Matthew 11:28-30
- Thu:** **Feria; St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin**  
Nehemiah 8:1-12; Luke 10:1-12
- Fri:** **Feria; St Bruno, Priest (Friday abstinence)**  
Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16
- Sat:** **Our Lady of the Rosary**  
Acts 1:12-14; Luke 1:26-38
- Sun:** **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

### 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).

### 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 the repose of the souls of Marie & Frank Walsh.**

### 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, Otilie, 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

<b>Entrance</b>	694	All creatures of our God and King
<b>Offertory</b>	604	Lord accept the gifts we offer
<b>Communion</b>	831	In Christ there is no East or West
<b>Recessional</b>	302	Breathe on me breath of God

### 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](http://RadioMariaEngland.uk), or by emailing [anna.fleischer@radiomariaengland.uk](mailto:anna.fleischer@radiomariaengland.uk).

*"The Church commemorates our Guardian Angels this week. Let us ask Our Lord to direct our Guardian Angels to watch over and care for all of us, and particularly those who are in need of special protection like little babies and children, and the unborn. Lord hear us".*

### Catholic Women Praying Together SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2pm  
Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, London, SE1 7HY  
(nearest tube/train WATERLOO or Lambeth North)

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](http://www.catholicwomenprayingtogether.com)

### 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. 5<sup>th</sup> October. Faith & Environment
- Week 2. 12<sup>th</sup> October. Faith & Business
- Week 3. 19<sup>th</sup> October. Faith & Work
- Week 4. 26<sup>th</sup> October. Faith & Science
- Week 5. 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Faith & Death
- Week 6. 9<sup>th</sup> November. Faith & Mental Health
- Week 7. 16<sup>th</sup> November. Faith & Art
- Week 8. 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Faith & The Parish Community
- Week 9. 30<sup>th</sup> November. Faith & The Margins

All most welcome.

## CHARITY BALL

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at The Savile Club, Brook Street, W.1**

**The evening begins at 7pm with a Champagne Reception in the Drawing Room, followed by Dinner in the Ballroom and then dancing until 1am.**

**All proceeds will be in support of:**

- Aid to the Church in Need UK (Africa Appeal)**
- Jesuit Refugee Service UK (Hardship Fund)**
- St Ignatius College Enfield (Breakfast Club)**
- Wimbledon (Jesuit) College (Pastoral Fund)**
- Farm Street Church**

More information and all booking details may be found at:  
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/farmstreetchurch/977533>

**Donations and flower sponsorship may be made on the same page.  
Dancing-only tickets (10pm-1am) are also available.**