

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET

Landings Autumn Programme

It's Good To Talk on 25th September. This ninety-minute, one-off session is for people considering reconnecting with their faith and wishing to discuss faith related matters.

Landings 1 programme from 18th October till 6th December. This eight week programme is aimed at those who have made a decision that they wish to re-engage with their faith. In a confidential and welcoming space, participants share their faith journeys, choose a prayer and discuss faith topics.

Landings 2 programme from 6th November till 11th December. This six week programme is a follow on from the Landings 1 programme and focuses on the Acts of the Apostles, and follows a similar structure to the Landings 1 programme.

For further details please contact Ruby on landingsouth@gmail.com

Catholic Listeners

Catholic Listeners, 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

Catholic Listeners are here to listen

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.

The Fragile Line

We are pleased to say that we will be hosting an exhibition by Andrew White titled, 'The Fragile Line: 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

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.

Sunday Collection

The amount donated in last week's Sunday collection was **£1,102.10**



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th September 2022

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest
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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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

RESPONSE

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



PICK UP YOUR CROSS

“Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple”

These words are taken from this Sunday’s Gospel reading. They remind me of the German Lutheran pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. In the 1930s he and his colleagues formed the Confessing Church. Unlike the leaders of some of the more established churches in Germany at that time, they were well outspoken in their criticism and condemnation of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi regime.

Towards the end of the war, the inevitable happened. Bonhoeffer was arrested. He was charged with being implicated in the failed plot to kill Hitler, “Operation Valkyrie”. He was found guilty and sentenced to death. He was executed in April 1945, just days before the end of the war.

Bonhoeffer wrote a book which in its English translation is called “The Cost of Discipleship”. It’s a book which has profoundly impacted on the lives of many of the followers of Jesus during these past 75 years.

Bonhoeffer was a committed follower, disciple of Jesus. Jesus was to be followed with integrity. His Gospel was to be lived wholeheartedly, generously. Bonhoeffer learnt about this wholehearted following of Jesus from his visit to the United States in the late 1920’s and his experience of the African American churches there. To follow Jesus with one’s lips only, that would be empty discipleship. We need to follow him with our lives and our hearts, in all we do.

This would cost us since it would mean that in some way would share in the life and death of Jesus. If you like, the mysteries of his life would become the mystery of our lives too. We would, like him, find that much of the world was hostile to the Gospel. We might in some way find ourselves taking up our cross and following him. How? Perhaps as we stood up for a colleague at work, who was being unjustly treated; as we say to a friend family member, “I’m sorry but we cannot behave like this”; as we oppose what the rest of the society has come to accept.

Following Jesus, being his disciple, comes at a cost and the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel reading are to find a place in our own experience. This means it’s just sensible, as Jesus also says in today’s Gospel, before you take on this discipleship, to sit down and think, “Do I understand what it means? Have I the strength and courage, the will power, and resources, to carry through what I am undertaking?” Since following him is not just a matter of what I say, but of what I do with my whole life.

Most of us, I think, want to say, “I want to follow Jesus wholeheartedly”, but day by day we find it a real challenge. So, what helps do we have?

This coming Thursday, 8th September, the Church will celebrate the Birthday of Our Lady. Have you ever asked yourself, I’m sure you have, “where did Jesus get his teaching from?” His experience of practising his Jewish faith in the synagogue would certainly be one source of his teaching. We would have to add, I think, that his mother and foster father, Mary and Joseph, were other sources too.

Maybe Jesus saw in Mary what it meant to be at odds with some members of the family, since taking on her vocation from God, to be the mother of the Lord, may have come at such a cost. Maybe Jesus saw in Joseph the capacity to sit down and think and reckon up whether he had the resources to complete the task. Mary is called the model disciple and no doubt Joseph could be too. So, looking to them both, praying that they might show you how to live the Gospel with integrity and show you how to carry up your cross every day, may be one such valuable source of help as we seek to follow Jesus, as Bonhoeffer so marvellously did, with our whole lives.

Fr Michael Holman SJ

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon: Feria
Tue: Feria
Wed: Feria
Thu: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri: Feria; St Peter Claver, Priest (*Friday abstinence*)
Sat: Feria; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
Sun: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Bible Readings

Sun: Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-17; Luke 14:25-33
Mon: I Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11
Tue: I Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19
Wed: I Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26
Thu: Micah 5:1-4; Matthew 1:1-23
Fri: I Corinthians 9:16-27; Luke 6:39-42
Sat: I Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49
Sun: Exodus 32:7-14; I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

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.

Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30am, 11am, and 5.30pm Sunday Masses (second and fourth Sunday only for 5.30pm). All are welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship. **Refreshments will not be served after the 11am Mass this week.**

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 good intention of Mrs Alzira Cotta and family

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 | 934 | Dear Lord and Father of mankind |
| Offertory | 600 | All that I am |
| Communion | 804 | The King of love my shepherd is |
| Recessional | 302 | Breathe on me, breath of God |

Outing to Kew Gardens

15th September, 11am-4pm: Outing to Kew Gardens with Fr Dominic Robinson SJ & Colette Joyce. Visit the [Food Forever](#) exhibition in the morning with time to explore the gardens in the afternoon. Prayer to begin and end. Purchase own tickets and meet inside at the Victoria Gate. Bring a picnic or buy food in the café. Contact Fr Dominic on dominicrobinson@rcdow.org.uk to let him know you are coming.

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

A Thousand Voices

A unique Virtual Reality exploration and Art exhibition on the fascinating life story of 97-year-old Ukrainian and Gulag survivor, Ivanna Maszczak.

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, a reception and 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 five 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. The LIBá Collective has been exploring the themes of “presence” and “survival” for eight years, creating a range of multi-disciplinary artworks, participatory events, and immersive installations. For more information, please contact: d.bacchus@shu.ac.uk

Tackling the Global Food Crisis – Saturday 10th Sept 10.30am online meeting

Join Catherine Ogolla, CAFOD’s Country Representative for Kenya, Uganda & Eritrea, who will give a first-hand account of our work tackling the Food Crisis which is affecting over 20 million people.

Contact Tony at Westminster@cafod.org.uk for further details or book a place at <https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Online-talks>