

VISITING CHOIR

On **Thursday 14th September**, the St Francis Cabrini choir will be singing at the **6pm Mass**, followed by a short concert. The St Francis Cabrini Choir, visiting from Littleton, Colorado, USA, have been signing together for over 30 years. In addition to performing in local concerts throughout Colorado, the choir has sung for important liturgies at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver. They have also toured Europe singing for Masses and in concerts at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, as well as in Paris, Vienna, Prague, Madrid, Warsaw, and Krakow. Some highlights include singing for Pope St. John Paul II, performing at the Salzburg Music Festival, and singing the Mozart Requiem at Carnegie Hall under the direction of John Rutter. All are welcome to attend this event.

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>.

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 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.

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 / 07593 434 905 or Fr Dominic Robinson – 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

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.

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.

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th September 2023

YEAR A TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

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

RESPONSE

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

ACCLAMATION

*Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.*

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.*

PARISH OFFICE

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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

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



CARE FOR CREATION

From the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 1 September 2023

Dear brothers and sisters!

“Let Justice and Peace Flow” is the theme of this year’s ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: “Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream” (5:24). The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God’s children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. This justice must flow forth wherever it is needed, neither remaining hidden deep beneath the ground nor vanishing like water that evaporates before it can bring sustenance. God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we “seek first the kingdom of God” (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures...

During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on [our] heartbeats: our own and those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they do not beat in harmony; they are not harmonized in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.

The effects of this war can be seen in the many rivers that are drying up. Benedict XVI once observed that: “the external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast”. Consumerist greed, fuelled by selfish hearts, is disrupting the planet’s water cycle. The unrestrained burning of fossil fuels and the destruction of forests are pushing temperatures higher and leading to massive droughts. Alarming water shortages increasingly affect both small rural communities and large metropolises. Moreover, predatory industries are depleting and polluting our freshwater sources through extreme practices such as fracking for oil and gas extraction, unchecked mega-mining projects, and intensive animal farming. “Sister Water”, in the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, is pillaged and turned into “a commodity subject to the laws of the market” (Laudato Si’, 30)...

How can we contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation? What can we, particularly as Christian communities, do to heal our common home so that it can once again teem with life? We must do this by resolving to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies. First, let us join the mighty river by transforming our hearts. This is essential for any other transformation to occur; it is that “ecological conversion” which Saint John Paul II encouraged us to embrace: the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator...

Second, let us add to the flow of this mighty river by transforming our lifestyles. Starting from grateful wonder at the Creator and his creation, let us repent of our “ecological sins”, as my brother, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, has urged. These sins harm the world of nature and our fellow men and women. With the help of God’s grace, let us adopt lifestyles marked by less waste and unnecessary consumption, especially where the processes of production are toxic and unsustainable...

Lastly, for the mighty river to continue flowing, we must transform the public policies that govern our societies and shape the lives of young people today and tomorrow. Economic policies that promote scandalous wealth for a privileged few and degrading conditions for many others, spell the end of peace and justice. It is clear that the richer nations have contracted an “ecological debt” that must be paid (cf. Laudato Si’, 51). The world leaders who will gather for the COP28 summit in Dubai from 30 November to 12 December must listen to science and institute a rapid and equitable transition to end the era of fossil fuels...

Another parallel perspective has to do with the Catholic Church’s commitment to synodality. This year, the closing of the Season of Creation on 4 October, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, will coincide with the opening of the Synod on Synodality. Like rivers in nature, fed by myriad tiny brooks and larger streams and rivulets, the synodal process that began in October 2021 invites all those who take part on a personal or community level, to coalesce in a majestic river of reflection and renewal. The entire People of God is being invited to an immersive journey of synodal dialogue and conversion.

So too, like a river basin with its many tiny and larger tributaries, the Church is a communion of countless local Churches, religious communities and associations that draw from the same shared waters. Each source adds its unique and irreplaceable contribution, until all flow together into the vast ocean of God’s loving mercy. In the same way that a river is a source of life for its surroundings, our synodal Church must be a source of life for our common home and all its inhabitants... In this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, let us live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again. May the Holy Spirit once more hover over the waters and guide our efforts to “renew the face of the earth” (cf. Ps 104:30).

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 13 May 2023

The fuller version of the Message may be accessed free on Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation [1st September 2023] (13 May 2023) | Francis (vatican.va).

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	880	Tell out my soul
Offertory	604	Lord, accept the gifts we offer
Communion	269	At the Lamb’s high feast
Recessional	683	O worship the king

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Mon: **Feria**
Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11

Tue: **Feria; The Most Holy Name of Mary**
Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19

Wed: **St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor**
Ephesians 4:1-13; Mark 4:1-20

Thu: **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:13-17

Fri: **Our Lady of Sorrows (Friday abstinence)**
Hebrews 5:7-9; John 19:25-27

Sat: **Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**
II Corinthians 4:7-15; John 17:11-19

Sun: **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Ecclesiastics 27:33-28:9; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

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 by Barbara Tomlinson for the intention of Francisco Ramirez and Julie Thomson.

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, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Ottilie, 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

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.



FARM STREET CHARITY BALL 2023

The Savile Club ~ Saturday, 7th 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

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](#)