

NEWSLETTER

JESUIT CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FARM STREET

Fr Michael Beattie Memorial Mass

A memorial Mass will take place for the late Fr Michael Beattie SJ at Farm Street Church at 6pm on **Tuesday 13th June**. Many of you will remember Fr Beattie, who served as parish priest at Farm Street from 1991 to 1998. Please do mark this date in your diary. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Arrupe Hall.

Jesuit General Visit

Fr Arturo Sosa SJ, the thirty-fist and current superior general of the Society of Jesus, will be visiting in the UK in April. As part of his visit, he will be celebrating the 1.05pm Mass on **Friday 14th April**. All are welcome to attend this significant occasion.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS

“Byways of Westminster” – come and discover the hidden gems of one of the world’s great cities! We will discover 17th century charity schools, 19th century Cardinals, and a Medieval mill! The Walk will finish in the Victoria Tower Gardens, alongside Parliament.

This History Walk is being repeated a further two times so as to offer different opportunities for people to attend

Friday March 17th Meet 6pm (after 5.30pm Mass) steps of Westminster Cathedral

NO NEED TO BOOK: just turn up! We suggest a donation of £5 per person

www.catholichistorywalks.org

SVP Volunteering

The St Vincent de Paul Society have a small programme for befriending of lonely and vulnerable people. This involves a weekly or fortnightly visit to a person in their home. If you would be interested to find out more about this, please contact Sandra McNally on s.mcnally1@lse.ac.uk or phone 07779 078933. Please note that volunteers will need to get a DBS check organised with the help of the parish safeguarding officer.

Lent Online Retreat

For this Lent 2023, in line with 2021 and 2022 initiatives, Farm Street Roman Catholic Church in partnership with Grosvenor Chapel, would like to invite each of us you to a journey of prayer and sharing around the theme Enlarging the Space of our Tent. We will focus on Justice and Peace, covering the themes of homelessness, racial justice, care of creation, migrants and peace, in the light of the Scriptures, following the Catholic diocese of Westminster Sharing Faith resource booklet, prepared by the Justice and Peace commission chaired by Fr Dominic Robinson, Farm Street’s parish priest. This ecumenical Lent Group will take place on Zoom each Wednesday at 8PM from 1st March 2023 until 29th March. You can get the link by registering with Farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk

'Can Faith be Reconciled with Science? Escaping the Snow Queen’s Palace.

Sunday 19 March 2023, 4-5pm, St Mary’s Church, 4 Holly Walk, Hampstead, London NW3 6QU

Fr Andrew Pinsent is Research Director of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at the University of Oxford. Formerly a particle physicist on the DELPHI experiment at CERN, he is a philosopher, theologian, and Catholic priest. It promises to be a fascinating insight into science and faith from a leading scientist.

If you are planning on attending in person please email the Parish Administrator at hampstead@rcdow.org.uk to book your place. You are welcome to livestream the lecture by visiting <https://www.churchservices.tv/hampstead>

[Conference] Jesuits and the Natural World

Organisers: Laudato Si' Research Institute & Campion Hall

Date: 23 - 24 March 2023

Venue: Pembroke College (Harold Lee Room)

Overview: The two-day conference will draw together and critically reflect on knowledge about Jesuit perspectives on the natural world from a wide diversity of disciplines, assessing its ongoing relevance for today. The conference will also showcase artefacts from the rich collections of Stonyhurst College and the British Jesuit Province through a pop-up exhibition held at Campion Hall.

For more information and to

register: <https://lsri.campion.ox.ac.uk/events/conference-jesuits-and-natural-world>

Catholic Listeners

Catholiclisteners 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.



Third Sunday of Lent 12th March 2023

PARISH CLERGY

Fr Dominic Robinson SJ, Parish Priest

Fr Nicholas King SJ; Fr Michael Holman SJ

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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 Thursday: 12 noon to 1pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (LENT)

Friday: 12.30pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday: 12 noon – 12.55pm

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

YEAR A ENTRY

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

RESPONSE

O that today you would listen to his voice:
‘Harden not your hearts’.

ACCLAMATION

Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give
me the living water, so that I may never get
thirsty.

COMMUNION

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water
I shall give will become in him a spring welling up
to eternal life.



CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

I am a governor in a large Catholic comprehensive school in north London. In late January, I and another governor spent a day visiting the chaplaincy and the religious education department.

We met with the school’s lay chaplain and the head of religious education. We discussed the curriculum, the time allotted to the teaching of RE and the funds available to the department for resources. We considered how the school goes about organising opportunities for prayer, collective worship, its days of reflection and retreats. We met students and sat in on RE classes. We were very impressed by what we saw and heard.

One theme the students engaged with was the “Imago Dei”: the Judaeo-Christian belief that each and every human person is, as we read in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis, created in the image of God.

“Created in the image of God” conveys the extraordinary truth that human persons are created in order to enjoy personal communion with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and with one another in them.

Created in the image of God, each and every human life is sacred. This is the principle in terms of which we are not only to judge our personal morality, how we relate to ourselves and each other, but the morality of public policy too. In this way, the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. No human life can be instrumentalised, become a means to another end. To act in this way or to cause others to act in this way is wrong and sure to fail.

Writing about the importance of conserving all of God’s creation, Pope Francis reminds us that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God’s love. This is still more true of each human person, created as he or she is, in the image of God.

Some people, among them poets and mystics, are blessed with a deep sense of the sacredness of each human life. How much we all need to develop, and help others develop, a capacity to recognise the image of God in every human person.

I have been reminded often these past days of the classes which I and my colleague visited and the explanation I heard being given about how each human person is created in the “Imago Dei”. There has been a good deal in the news about the government’s proposed legislation to deter illegal migration and the measures they propose to take, which some are calling draconian. Those who fail to use the proper immigration channels would be promptly deported and, once deported, they will not be able to apply for asylum in the UK in the future.

“The foreigners residing among you must be treated as native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.”, we read in the Book of Leviticus. (19:34) “Love one another as I have loved you”, commands Jesus in John’s Gospel (13:34)

Each and every person demands our respect and refugees and migrants are no exception. This means we need to listen to them, to meet their needs, to appreciate their beauty, to feel their pain, to stand up for them when they are unjustly treated, to ensure they have adequate food, shelter and healthcare and to educate their children.

All of which explains why I’m in admiration of the work of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in this country and proud to be associated with it. I admire the welcome refugee friends receive in the JRS centre in east London, the legal assistance they are given with their asylum claims, the lengths to which JRS goes to help provide them with food and shelter, and the accompaniment they are offered in the detention centres.

As followers of Jesus, we have a duty to promote the welfare of each person, especially those who have no voice for themselves, and to stand up when we think that welfare is being threatened. As inheritors of that Judaeo-Christian tradition that regards all human life as created in the image of God and sacred, we also have a duty to promote this tradition, as this school I visited is doing, and to ensure this tradition continues to nourish values, to inform policy and to challenge standards of behaviour in both private and public life.

Forgetting this tradition which underpins many of the values which many of us value most, be we Jews or Christians or of other faiths or none, risks doing much damage to ourselves and to the quality of the life which we live together in society. Some might say that damage is already being done.

*Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked.
Grant that we may experience his protection and help.
May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful,
console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Pope Francis, 2020*

Fr Michael Holman SJ

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).

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Third Sunday of Lent
Mon: Lent feria
Tue: Lent feria
Wed: Lent feria
Thu: Lent feria
Fri: St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland (*Friday abstinence*)
Sat: Lent feria; St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor
Sun: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Daily Readings

Sun: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-42
Mon: II Kings 5:1-15; Luke 4:24-30
Tue: Daniel 3:25-43; Matthew 18:21-35
Wed: Deuteronomy 4:1-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thu: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
Fri: Jeremiah 1:4-9; Acts 13:46-49; Luke 10:1-20
Sat: Hosea 5:15-6:6; Luke 18:9-14
Sun: I Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: Debra Minty Baker, Marie Carroll Copestake, Maggie Danby, Lady Antonia Fraser, Erin Lillis, Laura Marani, Robert McCormack, Helen Murphy, Millon Nigussie, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, George Tabor, Nick Walker, & Francis Walsh
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.
Charles Curran-Kelly
Requiescant in pace

9.30am Mass Hymns

Entrance	806	The Lord’s my shepherd
Offertory	908	Blest are the pure in heart
Communion	803	Love is his word
Recessional	206	Forty days and forty nights

11am Solemn Latin Mass Music

Mass Mass in A *I Holst*
Motets Jehova, quam multi sunt hostes mei *Purcell*
Agnus dei *I Holst*

Charity Concert

A fundraising concert at Farm Street Church featuring renowned pianist Bobby Chen in aid of Jesuit Missions’ Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal and Jesuit Refugee Services in Syria. This will take place on Monday, **20th March at 7pm**. It will be followed by a wine reception in the Arrupe Hall. Tickets are £50. To purchase a ticket, please visit www.farmstreet.org.uk.

Coffee Morning

Newcomers to Farm Street are warmly invited to a Coffee Morning (homemade cakes included) on Saturday, 25th March from 10am until midday at 114 Mount Street. It is very informal, simply a way to meet a few parishioners and perhaps to find out a bit more about the parish. There is no need to book, just come and stay for as little or as long as you like

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 intention of Nancy Mitchell.

‘Meditations’ by Ewa Brachel

We are very pleased to announce that we will be displaying ‘Meditation’ by renowned artist Ewa Brachel in the Ground Floor Gallery at 114 Mount Street. This exhibition will run from Tuesday 28th February to Saturday 1st April. All are invited to view this exhibition.

For more information about the artist, please visit www.ewabrachel.com

Help The Passage

Help The Passage to serve homeless people through raising funds from public collecting. The Passage is holding a public collection on Thursday 16 March in Kings Cross Underground Station from 7.00 - 22.00 and does not have enough volunteer collectors. If you can help, please contact collections@passage.org.uk by Tuesday 14 March to be added to the rota, full instructions and equipment will be provided. If you cannot help on this occasion but would like to join our happy band of volunteer collectors on a future occasion, then do get in touch we collect most weeks in a variety of underground and mainline stations generally on Tuesdays and Thursdays.