

JUBILEE 175

DATES TO SAVE IN YOUR DIARY

May 1 Jubilee Concert with our own Bobby Chen, piano, featuring the music of Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin and Liszt. This is a fundraiser for the Jubilee 175 Campaign, booking details available on the parish website.

May 13-14 Exhibition organised by the Province Archives looking at the history of the church as well as that of the Jesuits in London. This exhibition will be repeated 5-7 July and 22-23 October.

June 7 Summer Party with dancing, at 114 Mount Street. A buffet supper will be generously provided by The Connaught Hotel and Claridge's, with a cash bar. Booking details are now available on the parish website.

June 9 Parish Picnic in Mount Street Gardens, following the 9.30 Mass and continuing into the late afternoon. Open to all, people are invited to bring a dish (main course, salad, dessert) to share.

July 31 Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving on the Solemnity of Saint Ignatius, with Bishop Nicholas Hudson, principal celebrant. This Mass will celebrate the opening of the church on 31 July, 1849.

September 21 Ecumenical pilgrimage to Canterbury, with our friends from Grosvenor Chapel. Open to all, the pilgrimage will begin and end at Canterbury West Station and there will be no charge for the day.

October 5 Jubilee Ball at the Savile Club, Brook Street. The evening will include a Champagne reception, dinner with wine, live auction, raffle and dancing until 1am. Booking details will be available in the late summer.

November 2 Walking tour of London sites important to the history of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), from the sixteenth century up to the present day.

December 9 Solemn Pontifical Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, with Vincent Cardinal Nichols, principal celebrant. This Mass will close our Jubilee Year of celebration and thanksgiving.

3 May – 5 July, 7.30-9.00pm: The Music of Justice and Peace. A new series of Friday evening drop-in sessions at the London Catholic Worker house. Entrance from the old St Augustine's Church on Mattison Road, N4 1BG. The focus will be on hymns and worship songs for prayer and liturgy, but with a few secular songs here and there as well. Voices and instruments welcome. Bring your favourite music to share. No expertise needed, just an interest in playing, singing and praying together. Children under 18 are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Facilitated by Colette Joyce, Westminster Justice and Peace Co-ordinator.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

DAY trip to WALSINGHAM Saturday MAY 11th: coach departs 114 Mount St 8:30am & returns there via drop-off at Victoria Station c 8pm. Please join us on our annual pilgrimage to England's National Shrine of Our Lady in Norfolk. The day includes prayers and talks en route, visits to the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican shrines, optional walking the Holy Mile and free time. Cost: £40 inclusive of buffet lunch. To book email Walsingham@farmstreetchurch.co.uk or 'phone Leslie Giltz on 07740 440 949

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from the 19th to 26th July. For more information about this, please visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or speak to Fr Dominic.

Catholic Association Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Catholic Association pilgrimage to Lourdes, which includes the Stonyhurst pilgrimage, will take place from 23 to 30 August 2004. All are welcome. For more information, email contact@catholicassociation.co.uk or ask Fr Nicholas King.

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

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 or visit our website at www.CatholicListeners.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

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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 Michael Barnes SJ; Fr David Birchall SJ;
Fr Peter Gallagher SJ

SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

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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: 11:00 to 12:00; 17:45 – 17:55

Sunday: Fifteen minutes before every Mass
Also by appointment



Fifth Sunday of Easter

28th April 2024

YEAR B TODAY'S RESPONSES

ENTRY

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

RESPONSE

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

ACCLAMATION

*Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.*

COMMUNION

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN TRANSITION

I am very grateful for the fact that much of my life as a Jesuit priest has been spent in education, mostly in secondary schools but latterly in Heythrop College. I am still involved as a school governor and, more recently, as a director of a Catholic “multi academy trust” in the Diocese of Southwark in south London.

Something like 93% of children in this country attend state schools and Catholic children are no exception. That makes these state maintained Catholic schools very important places for the mission of the Catholic Church since many families send their children to them even though they no longer regularly attend their parish church. They are, in other words, perhaps most Catholic families, their primary Christian community.

Catholic schools generously take up this challenge. Religious education occupies 10% of the school timetable and there is almost always a lay chaplain offering a range of formation and worship opportunities, such as days of retreat and assemblies, often assisted by visiting priests from neighbouring parishes. In a number of these schools, there’s a point in the day when everything stops. The electronic display board is turned on and everyone engages in an Ignatian reflection known as the “examen”. It is very impressive how attentive the young people are.

Catholic schools stand out as caring about the whole person, as they often say, and that includes the kind of people our young people are becoming. They present Jesus Christ as the model for these young people’s lives: a man of faith who himself was, and shows us how to become, men and women for others.

Throughout England, these Catholic schools are undergoing one of the biggest changes they have experienced in the past 50 years. They are leaving the control of their local educational authority and becoming members of one of these “multi academy trusts”. There are challenges, of course, but these trusts offer schools opportunities that are significant.

When I was the head teacher of a Catholic school more than 20 years ago, competition was the name of the game. We had to be better than others so as to attract more pupils. While competition helped raise standards, and that was and remains very important, we became much less collaborative.

Now there is a chance to become more collaborative. These Catholic multi academy trusts may include as many as 20 or 25 schools and are designed to help schools to work well together. They will benefit from multi school contracts for services, and thereby hopefully saving money. More importantly, if one school needs support with special needs provision, another one can provide it. If one school is expert at modern foreign languages teaching, they can offer support to others where these subjects are not so much a strength.

Most importantly, for the Catholic academy trust that I am involved with, evangelization is one of its principle objectives. We plan to share experience and expertise in presenting the Gospel to young people and their families in a way that is inspiring and compelling.

That the state in our country supports Catholic education is for the most part taken for granted but it can’t be. In many countries of the world, not least the United States, Catholic education can only be bought. The fact that in our country it is free, means that our schools typically have a student body coming from a range of socioeconomic backgrounds, making of our schools powerful instruments of social cohesion.

Our schools are a valuable resource for the Church and society. With a general election approaching, we should ensure that their future is secure with whichever party comes to power.

Fr Michael Holman SJ

Sunday Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the Arrupe Hall after the 9.30am, 11am and 5.30pm Sunday Masses (second & fourth Sunday only for 5.30pm). Do join us next week for tea, coffee, and fellowship!

Cana Lounge Café

The Cana Lounge Café operates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. This is a volunteer-run lunchtime café in the Cana Lounge at 114 Mount Street. Freshly made sandwiches and soup are available for a very reasonable suggested donation. The café operates between 12 noon and 2.30pm.

Liturgical Calendar

Sun: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31; I John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8
Mon: St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor,
Patron of Europe
I John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 11:25-30
Tue: Easter feria; St Pius V, Pope
Apocalypse 12:10-12; Luke 9:23-26
Wed: Easter feria; St Joseph the Worker
Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31
Thu: St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor
Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Fri: Ss Philip and James, Apostles
(Friday abstinence)
Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11
Sat: The English Martyrs
Acts 7:55-60; Matthew 10:17-20
Sun: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-48; I John 4:7-10;
John 15:9-17

Faith and Us Talks

We will be reviving our Faith and Us talks for the month of May, which will have a particular focus on faith and mental health. **These talks will take place after the 1.05pm Mass in the Cana Lounge at 114 Mount Street on Thursdays in May.** The talks will be about fifteen minutes each, with time for Q&A after. The details for each week are:

May 2nd: Faith & Self-Care.
May 9th: (1:45-2:10pm) Title TBC.
May 16th: Faith and Study under Pressure
May 23rd: Faith in a Busy Life

All most welcome to attend. Soup, sandwiches, tea and coffee will be available in the Cana Lounge café for a modest suggested donation.

Parish Prayer List

We pray for those in the parish who are sick: King Charles, Debra Minty Baker, Ian Bookey, Marie Carroll Copestake, Margaret Cartledge, Felicity Ann Croft, Natalie Dennehy-Caddick, Kyllikki Edelshain, Christian Engelhart, Maria Fernandez, Asoka Fernando, Lady Antonia Fraser, Christopher Halliday, Caroline Harkink, Andrea Kelly, Erin Lillis, Nikhin, Laura Marani, Donald Mathieson, Robert McCormack, Millon Nigussie, Otilie, Graziella Pirovano, Mrs Katerina Porter, Sarah Esparza Regalado, Ian Rice, George Tabor, Francis Walsh, Natalie Williams, John Wooloughan, Anna Wright, & 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:
Louis Gene Munin
Requiescant in pace

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 Society of Jesus and Jesuit Community at Mount Street.

Jubilee Concert

Join us for a very special evening of music as we continue to mark and celebrate the 175th anniversary of Farm Street Church. Farm Street has long been regarded for its commitment to music, and so we are delighted to have internationally renowned pianist Bobby Chen performing Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin and Liszt. The concert will take place in Farm Street Church at **7.30pm on Wednesday 1st May**. Tickets are £25 which includes a glass of wine after the concert. All proceeds to support the Jubilee 175 Fundraising Campaign.

As this is a fundraising event for the parish, tickets are not refundable. To purchase tickets, visit the Farm Street Church website.

Visit Of The Household Cavalry

As a very special treat during our Jubilee Year, on Friday, 3 May, the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment will ride from Hyde Park to the Farm Street entrance of the church, where they will remain for twenty minutes, before returning to their barracks. If you would like to greet our soldiers or to feed the horses (apples and carrots will be provided), please be in Farm Street shortly before 8am

SUMMER PARTY

Join us for the Farm Street Church summer party! On Friday 7th June from 7pm at 114 Mount Street. Dancing until 11pm. Come on your own or with a friend for a fun-filled fundraising evening.

Tickets are £25. To purchase a ticket, please visit the Farm Street Church website.

Buffet supper generously provided by The Connaught and Claridge’s. Cash bar and raffle. Dress smart casual.

All funds go to the Farm Street Jubilee 175 Campaign.

Divine Mercy Apostolate

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria



The London Jesuit Centre is a place for the teaching and discussion of theology, the study and practice of the spiritual life, and engagement with issues of social and environmental justice, for the greater glory of God and the common good. It offers a programme of events, courses, and retreats. It is also a centre for individual spiritual direction and training and professional development in spiritual accompaniment. All are welcome to participate in the London Jesuit Centre programme.

For more information and to sign up to their mailing list for regular updates on events, please visit www.londonjesuitcentre.org.

For further information, contact Federica Fiore at ffiore@jesuit.org.uk or on 020 7529 4844.

9.30am Mass hymns

Entrance	831	In Christ there is no east or west
Offertory	609	In bread we bring you, Lord
Communion	908	Blest are the pure in heart
Recessional	772	Lord Jesus Christ