

St. Vedast regular weekly schedule

Sung Eucharist 11 am Sunday

Daily Mass at 12.15 pm Monday to Friday

Meditation on Mondays at 1.05 pm

Church & courtyard open for quiet prayer and reflection:

Monday to Friday 8 am - 5:30 pm and Saturday 11 am - 4 pm

Readings next Sunday, **Christ the King**

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14, Revelation 1.4b-8, John 18.33-37

Looking ahead

Sunday 2 Dec	10am	Parish Breakfast
Sunday 23 Dec	11am	Carols & Communion service
Monday 24 Dec	12.15pm	Mass
	1.05pm	Meditation
	11.45pm	Midnight Mass – First Eucharist of Christmas

London: Homeless Jesus at Farm Street church As the weather gets colder a thought for the homeless



This powerful sculpture by Timothy Schmalz depicts Jesus as a homeless person, sleeping on a park bench. His face and hands are obscured by a blanket, but crucifixion wounds on his feet reveal his identity. The statue, which has been described as a visual translation of Jesus' admonition "as you did it to one of the least of my brothers, so you did it to me," can now be found in Farm Street Jesuit Church

in Mayfair, central London. The statue is located inside the church before the altar in the side chapel. The permanent home for Homeless Jesus allows its message to ring true and may inspire all those who see it to thoughtful consideration and action in the community. The Homeless Jesus project originated with the Jesuits in Canada: the first cast of the statue is located at Regis College in Toronto. The most famous is outside the Vatican's charity offices in Rome, blessed by Pope Francis on its installation in 2016. There are now at least a dozen casts in the United States, as well as in Dublin, Glasgow and Manchester. Westminster City Council turned down an application to install a cast outside Methodist Central Hall in Westminster. This central London base aims to challenge perceptions and spur people to put faith into action for the most vulnerable.

Please take this bulletin home with you and join us for coffee in the hall or courtyard after our service

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18th November, Second before Advent

Celebrant: The Rt Revd Dr Stephen Platten **Preacher:** Edward Bunting

Setting: Missa de Angelus

Hymn 333 All My Hope on God is Founded

Daniel 12.1-3

Daniel continued his prophecy: 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

Psalm 16

R You, Lord, are my portion and my cup

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord, all my good depends on you.' All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble in heart.

R

Though the idols are legion that many run after, their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, neither make mention of their names upon my lips. The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; in your hands alone is my fortune. **R**

My share has fallen in a fair land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, and in the night watches he instructs my heart. I have set the Lord always before me; he is at my right hand; I shall not fall. **R**

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my flesh also shall rest secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Death, nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit. You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R**

Hebrews 10.11-14(15-18)19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,' he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh),

and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Mark 13.1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

For your prayers:

Those who are ill: Jim Bell, Canon John Beckwith, John Rutherford, Alison Hird

Offertory Hymn 294 Just as I am without One Plea

Anthem: Jesu Dulcis Memoria- Pinkham

Thanksgiving 368 Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer