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**The Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer  
and Saint Thomas More  
Cheyne Row, Chelsea**



*The Nativity of Christ. Mid-1200s, Germany.*

**Newsletter 25 December 2022**

**25 December : CHRISTMAS**

Monday: St Stephen, the First Martyr  
Tuesday: St John, Apostle and Evangelist  
Wednesday: The Holy Innocents  
Thursday: St Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr  
Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**MASS**

Monday to Friday 10.00am  
Saturday: 10.00am, 6.30pm  
Sunday: 10.00am, 11.00am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm

**Confessions:** Saturday 5.30pm to 6.00pm  
**Morning Prayer:** Monday to Friday 9.45am

**Newly arrived in the parish** – Please complete the Parish Registration Form, which is available at our website: [holyredeemerchelsea.com](http://holyredeemerchelsea.com).  
**Donations to the Parish** can be made via: HSBC, Sort code: 40-05-20, Account no:91094386 Account name: Holy Redeemer Church, Chelsea.

**The Rectory** – 7 Cheyne Row, London SW3 5HS  
**Parish Priest** – Canon Paschal Ryan  
020 7352 0777 x3 email: [paschalryan@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:paschalryan@rcdow.org.uk)  
**Parish Administrator** – Andrew Bebko  
Monday – Friday 9.30am – 1.30pm  
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## **CHRISTMAS**

The great celebration of Christmas is upon us. As we pause in front of the crib; let us first of all take in the human drama of the event that is portrayed. A young woman giving birth to her first baby in the most unsuitable circumstance, far from her family and in such surroundings. Yet it is here that God chooses to come among us. In a second moment of wonderment, like the shepherds, we are called upon to adore. Here humanity is shown its true greatness, that God because shares out life, we can share his. The horizon of our life is in heaven, our destiny is eternity.

### **AFTER MASS**

On Sundays, refreshments are available downstairs in the Monckton Room after the 10.00am Mass and 11.00am Mass. Please do come along and say hello.

### **WEEKDAY MASS**

Until 3 January, the weekday Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. From 4 January, Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am.

### **GLASS DOOR**

You might have wondered what provision there is for the homeless in this part of London. Though the situation is dire for those who find themselves without somewhere to call home, there is some good news. Glass Door has re-opened its night shelters. Glass Door is a local charity, which this parish has, in various ways, supported its work over the years. To find out more about how Glass Door supports those in real need, as well as how you can help, see [glassdoor.org.uk](http://glassdoor.org.uk).

### **NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION (NEA)**

NEA provides advice and support to people struggling to heat their home efficiently and affordably. See [nea.org.uk](http://nea.org.uk).

### **VOLUNTEERING IN THIS PARISH**

If you can help with any of the following, please contact the Parish Office: Reading at Mass, helping at Mass as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, serving teas/coffees after the 10.00am and 11.00am Mass, helping the homeless, visiting sick and lonely people, Church Cleaning, Counting the Parish Collection. If you would like to know what is involved, please have a word with Canon Paschal.

### **MARY'S MEALS – DOUBLE THE LOVE**

Until 31 January, every donation to the Mary's Meals Double The Love appeal will be matched, up to £1.5 million. Mary's Meals is an amazing charity which each school day feeds 2,279,941 children! The Mary's Meals campaign began in 2002 and the charity is named in honour of Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. Today it is active in 20 countries. For more details. Please see their website, [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk) and appreciate just how faith in action can have such wonderful results.

### **CCP – CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE**

If you need a Certificate of Catholic Practice to accompany an application this January for a place in a Catholic school, please do not delay in obtaining one. To qualify, your family should be attending Mass regularly in the parish where you request a CCP.

### **PARENTING**

Internationally-renowned Character Education expert, Dr Karen Bohlin, is giving a talk on 'Parenting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' at The Laurels School, SW19 3FA on Monday 9 January at 7.30pm. Further details and tickets are available through Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/3UY2wqb>

### **SVP**

#### **St Vincent de Paul Society**

This winter the SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of socks, wet wipes or flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237.

### **WESTMINSTER YEARBOOK**

The 2023 edition of the official yearbook of the Diocese of Westminster is available from the sacristy, price £5. The Westminster Year Book 2023 contains details of all the parishes, priest and schools in the dioceses, as well as the local Liturgical Calendar.

***MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
EVERYONE!***