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



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Newsletter 3rd DECEMBER 2023

**3 DECEMBER:
FITST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Monday: St John Damascene, priest and theologian

Wednesday: St Nicholas, bishop

Thursday: St Ambrose, bishop and theologian

Friday: **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Saturday: St Juan Diego Cuauhlatotzin

MASS

Monday to Friday: 8.00am

Saturday: 10.00am, Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am, 11.00am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.30pm to 6.00pm

Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday 7.45am

Saturday 9.45am Sunday 9.30am

Donations to the Parish can be made via HSBC:

Sort code: 40-05-20, Account no: 91094386

Account name: WRCDT Holy Redeemer Church Chelsea.

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ADVENT

This Sunday we begin the holy season of Advent, when we begin our approach to the feasts of Christmas season. We are to come to those celebrations prepared spiritually, so as to more fully benefit from our participation in the Christmas devotions and Masses. Whereas the world around us largely ignores Lent, during Advent we can hardly move for reminders in the streets and shops that Christmas is coming. Whatever other people make of the decorations and Christmas trees, they are for us a reminder to pray, to think about the gift God gives us in the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Following a gap of several years, there will be a parish Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday 12 December at 7.00pm. Please mark the date in your diary, and do invite family, friends or neighbours. It is a wonderful opportunity to introduce them to the beautiful church with which we are blessed. In buying a ticket and coming along, you will be both celebrating Christmas and help to raise funds for the Royal Marsden Children's Fund.

ORDER OF MALTA PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, 3 – 9 May

There are some spaces available for assisted pilgrims with the 2024 Order of Malta Lourdes pilgrimage, 3 - 9 May. They will be cared for by volunteers and a qualified medical team. Hospital-style accommodation is in shared, single-sex rooms in the Accueil. Departure and return from Stansted. Cost: £500 per person (financial assistance available in appropriate cases) To find out more please contact Duncan McKechnie: 07990 594441 or hospitalpilgrims.secretary@orderofmalta.org.uk.

SAFE IN FAITH

Safe in Faith is a project of Caritas Westminster, working to support survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence and exploitation in ways that understand how their faith impacts their experiences. Although this is a Catholic organization, based in the values of Catholic Social Teaching, they work with people of all different faiths. For more information see safeinfaith.org.uk.

CAFOD ADVENT CALENDAR

As Christians we prepare for Christmas through the celebration of the holy season of Advent. Cafod has an online Advent calendar which we can sign up for, as well as other seasonal reflections and ideas for family prayers. For further details, please see cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-prayers. At a time when we draw closer to our family, it is good to remember that we are always part of a much wider, indeed global, family as well.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has particularly asked that, especially in these times of crisis, we support the work done by this charity through its contacts in Gaza. Friends of the Holy Land is a non-political Christian charity. They are currently supporting the beleaguered community in Gaza. Both Christians and Muslims have found refuge in the churches supported by the Friends of the Holy Land, who remarkably have managed to continue to get funds to Gaza. To donate, see www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or directly to their Nat West bank account, name: Friends of the Holy Land. Sort code: 60-05-41 Account number: 24591211.

FOOD DONATIONS

People in this neighbourhood need our support. Tins and unopened packets of food can be left in the box at the back of the church, to be distributed to through the SVP or the Food Bank at St Luke's Church. Check your donation is not past its Best Before Date.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

New books for younger children are in the bookcase under the picture of Christ, the Good Shepherd. Please return them to the bookshelf after reading.

GROWING IN FAITH

Many parishioners will remember that some years ago there was a fundraising campaign called "Growing in Faith". The response in this parish was very generous, and funds were raised for projects both here in Holy Redeemer parish and in the diocese. It is now proposed to use some of those funds to pay for the new boilers, being installed to provide heating in the church. If anyone would like further details, or has any objections, would they please contact the parish priest.