

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



The Baptism of the Lord

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday evening 6.30pm Vigil Mass
10.00am Family Mass
11.00am Solemn Mass (Latin)
12.15pm Mass
6.30pm Mass

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Sunday 12th January: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
(Parish Mass Book page 119)

Friday 17th January: St Anthony Abbot

St Anthony's whole life was not one of observing, but of becoming. His parents died when he was eighteen or twenty and he inherited their three hundred acres of land and the responsibility for a young sister. One day in church he heard the priest reading from the Gospel of St Matthew 19:21: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Not content to sit still and meditate and reflect on Jesus' words, he walked out the door of the church right away and gave away all his property except what he and his sister needed to live on. On hearing Matthew 6:34, "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today", he gave away everything else, entrusted his sister to a convent, and went outside the village to live a life of praying, fasting, and manual labour. It wasn't enough to listen to words, he had to become what Jesus said.

St Anthony always told those who came to visit him that the key to the ascetic life was perseverance, not to think proudly, "We've lived an ascetic life for a long time" but treat each day as if it were the beginning. To many, perseverance is simply not giving up, hanging in there. But to Anthony perseverance meant waking up each day with the same zeal as the first day. It wasn't enough that he had given up all his property one day. What was he going to do the next day? (from Catholic Online: catholic.org/saints)

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Monday - Friday 8.00am, Saturday 10.00am

Confession: Saturday 10.30am - 11.00am, 5.30pm - 6.00pm

Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday 7.45am

Saturday 9.30am, Sunday 9.30am

Evening Prayer: Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 6.00pm

Newcomers Please introduce yourselves and complete and return to the Rectory a parish registration form, available in the church porch or on our website.

Mobile Phones Please turn off all phones before entering the church.

Donations to the Parish can be made via: HSBC, Sort code: 40-05-20, Account no: 91094386 Account name: Holy Redeemer Church, Chelsea.

Text donation: Text 'PARISH CHELS' to 70800 to donate £5 to

Parish Priest - Canon Paschal Ryan

Tel: 020 7352 0777 Email: paschalryan@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Administrator - Rosslyn Okumu

Monday - Friday 9.30am - 1.30pm

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SPUC APPEAL

At all Masses this weekend there is a special collection in aid of SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children). SPUC campaigns for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. For details of their work see: spuc.org.uk.

CRIB OFFERINGS

As customary in this diocese, your donations placed in the collecting box near the crib will be passed on to the Catholic Children's Society. Each year the CCS supports thousands of disadvantaged children across the Diocese of Westminster. To find out more about the range of services offered, please see www.cathchild.org.uk.

THANK YOU

My grateful thanks to those who contributed to the Christmas Offering or sent cards and gifts to me in this festive season. I am very grateful for your generosity. With my best wishes and prayers for you all,
Canon Paschal Ryan.

COLLECTION FOR GLASS DOOR

A big "Thank you" for all the items given to Glass Door for the homeless people they help during the winter.

VOCATIONS EVENTS

For those considering whether they are called to the Priesthood or Religious Life. To find out more see rcdow.org.uk/vocations. "You cannot duck a vocation. Well, you can, but you really shouldn't. Because only you know that this calling from God exists. And you know in the depths of your being that it is the will of God. And a committed Christian cannot refuse to do the will of God." (Fr Tim Dean)

TABERNACLE

The re-positioning of the tabernacle, as approved by the Historic Churches Committee for the Diocese of Westminster, is now completed. As much as possible of the marble flooring has been reused. It will take a bit of time for us to get used to the new placing of the tabernacle, as well as to work out how all the other items on the sanctuary should be rearranged in relation to it. Work such as this requires the talents of craftsmen who are experienced and skilled. Parishioners who appreciate the work that has been done might wish to consider making a contribution towards the expense incurred. We are very grateful for the donations already received.

AMPLEFORTH

Ampleforth College is hosting an Open Morning on Saturday 7th March. Meet the students, talk to the teachers, take a guided tour of the campus and see lessons. To book a place go to ampleforth.org.uk/college/events or phone 01439 741087.

LANDINGS

Landings brings together small groups of Catholics who have been away from the Church for a while and would like to reconnect with their faith. The lay-led meetings are accepting, confidential and enriching. Nothing is needed but an open heart and a readiness to listen. To find out more about Landings please contact Ruby Almeida at landings.london@gmail.com or check out landings@rcdow.org.uk.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2020

The 2020 edition of the Westminster Diocese Year Book is available at the back of the church. Price: £4.50.

JOURNEYING WITH THE BIBLE

Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz PhD and Sr Monica Cardona PhD are running a series of talks through the Year of the Word on the Bible. The next talk is titled, 'What do we mean by Bible?' exploring the origins and makeup of the Bible, on 14th Jan 7.00pm-8.30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Suggested donation £5. Please register at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme commencing with a residential weekend on **28th, 29th February & 1st March 2020** Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit retrouvaille.org.uk.

SINGLE?

Are you single, separated, widowed or divorced? Catholic Singles helps practicing Catholics meet other Catholics. A confidential service that arranges social events and sends members a monthly bulletin, as well as supporting Catholic parishes and charities. For information please contact Catholic Singles by email info@catholicsingles.org.uk or phone 0161 941 3498.

REFERENCES

Anyone who intends seeking a reference (for educational, employment or volunteering

purposes) from the parish priest is asked to contact him **before** giving his name to those requiring the reference.

A CELEBRATION OF IRISH CULTURE: MUSIC, POETRY, DANCING

On the eve of St Brigid's Day, Friday 31st January, 6.30pm at St James' Church, 197 Piccadilly, W1J 9LL. Ticket £10 at Eventbrite.co.uk – search for Irish Chaplaincy, London.

YOUNG CITY CATHOLICS

Young City Catholics@ St. Mary Moorfields (YCC), a group of Catholic young professionals in their twenties and thirties working in the City of London and Canary Wharf, have finalised an intense and exciting programme for 2018-2019, from the well established Mass & Dinner to Christmas Carols and Art Excursions. For more details: ycc-london.co.uk or email to info@ycc-london.co.uk.

CLICK TO PRAY

The Pope's app that connects your prayer with the world. Download the app for free from clicktopray.org.

VISITING

A warm welcome to all our visitors. We hope you enjoy your stay. Please tell your friends where we are and encourage them to be sure to visit this lovely church, one of the hidden gems of Chelsea, when they come on a trip to London. For more information about our parish, have a look at our parish website: holyredeemerchelsea.com.

WALSINGHAM RETREATS

A wide range of retreats, including individually guided retreats, are offered at the Dowry House in Walsingham. For details: dowryhouse.org.uk/events. Dowry House Retreat is part of the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady
For information: walsingham.org.uk.