

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



**SUNDAY MASS**

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

**Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

*(Parish Mass Book page 133)*

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February: St Scholastica**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February: St Cyril and St Methodius**

**A WOMAN GETS WHAT SHE WANTS**

St Scholastica loved meeting with her brother, St Benedict, so they could talk and share spiritual insights, though this only happened once a year. As neither was allowed to enter the other's monastery, they would meet in a house near his abbey. According to the *Dialogues* of St. Gregory, after supper one evening as their day of prayer and "mutual comfort of heavenly talk" was nearing an end, St Scholastica begged her brother to stay the night so they could continue their discussion. He refused, as he would never spend a night away from his monastery. She began to weep, and laying her head upon her hands prayed. In the next moments a fierce thunderstorm arose, preventing him from leaving, and St. Benedict asked her in shock what she had done. She replied, "I asked a favour of you, and you refused it. I asked it of God, and he has granted it!" Saint Gregory comments that her prayer was answered because it was in line with the charity of God: that the love of a sister for her brother overcame the law of Benedict's Rule. This was to be their last meeting. Three days later St. Benedict saw in a vision his sister "ascending to heaven in the form of a dove." He had her remains brought to his monastery to be buried there.

**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 this parish.

Thank you

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## **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

As you leave Mass this weekend there will be a collection to support initiatives to promote racial justice. Our bishops in England and Wales have asked us to consider and pray about these words of Pope Francis: "The time has come to put an end to age-old prejudices, preconceptions and mutual mistrust that are often at the base of discrimination, racism and xenophobia. No one must feel isolated, and no one is authorised to trample on the dignity and rights of others."

## **LENTEN FAITH GROUP**

This year's Lenten Small Faith Group programme is entitled 'A Word for Lent' and focuses upon Sacred Scripture and Sacred Art to take us through a Lenten Journey, a journey of seeing salvation through the eyes of Gospel men and women. The programme will comprise six sessions each on a Tuesday evening commencing on 10<sup>th</sup> March and held within the parish. For further enquires please contact Charles McFarland - 020 8767 7132.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School is seeking part-time invigilators for their summer exams. Please refer to their website for details. <https://www.cvms.co.uk/Staff-Vacancies/>.

## **VACANCIES AT RIGHT TO LIFE**

Right To Life UK is a charitable organisation focused on life issues – combatting abortion and assisted suicide through work across education, politics and the media. They are looking for hard-working, passionate, professional individuals to join the team and help to deliver positive changes to policy and culture which will save lives and support women with unplanned pregnancies. There are vacancies for the following full-time, permanent positions based in London: Media Officer, Director of Media, Full-Stack Developer. For more information, visit [righttolife.org.uk/jobs](http://righttolife.org.uk/jobs)

To apply, please send a covering letter and your CV to [careers@righttolife.org.uk](mailto:careers@righttolife.org.uk).

## **VINNIE PACKS**

The SVP (St Vincent de Paul Society) are distributing 11,500 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of socks, wet wipes, toothbrush, toothpaste, Pavement magazine, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 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. For more information on the work of the SVP: [svp.org.uk](http://svp.org.uk).

## **LATIN MASS TEXTS**

Those attending the Sunday 11.00am Mass may find helpful the Latin Mass texts on pages 77 and 78 of the yellow Parish Mass Book.

## **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

If there are any adult members of this parish who would like to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, would they please contact the Parish Priest.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

This year's World Day of Prayer service (formerly World Women Day of Prayer) will be celebrated at St Mary the Boltons, SW10 9TB, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 11.00am-Noon. Service followed by refreshments. This year the theme is 'Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk'. It has been prepared by the people of Zimbabwe and will be presented by representatives from twelve churches in the Borough. All are welcome.

## **LONDON CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS**

Come and enjoy discovering London's Catholic History! Cost: £10. Go to Eventbrite to book or simply come along. Each walk lasts about an hour and a half. Please wear suitable clothing and shoes.

**Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> WESTMINSTER:** Parliament, Westminster Abbey and more. Meet at 3.30pm on the steps of Westminster Cathedral, SW1P 1LT (nearest tube: Victoria).

**Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup> 5.00pm ST J H NEWMAN'S BIRTHDAY WALK:** walk to Newman's birthplace near the Bank of England. Meet at the Church of the Precious Blood, O'Meara Street SE1 1TD.

**Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup> 2.00pm HALF TERM SPECIAL FOR CHILDREN:** London Bridge, Viking Battles and the City. Meet at Our Lady of Salette and St Joseph, SE1 3QP.

## **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](mailto:landings.london@gmail.com) or check out [landings@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:landings@rcdow.org.uk).

## **CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP RETREAT**

An opportunity for young Catholics to explore what it means to be a leader. Guest speakers cover topics such as resilience, effective time management, identity and peer to peer impact. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am to 4.00pm at SPEC Retreat Centre, Waxwell Lane HA5 3EP. Limited spaces, to book by email: [spec@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:spec@rcdow.org.uk) or call 020 3757 2500. Suggested donation £25, includes lunch.

## **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](http://holyredeemerchelsea.com).

## **THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY**

Once again, this year our Archbishop, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, would like to invite members of this diocese who in 2020 are celebrating a 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage to a Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm in Westminster Cathedral. To ensure you receive an invitation, please send our Parish Administrator your names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email). Please do this before Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This is a wonderful occasion to celebrate the gift of love lived by married couples.

## **CLICK TO PRAY**

The Pope's app that connects your prayer with the world. Download the app for free from [clicktopray.org](http://clicktopray.org).