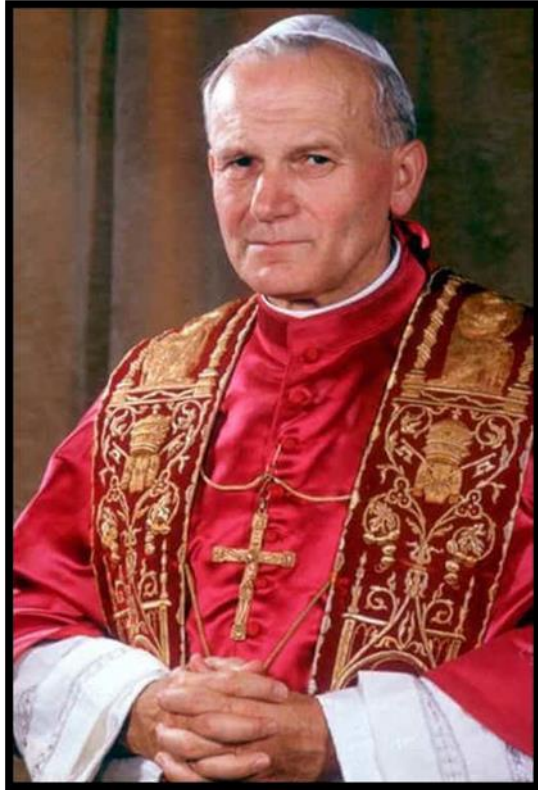


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**The Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and  
St. Thomas More, Cheyne Row, Chelsea**



*St John Paul II*

**Newsletter 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**SOLEMNITIES, FEASTS AND COMMEMORATIONS**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October - TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> St John de Brebeuf and Companions**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> St John Paul II** – The “man from a far country” Cardinal Karol Wojtyla was the first non-Italian pope for 455 years. As pope he visited more than 100 countries and campaigned for human dignity to be respected from the moment of conception to natural death.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> St John of Capistrano**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> St Anthony Mary Claret**

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**Mass Times**

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am (with Choir), 12.15pm, 6.30pm

Monday – Friday 8.00am

Saturday 10.00am

**Confession** - To make an appointment, please contact the Parish Priest

**Morning Prayer** - Monday - Friday 7.45am,

Saturday and Sunday 9.30am

**Evening Prayer** - Saturday and Sunday 6.00pm

**Confirmation** - For information about Confirmation please contact the Parish Office

**Newly arrived in the parish:** Please complete the Parish Registration Form, available at holyredeemerchelsea.com.

**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.

**The Rectory** - 7 Cheyne Row, London SW3 5HS

**Parish Priest** - Canon Paschal Ryan

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

**Parish Administrator** – Awaiting appointment

Monday - Friday 9.30am - 1.30pm

Tel: 020 7352 0777 Fax: 020 7352 4223 Email: chelsea2@rcdow.org.uk

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR** – Following the resignation of Ms Rosslyn Okumu, a vacancy exists for a Parish Administrator here at Holy Redeemer parish. For details of the post and how to apply, please see “Careers” in the “About” section of the diocesan website: [rcdow.org.uk](http://rcdow.org.uk).

**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS** – We give thanks for the Beautification of Carlo Acutis which took place in Assisi on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Blessed Carlo was born in London in 1991 of Italian parents, and baptized at Our Lady of Dolours, Fulham Road. At the time his father was working for a merchant bank in the City, but the family returned to Italy before he went to school. As a teenager he set up a website dedicated to miracles of the Holy Eucharist ([miracolieacaristici.org](http://miracolieacaristici.org)), and had the idea for an exhibition on that theme which visited thousands of parishes. All this activity was a fruit of his great devotion to Jesus Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, which he called his “highway to heaven” (autostrada per il cielo). His life was cut short by leukemia, and he died in 2006. In his life he had sought to imitate the example of Our Lady, St Bernadette, St Francis and other saints. Now he is set before us as an example of a life lived in Christ every hour of every day. Let us pray his life will inspire other young people to follow Christ.

**QR CODE** – The posters in the church porch with a matrix barcode, an array of black and white squares, display our QR (Quick Response) code. In combination with the NHS app, this code works as part of the Test and Trace system for combatting the spread of the coronavirus Covid 19. Those with the NHS app on their phones may prefer to use this rather than contacting the Parish Office.

**FR JOSEPH ARCHIBONG** – During the coming weeks, you may well see a new face on the sanctuary of Holy Redeemer. Fr Joe is a priest, a member of the St Patrick Missionary Society (aka Kiltegan Fathers). He was born at Calabar in Nigeria and started training when he was 22. After his Novitiate in Nigeria, he studied Philosophy in South Africa and Theology in Kenya. Ordained priest in 2007, his first appointment was in the Turkana Desert in Kenya. After some formation studies in Ireland he worked in a seminary, training future priests, from 2011 to 2017. He came to this country to raise money for the missions, but is unable to do that work during the present Covid crisis. He is particularly happy to come to

our parish, as he has known about our local hero, St Thomas More, since he saw the classic film “A Man for All Seasons”.

**EXPLORING OLD TESTAMENT TREASURES – 2: THE SONG OF SONGS, THE GREAT LOVE SONG AT THE HEART OF THE BIBLE**, with Fr John Hemer MHM on Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.00pm online. To register: [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk). The Zoom meeting codes will be emailed to all participants in the first week of November.

**READINGS AT MASS:** Some people miss being able to read the Scripture texts during Mass, whether during the Liturgy of the Word or as a reflection after Holy Communion. Those of you with access to the internet may wish to find them at [universalis.com](http://universalis.com). In the present circumstances, it is most acceptable to use phones or tablets in church, but only to access the readings, prayers, meditations etc.

**COMING TO MASS:** Parishioners are kindly requested to notify in advance the Parish Administrator saying which Mass they wish to attend. If you have not been doing this, please start. We need to maintain the flow of people entering church, avoiding queues, or social distancing becomes a problem. However, if you cannot contact the Parish Office, you are still most welcome to come to Mass, though on arrival you will be

asked to give your name and contact number/ email address or use the QR code.

### **KEEPING THE CHURCH**

**SAFE:** In the weeks since churches re-opened, we have been blessed in having a group of volunteers who act as stewards during Mass and then sanitise the pews and kneelers after every service. We need more people to help with this vital work. If you are a parishioner, aged 18 to 70 and not clinically vulnerable, please consider whether you could give a hand. To volunteer or get more information, please contact Charles McFarland 020 8767 7132 or [cpmm@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cpmm@hotmail.co.uk).

### **CONFIRMATION**

Are there any younger members of the parish who would like to join the group preparing for Confirmation in 2021? We have been invited to join by our neighbours at St Mary’s, Cadogan Street, to join them. The meetings in preparation for Confirmation will begin in the New Year. To take part, candidates from Holy Redeemer parish must be Mass attending baptized Catholics who are in Year 9 or above at school, and have made their First Holy Communion. For more details, please contact the Parish Office.