

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



Sunday 6th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday 7th St Ambrose – As one of the four Doctors of the Western Church, he figures in one of the lunettes on the sanctuary of the church. As Bishop of Milan, famed for his eloquence and his steadfast faith, he declared:” I will die at the foot of the altar rather than desert it.”

Tuesday 8th THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday 9th St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Saturday 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

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 - 9.45am

Evening Prayer - Saturday and Sunday 6.00pm

Confirmation – The closing date for applications is 11th December.

To apply, please contact St Mary’s, Cadogan Street, SW3 2BG

Newly arrived in the parish: Please complete the Parish Registration Form, available at our website: 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

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Monday - Friday 9.30am - 1.30pm

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NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Andrew Bebko has been appointed as Parish Administrator, in place of Rosslyn Okumu who has moved on to another post.

THE 'O' ANTIPHONS

One of the great characteristics of the Church's liturgy in this season of Advent is the series of antiphons known by their beginning: O. Each antiphon relates both to the context from which it is drawn and to the coming feast of Christmas. Fr John Hemer, a member of the staff at Allen Hall in Beaufort Street, will give a presentation of these antiphons on Zoom on Thursday 10th December at 8.00pm. The link is as follows: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84138582426?pwd=dCt5bTdsSW9UNlhNV1lsMzFYeHVMZz09> Meeting ID: 841 3858 2426 Passcode: Advent

MARY'S MEALS "DOUBLE THE LOVE"

Until 31st January, donations will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million. Mary's Meals feeds thousands* of children every day and so enables them to receive an education. An amazing initiative that grew out of a life of faith and a personal decision to do something. How many thousands of meals do they provide? – see marysmeals.org.uk

IICSA

The Report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse about the Catholic Church in England and Wales is available at iicsa.org.uk/publications/investigation/roman-catholic-church. The statement subsequently issued by the Catholic Bishops Conference is at cbcew.org.uk/statement-on-the-publication-of-the-iicsa-report/

FOOD BANK CLUB

St Luke's Church in Sydney Street and Mutual Aid have teamed up to provide Food Bank Club members with access to subsidised healthy fresh fruits and vegetables through the winter season for a voluntary donation of just £5 per visit. Tuesday 12noon to 2.00pm. For information see mutualaidkc.com/foodbank-club

MAGNIFICAT

The December and January issues of "Magnificat" are available from the Sacristy or from the Rectory, price £4.99. If you cannot come to pick up a copy, please let the Parish Office know and we will post it to you.

FOOD FOR THE HOMELESS

If you wish to donate food, please bring non-perishable items in packets or tins to the church during the time the church is open for Mass or to the Rectory. It will be distributed by GlassDoor, a local charity helping those who are homeless.

CONFIRMATION

Those at school, in Year 9 or above, who wish to be confirmed in 2021 should see under "Sacraments" at stmaryscadoganstreet.co.uk The closing date for applications is 11th December.

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

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. 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 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